



Mission
WEST VIRGINIA

Donor Impact Report

January - June 2022



Introduction

Five years ago, representatives from Mission West Virginia sat before three women at a local church to present the crucial demand for foster parents in the state of West Virginia to fulfill the varying needs of children in care. At Mission West Virginia we believe that our work is creating a foundation that takes time to grow, but we could never imagine the impact that would come from this meeting.

These women, moved by our interaction, spoke with a network of local moms. As a group, they requested that we submit a proposal to explain how our organization would use funding to change the lives of youth and families in the state. A few short months later Mission West Virginia was selected as the charity for the 2019 GLAM (Generous Ladies on a Mission) Gala. We were honored to benefit from the proceeds of this event where **\$14,000** was raised to support kids in foster care.

With the understanding that a different organization would be selected each year for the GLAM Gala, we graciously accepted the funds which we used to fill in the gaps for youth in foster or kinship care. Beds, sporting equipment, safety items, birthday, and holiday gifts were purchased. All items that our government grants do not permit, but things that matter a great deal in the lives of our kids.

2020 came and Mission received a call that the mom's group made the generous decision to support our organization for a second time at the annual GLAM Gala. Hard work and preparation had been put in for weeks when the COVID-19 pandemic set in across the world. Without pause, the moms group came together and communicated with ticket holders and donors to communicate that the need to support youth in care remained in high demand. Although the event was cancelled, the moms raised an astonishing **\$18,000** in 2020!

As the year pressed on, the moms group met on multiple occasions to express a deep, mutual connection between their group and our organization. It is then that they officially decided to form an independent group, working with other moms in the area, to serve Mission West Virginia for years to come. **MOMS on a MISSION was formed** and within four months plans were underway for the 2022 GLAM gala.

Members of Mission West Virginia worked alongside Moms on a Mission to plan and execute this incredible event. These ladies brought their A game with enthusiasm and spirit that could be unmatched. No obstacle was too big for this group of women to overcome. This determination led to a sellout event with **record breaking proceeds of \$28,000 and over 300 guests in attendance.**

As a nonprofit director it is refreshing to see a small army of people in our community who care so deeply about our cause that they are not only willing but eager to put time and energy into supporting our efforts. **Nonprofits need people, businesses, and communities with heart and stamina to support us as we work to tackle some of the state's largest issues.** My hope is that this serves as a model for likeminded, caring citizens who need the push to come forward to be part of the change. From the bottom of our hearts, we must thank **MOMS on a MISSION** for serving as the ultimate example of dedication to the children in West Virginia.



Executive Director
Mission WV

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People from varying backgrounds and organizations come together to donate to Mission West Virginia. There is no box that our donors fit in when it comes to supporting the youth and families that we work with. We are proud to say that we count on the generous, loving, and action-oriented people of our community to show up time and time again. When we're tasked with helping families in what sometimes appears or is the bleakest of situations, it can be taxing. To see something right before you and not be part of the solution wears on the heart. Our donors are more than just support to our kids and families; they build our own morale as a staff, and it encourages us to move forward in everything that we do... and below are a few examples of what we've been able to do recently with donor funding...

25 Seniors enrolled in our Bridge Program graduated from high school this spring and every single one left with a plan in place for their future. At Mission WV we work to consistently normalize the high school experience for students - our donor dollars allow us to do just that.

- We celebrated by hosting graduation parties at their school.
- We made sure that every senior had senior portraits, announcements, and yearbooks.
- We were able to purchase prom attire for those who would not have been able to attend without.
- We paid college housing deposits for those moving on campus in the fall.

One avenue for children to be cared for who have been abused or neglected is through kinship care. This can be informal or formal. Oftentimes, with informal care the families receive little or no financial support to care for the newly placed children. They themselves may have already faced financial hardships and now have additional financial responsibilities. This is where we help through your generosity. So far, we have been able to provide:

Beds. A necessity that is sometimes taken for granted as something every child should have. We have been able to provide children with a comfortable place to sleep and in addition, we have purchased bedding of their choice.

Field Trips. We sent four of our kids to an amusement park trip with their classmates, the first trip outside of WV for most.

Easter Baskets. 92 filled Easter baskets for kids who are in residential/kinship care and don't get anything "extra" or items some take for granted, like their favorite snacks.

Luggage. Moves in foster care are not without loss, heartache, and uncertainty for children in care. That is why we believe that no child should have their belongings moved in a trash bag. Our donors showed up with hundreds of pieces of luggage and hygiene products to combat this reality.

Clothing. We provided clothes for a teen girl who had been kicked out of three homes and lost some of her belongings. She said it felt like Christmas to have new, clean clothes that were just her style.

Camp. When a child was sitting out of summer camp because the family could only afford to send one sibling, we were able to step in and send her to camp too.

Club Involvement. When a student was wearing a borrowed jacket for her club with another student's name, we were able to purchase one just for her with her own name. She wears the jacket with pride to club meetings and presentations.

A free day for foster families to be in a community of other parents and advocates with fun activities for children at Walk with Me in May 2022.

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"Live Simply So Others Can Simply Live"

was the quote found from one donor in honor of her sisters birthday.

To come in the office one morning and see all the art supplies a little girl collected at a birthday party, to see the months of work busy moms did to organize a gala, to run across the eBay seller who donates a portion of his sales to MWV, it all adds up and provides us the ability to help those who need us most. Together, we are part of the solution. THANK YOU!



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January 1 – June 30, 2022

Financial Donors

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