

impact report
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A NOTE FROM NATALIE

DEAREST FRIEND OF ACTION VC,

What an inspiring, challenging, and transformational year it has been. While putting this report together, it was truly amazing to look back on all of the life-changing stories, all of the prayers answered, and all of the incredible work that was done to uplift our communities in 2021.

There were many, many times that God made so much possible in the midst of uncertainty. And with volunteer help and donor support, we served 9,000+ neighbors with grocery deliveries, Christmas gifts, and accessibility needs!

I am immensely grateful for the time, talent, and treasure you have shared with your community this year. Thank you for standing with the vulnerable and bringing HOPE to neighbors in need in Ventura County.

I look forward to serving with you in 2022!


ACTION VC



It's been one year since we restructured our organization, streamlined our initiatives, and broadened our reach by adding 3 new programs.

GET TO KNOW ACTION 2.0

2021 Insight

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OUR APPROACH

FOUR KEY VALUES DRIVE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR WORK



STRATEGIC STEWARDSHIP

On average, we put \$800,000 back into Ventura County through donated toys, project materials, and volunteer labor, which is 4X our annual budget! Every dollar - from programs to admin - is used critically to further our impact.



AUTHENTIC AWARENESS

When we take part in service projects for our neighbors on the margins, we increase our awareness of the social and economic disparities within our cities. This awareness enables us to help our communities heal, grow, and thrive.



CONNECTED COMMUNITY

We believe all systems within our community need to work together to create holistic care for the most vulnerable in Ventura County. That's why we work to unite schools, businesses, churches, and agencies in serving our neighbors.



SUSTAINABLE SERVICE

We provide tangible service projects that improve the quality of life and home safety for those in financial, physical, and spiritual need. And spending time to meet a repair need for a neighbor reminds them that they are cared for and loved!



What does it mean to stand with the most vulnerable in our communities?

We meet tangible needs for our neighbors in need - those with few or no resources available to them.

Seniors, veterans, those with disabilities, and those living in poverty make up a disproportionate amount of our population.

We believe we can change these statistics by fostering a community of neighbors that take care of one another.

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR WORK

LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Seniors 65+ are the fastest-growing demographic in Ventura County, and 8% live below the poverty level.

By meeting their critical repair needs, we keep our seniors safe in their homes and create restorative relationships within the neighborhood.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Many families are at risk of being stuck in the cycle of poverty. Some live paycheck to paycheck but do not qualify for benefits or have been impacted by a loss, and now parent alone. **When our volunteers connect to these families, we meet spiritual needs as well as physical ones.**

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Almost a third of Ventura County's population are people living with disabilities, and persons with a disability are more likely to live in poverty in comparison to their neighbors. **We meet accessibility needs at no cost to our neighbors so that they can remain independent and safe at home.**

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Economic disparity and invisible poverty exist within our County - but these issues are deeply pervasive in underserved cities. We have found that **by linking arms with the churches, agencies, schools, and businesses already serving these neighborhoods, we combine our efforts and deepen our impact.**

**We are all about creating dynamic
change in Ventura County. Check out
the following breakdown of**

OUR IMPACT IN ACTION.

2021 Highlight

A fresh new face in the digital space.

On October 1st, we launched our brand new website designed to help you further your impact in your community!

1 BRAND NEW WEBSITE

Check out our website to find meaningful volunteer opportunities, ways to donate to life-giving projects, new ways to engage, and so much more.

BY THE NUMBERS

2021 PROJECT BREAKDOWN

1,700

Volunteers gave back to their communities

9,000

Hours were donated in love and service

120

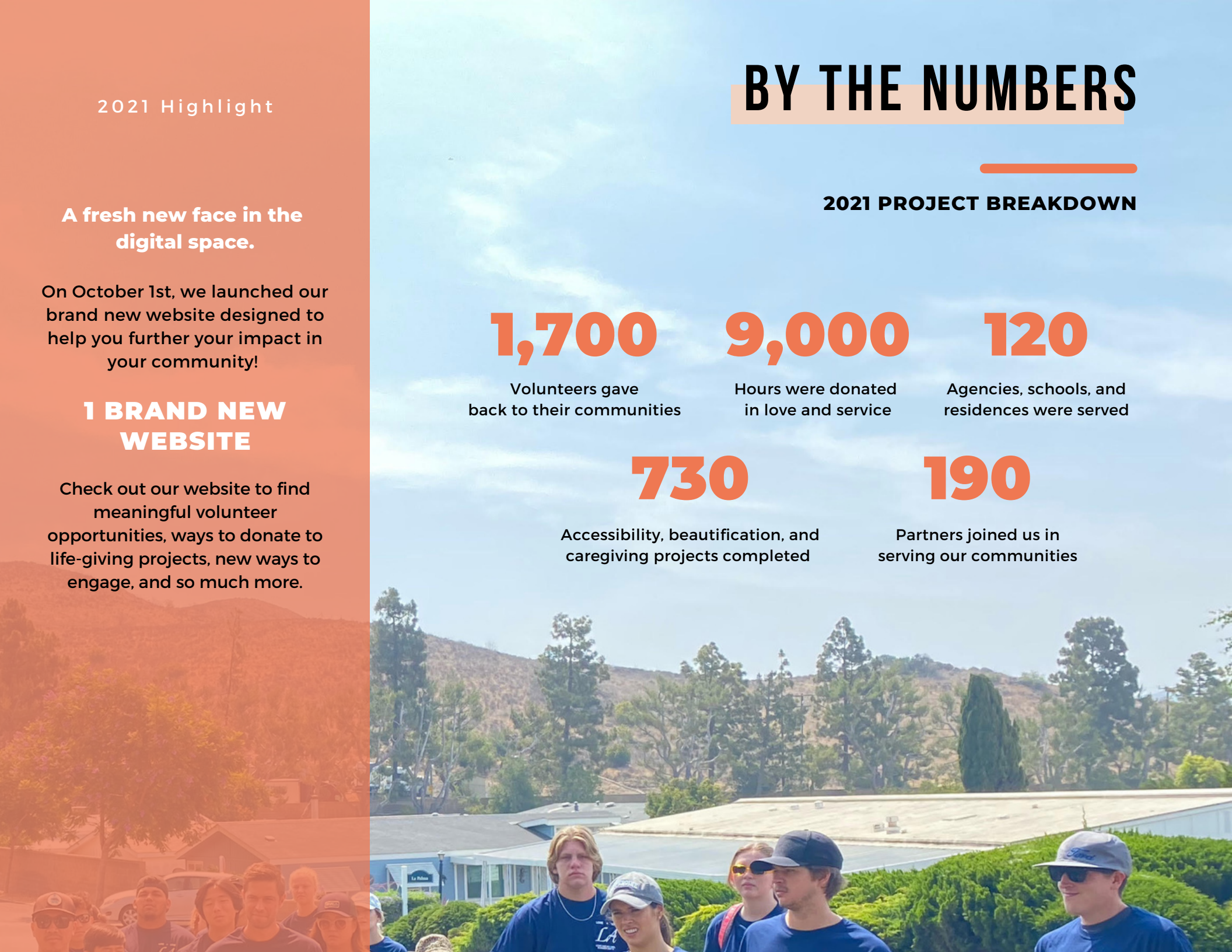
Agencies, schools, and residences were served

730

Accessibility, beautification, and caregiving projects completed

190

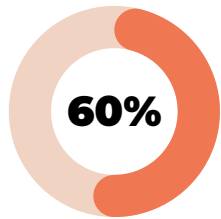
Partners joined us in serving our communities



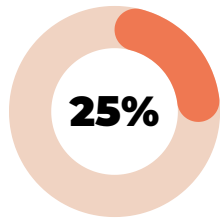
BY THE NUMBERS

2021 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

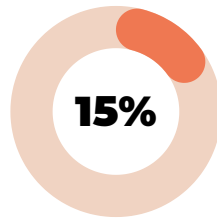
Every investment in **ACTION VC** is used to empower the communities we love and live in. It is one of our core values that we use this money wisely. Here is how we stewarded every investment in our 2021 budget.



program + events



direct support



marketing + admin

YEAR TO DATE, ACTION VC HAS INVESTED

650,000 DOLLARS

back into our communities through donated volunteer labor, project materials, and gifts in kind.



GLORIA'S STORY

NO NEIGHBOR SHOULD SUFFER JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE HELP.

For 5 years, Gloria struggled to get in and out of her mobile home because of the steep stairs. But living alone on social security, she couldn't afford services that would keep her safe at home.

In April of 2021, Gloria fell and broke her hip trying to navigate the stairs outside her home. While in the hospital healing from surgery, our team built Gloria an ADA wheelchair ramp so she could heal without any more fears of falling or being isolated in her home!

Today, she is happy because she knows she is safe.

IN 2021, ACTION VC SERVED

9,450 NEIGHBORS

through NOW projects, accessibility builds, Christmas Shoppe, Love VC and Local Love Days.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPE IMPACT

2021 PROJECT BREAKDOWN

When families come to Community Christmas Shoppe - they walk away with so much more than toys. They walk away with the life-changing HOPE that Christ's love gives. They walk away with prayer from volunteers, encouragement from churches, and resources from the community. The goal of Community Christmas Shoppe is to give support to struggling families that will last throughout the year.

11,600+

Toys and gifts
were given out

700+

Volunteers
showed up to help

1,700+

Local families
attended

THROUGH OUR 5 CHRISTMAS SHOPPES

5,000 CHILDREN

received toys for Christmas, hand selected for them by
their family members and caring volunteers



**Our mission, to serve the vulnerable
and to close the gap of care in Ventura
County requires**

**SETTING &
EXCEEDING
BOLD GOALS.**

2021 Highlight

Together, we are building a more accessible Ventura County.

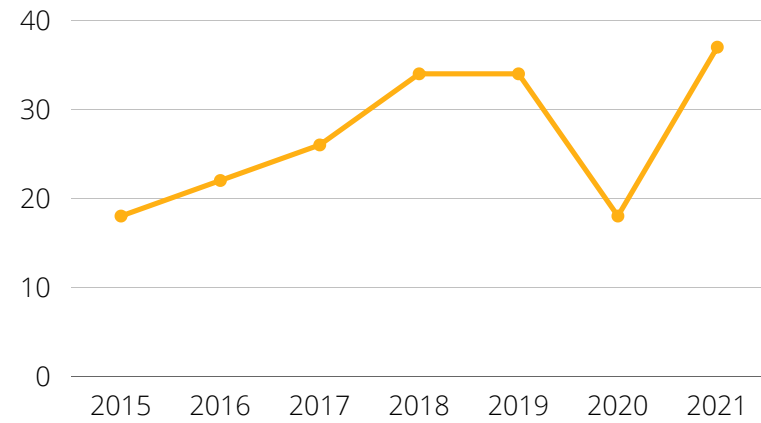
Year to date, we have completed 37 accessibility projects (11 ramps, 10 stair builds/modifications, 14 grab bars, 2 flooring repairs)

THIS IS A 106% INCREASE OVER PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2020.

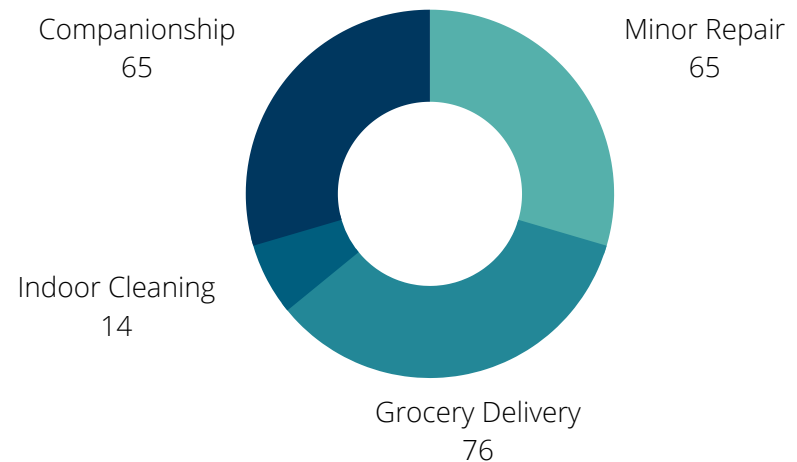
Our responsiveness to these needs means that we are now receiving calls from other agencies like Habitat for Humanity and Gold Coast Veterans Foundation when they come across projects they need assistance with.

IMPACT AND GROWTH

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS COMPLETED 2015 - 2021




NOW PROJECTS COMPLETED 2021



WHAT'S AHEAD

OUR 2022 GOALS

- 1** To have 3 accessibility teams that can complete 2-3 projects a month for those with disabilities. This will help us keep up with the demand for wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and stair modifications,
- 2** To expand our 2022 Christmas Shoppes to serve an additional 500+ families that have been impacted by the pandemic and the affordable housing crisis in Ventura County.
- 3** To further partner with professional cleaning services and environment hazard companies so we can meet urgent and critical needs for seniors that want to age safely in their homes.
- 4** To join forces with 10 new partners that will work with us to deepen our impact in underserved neighborhoods.



We believe that everyone deserves the care and support they need to thrive.

We all have a stake in making sure that our neighbors are safe, healthy, and cared for. That's why every day, we are on the ground, serving some of our most vulnerable neighbors by providing them with FREE services designed to improve their quality of life.

WANT TO DO MORE?

LET'S SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

- 1 VOLUNTEER**
Every day, our volunteers impact thousands of lives by meeting critical needs! Your special skills will help us complete meaningful projects for vulnerable neighbors.
- 2 DONATE**
Every gift makes a difference and brings us one step closer to closing the gap of care in Ventura County. Your generosity will fund the needed materials used to complete life-saving projects.
- 3 SUPPORT**
Every neighbor deserves to be safe, healthy, and connected. By joining our community of Sponsors, your partnership will fund services for those that we are blessed to help.
- 4 LEAD**
Join our group of dedicated board members, who relentlessly advocate on behalf of those we serve, and dream of new ways that we can uplift our communities.



Your support makes a difference!

Your gift of time, talent or treasure can provide minor repairs for low-income seniors, wheelchair ramps for persons with limited mobility, care packages for neighbors who have recently lost jobs, and Christmas gifts for under-resourced kids in Ventura County!

FROM ALL OF US AT ACTION VC,

thank you

FOR SERVING VENTURA COUNTY WITH US IN 2021!