MIC COVID-19 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, MIC CONTINUES TO BRING DIVERSE GROUPS OF EVERY DAY PEOPLE TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES, DEVELOP LEADERS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.

MIC PROGRAM UPDATES

• BRIDGES AND LEADERS

Bridges and Leaders was perfectly positioned to respond to COVID-19. Core Team Leaders and members within our newly developing Broad-Based Community Organization responded quickly by identifying emerging challenges (i.e. childcare, food shortage, basic goods delivery) and bringing hundreds together for coordinated community-wide response, meeting direct needs and planning for long-term impacts. More on the response below.

• FAMILY PROMISE & HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK (HAN)

Family Promise and HAN are still fully operational, taking into account all precautionary procedures. Family Promise is full, families are staying all day in quarantine at the Day Center and sleeping at one congregation. HAN continues work with people experiencing homelessness, checking in via phone with all participants several times a week. In addition, HAN is coordinating training for COVID-19 community leaders.

• MISSOULA WORKS & GET IT DONE

Missoula Works and the Get It Done crew have been hit particularly hard. Businesses that traditionally employed many of our workers have had significant lay offs or are closed until further notice. The Get It Done crew have had a full schedule of spring work, while practicing social distancing, yet as the uncertainty of the future continues to loom, jobs have been paused until more certain times.

BROAD-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (BBCO)

The BBCO is a diverse network of 35 faith communities, neighborhood groups, unions, and nonprofits who believe that health and well being throughout our community requires everyday citizens- particularly the most marginalized to be meaningfully involved in creating the solutions that shape our community. For the past year, MIC and community organizers embedded in 4 other local organizations have worked together to do just that.

COVID-19 tested the BBCO’s readiness for response, but the BBCO was ready!

• Leaders quickly created a localized neighborhood system to:
  ○ Coordinate communication and support neighbors helping neighbors.
  ○ 30 faith communities and community organizations have developed Call Teams connected to 5,000 people! 1) Creating social connection w/vulnerable people, 2) Directly support people w/basic needs, 3) Have our ear to the ground to create response on emerging challenges.
• Created a basic goods warehouse and delivery system. Donations of toiletry items etc. and volunteers have poured in.
• Found 10 spaces for childcare centers and people who were sick with no place to go.
• Have worked w/policy-makers to develop policy/public action around eviction, childcare needs, loans and more.
The MIC annual fundraiser scheduled for 2020, featuring special guest Father Gregory Boyle, is canceled and rescheduled for next year. Father Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation nonprofit in the world. This event was an MIC fundraiser, budgeted to bring in $100,000 in general operating gifts. In preparation for this shortfall, MIC reached out to our close donors and have only $55,000 left to raise!

In order to continue our strong response to COVID-19, MIC needs donors to:
- Make a tax deductible donation today!
- Increase monthly donation amount, or increase frequency of donation
- Donate stock
- Contact us with other donation ideas

To reach our funding goal we need donors who are willing to make a donation, or increase their pledge, at one of these four levels.

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