

Annual Report

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1,110



FAMILIES SERVED
with a total impact of

\$1,912,990

30

students attended HYPE Leadership Day or HYPE Recruitment Day in July. Students were led through activities based on the four HYPE pillars (commitment, passion, communication, and courage) and inspired to serve as positive, substance-free role models.



1,862 volunteer hours
donated amounting to
\$55,767 in donated labor



141

families housed or provided
housing stabilization
\$121,119



67 homes rehabilitated
\$335,639



43

Veterans assisted with
employment
in the lower 6 counties

54

families provided
emergency shelter
\$32,421



6

foreclosures prevented in
Hancock County
\$1,204,000



28

students participated in
the Hancock Youth
Leadership Academy



8

families were
reunified through the
Navigator Program

307

children received
gifts through holiday
assistance programs
\$33,427



21

families were prevented from
removal through the Navigator
Program



50

Veterans housed
\$158,453

2021 ANNUAL REPORT: By the Numbers

Hancock Resource Center served 1,110 families in 2021 with a total economic impact of \$1,912,990 in the community. Over 1,862 hours of volunteer labor were coordinated through HRC in 2021, amounting to \$55,767 in donated labor benefiting residents of Hancock County.

Foreclosure prevention counseling was provided for one hundred and sixty-four families statewide through the Home Saver program; forty-nine home foreclosures were prevented through this counseling, six were homes in Hancock County. The value of the preserved homes is **\$7,451,875** statewide with an impact in Hancock County of \$1,204,000.

Through partnerships with Federal Home Loan Bank, The First, A National Banking Association, Renaissance Community Loan Fund, MEMA, and Gulf Coast Community Foundation, HRC provided home rehab, weatherization, and accessibility features for sixty-seven low-income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners with an economic impact of \$355,639.

HRC provided Homebuyer Education, Home Maintenance Education, Budget Counseling, Credit Counseling, Basic Computer, Resume Writing and Basic Employment Skills classes to fifty-eight residents in Hancock County, affording them the opportunity to improve their financial standing.

Through the Emergency Solutions Grant, HRC was able to provide housing stabilization services (rental assistance, deposit assistance, and supportive services) to sixty-one homeless and at-risk residents of Hancock County, with direct services totaling \$84,745.

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program allowed HRC to provide housing stabilization and supportive services to 50 Veterans and their families totaling \$158,453 in services.

The Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program provided critical employment services to forty-three homeless Veterans in the lower six counties.

HRC assisted 109 families through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program by providing \$60,114 in essential, emergency housing stabilization services.

Through the United Way and Walmart grants, HRC was able to provide critical need services to twenty-one families impacted by COVID-19, with direct services totaling \$10,082.

In partnership with Hope Haven, HRC provided coordination of The Salvation Army Angel Tree® and Toys for Tots® programs, serving 307 children with an economic impact of \$30,337. Community support for 10 Santa's Families totaled \$3,090, with a complete economic impact of \$39,957 during the 2021 holiday season.

The Navigator program provided critical case management to twenty-nine families whose children are in Child Protective Services custody. The Family Advocate Case Manager assisted in preventing removal in twenty-one cases and facilitated reunification for another eight families.

HYPE Hangout III was held on March 6th, 2021, 17 members of Hancock Youth for Positive Efforts (HYPE) spent their Saturday giving back at Ruth's Roots Community Garden. The day began with a tour from Elise Deano, the founder of Ruth's Roots, who shared the story of how the nonprofit came to be and the amazing ways it has grown in the years since. HYPE members took time to explore and soak it all in before getting to work. A grotto area that holds a shrine of Mary was weeded and rearranged, the Blessings Box reorganized and filled with member donations, the Seed Library stocked with new packets, and stray debris picked up.

In July 2021 HYPE Leadership Day was held for students transitioning into middle school. The goal for this day is to help students recognize the leader within themselves along with communication, prevention, and leadership skills to help them successfully navigate life as a middle school student. Later in the month, the first annual Recruitment Day was held for rising 9th and 10th graders. Recruitment Day expands on the Leadership Day curriculum and is centered on what it means to live and work in Hancock County, as well as how powerful an impact these students have on affecting positive change.

Twenty-eight students are due to graduate from the seventh high school class of the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy, a year-long program that promotes the development of leadership by teaching character, courage, and service. The graduation was delayed due to rescheduling sessions according to CDC guidelines for the pandemic.

HRC employed twenty-seven people throughout 2021.