

Rebuilding Lives, Transforming Our Community

One Body Collaboratives

2023 Annual Impact Report

One Body Collaboratives is a faith-based nonprofit with a mission to mobilize, coordinate and further develop church and community resources to Rebuild Lives and Transform our Community.



Getting Ahead Classes and Graduation Ceremonies at Comprehensive Community Solutions, NiReach, Northwest Community Center and Rockford Housing Authority

We Strive to Create a Flourishing Community by Reducing Poverty, Mobilizing Christians as Agents of Change and Creating Impactful Partnerships with Local Churches.



The Bridges to Prosperity Rockford Region initiative addresses the need for a comprehensive, community-wide approach to reducing poverty by implementing a program that will help our residents in poverty move to self-sufficiency.

Winnebago County Poverty Stats

32% of our youth under the age of 18 are in poverty, research indicates 1 in 3 of them will be in poverty into adulthood

United Way of Illinois reports that 27% of households in Winnebago County earn above the poverty level, but not enough to afford bare-bones household budgets

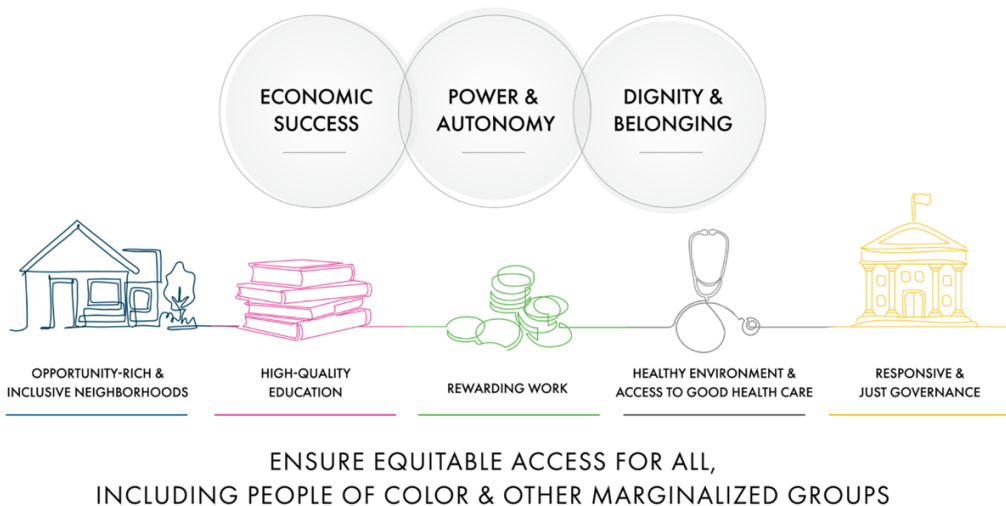
29% of households in Winnebago County currently have debt in collections

2,887 (or 6.5%) of public-school children are homeless during the school year

The Bridges to Prosperity Rockford Region initiative is managed by One Body Collaboratives.

Learn more about this program by visiting our website at www.BridgesRockford.com

UPWARD MOBILITY FROM POVERTY



UPWARD MOBILITY PLAN FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

Through our Bridges to Prosperity Rockford Region initiative, we have launched a new planning process to boost upward mobility from poverty and reduce racial inequities in our community. This planning process will utilize data from Urban Institute's Boosting Upward Mobility from Poverty and Advancing Equity project to identify key racial and ethnic disparities and barriers to boosting upward mobility from poverty in our community.

We are launching this process because our community is falling behind on indicators that demonstrate how likely someone in our community is to advance out of poverty. Working with nonprofit, business, philanthropic, anchor institutions, and faith-based leaders in our community, we will publish a Mobility Action Plan that plots a new course forward and addresses the systems and barriers to advancement in our community.

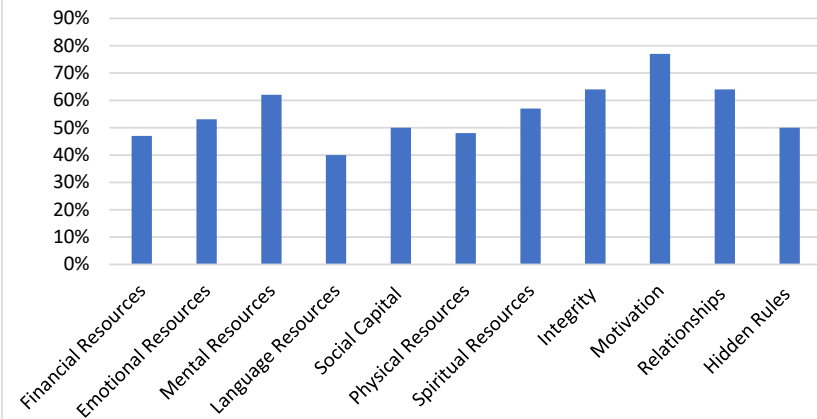
We also have obtained the full support of Winnebago County Chairman Joe Chiarelli and City of Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara to create our Mobility Action Plan. Both have also pledged support, partnership and advocacy in this effort, as well as staff members to serve on the sub-committee. Additionally, our recommendations will be championed through the appropriate staff members and committees at the City and County level to implementation.

GETTING AHEAD CLASSES

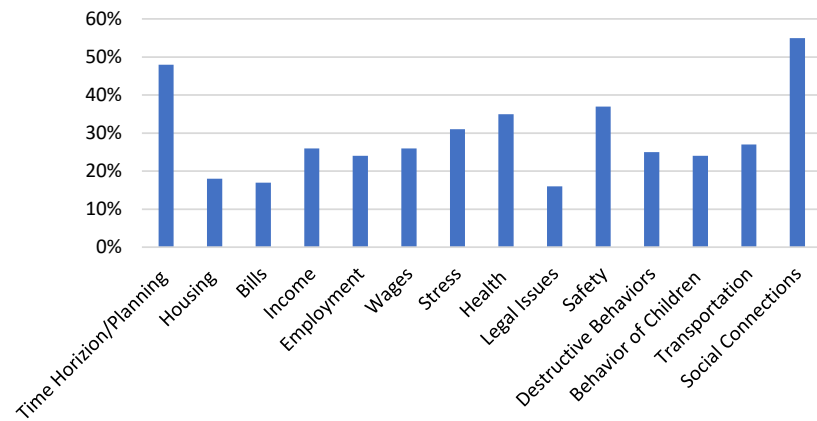
In partnership with local agencies, nonprofits and churches, we have graduated 145 participants in our Getting Ahead Classes. Each year we seek agencies, employers, and churches to partner with to host Getting Ahead classes to help under-resourced individuals build their resources, increase stability and create plans toward self-sufficiency. The collective results in this report reflect the work of our community partners who hosted Getting Ahead Classes at their respective organizations. These include: Bergstrom, Comprehensive Community Solutions, Life Church, NiReach, Northwest Community Center, Rockford Career College, Rockford Housing Authority, Rockford MELD, and St. John's United Church of Christ.



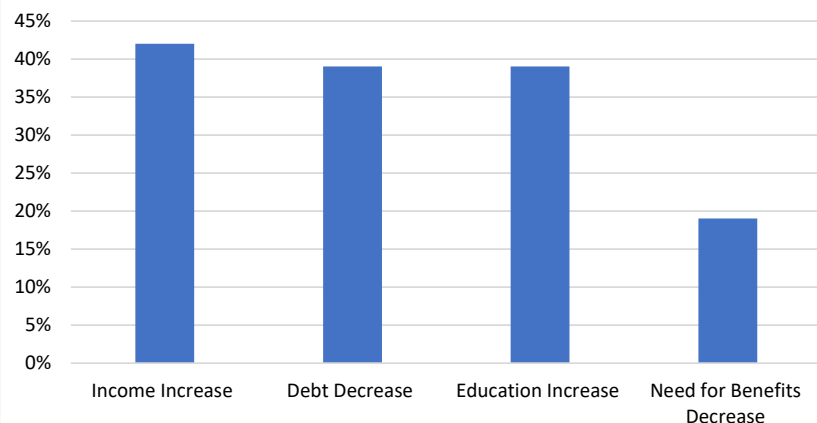
Resource Increases



Stability Increases



ROI Indicators



Getting Ahead Participants learn that financial resources are just one area of resource in everyone's life. They complete an extensive assessment of their resources in these key areas. They also learn how to leverage areas where they are lower in resource with areas where they are higher. The chart to the left represents increases in resources by the participants at the conclusion of the classes. We also measure Stability increases of the graduates. The next chart represents the percent of graduates who had increases in these areas.

Additional ROI indicators are noted in the bottom chart. 42% of our graduates indicated an increase in income and 39% a decrease in debt, 39% said they had an increase in education and 19% noted a decrease in the need of State for Federal benefits.

Additional Results

- 94% indicated progress on the goal areas they set for themselves
- 100% identified tools or resources to support them in reaching their goals
- 98% of the participants would recommend the class to others

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In 2023, One Body Collaboratives engaged local churches, faith leaders, and our Christian community in a variety of ways. We strive to create a flourishing community by reducing poverty, mobilizing Christians as agents of change, and creating impactful partnerships with local churches.

815 SERVE DAY

One Body Collaboratives in partnership with our Pastor Advisory Network, hosted **815 Serve Day** in coordination with 815 Day! 815 Serve Day was held on the weekend leading up to 815 Day on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. Several local churches participated by serving the community in some capacity on these days. Rockford Day, also known as 815 Day, is held annually on August 15 and aims to showcase the people, places, and things that make Rockford great. Thank you to the churches who participated: Caledonia Congregational, Central Christian, Christ the Rock, Empowering Word, Grace United Methodist, House of God, Life Church, Our Saviors Lutheran, Second First, Spring Creek Church of Christ.



815 Day Prayer Gathering at Davis Park; pictured left to right: Pastor Alvin White, Pastor Brian Rotert, Laura and Rudy Ortiz, Reverend Wyland Parks, Pastor Violet Johnicker, Pastor Sonji Collins, Pastor Gary Schwerin, City of Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara

815 DAY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Faith leaders along with Mayor McNamara joined us for our Prayer Gathering at Davis Park to pray for our City as we launched our 815 Serve Weekend! We then joined our friends from the Salvation Army for Worship in the Gardens at Anderson Gardens on 815 Day to worship together and give praise to God for all his goodness we experience in Rockford!

COLLABORATIVE NETWORK DISCUSSIONS

As part of our Community Flourishing project, we have hosted Collaborative Network Discussions throughout 2023. These Collaborative Network Discussions allow our faith community to come together for fellowship and to discuss a variety of issues affecting our community. When our faith leaders know one another as well as the issues in our community, and how local resources and churches are addressing them, we can be more strategic in a united approach.

Thank you to all who participated in these discussions this year. And, thank you to the churches who have hosted us this year, including Third Presbyterian and Stateline Church!





Keynote speaker, Lori Kim from Microsoft Chicago shared her story and her involvement with the Marketplace Ministry for Microsoft. Photo on right: One Body Collaboratives Executive Director, Mary Cacioppi and Lori Kim.

FAITH & BUSINESS SUMMIT

"How do we find meaning in our work, what does it mean to bring our whole selves to work and how do we integrate faith & work in our rapidly changing world and workplaces?"

Over 50 attendees joined us at our Faith & Business Summit on November 14th as we discussed these questions with our keynote speaker, Lori Kim. Lori shared how she finds ways to integrate her passion for her Christian faith in her work life at Microsoft in Chicago.

The event served as an encouragement to those seeking God's vision, purpose, and plan for their lives. We plan to continue this program in 2024 as we launch our Faith@Work program, helping Christians in the Rockford area more deeply embrace their identity in Christ and its integration into their everyday work as they seek the common good of the region and beyond.

FAITH @ Work

engaging Christian's as agents of change

The Faith at Work movement is a global network of scholars, clergy, students, and marketplace leaders. It encourages and equips Christians to see their work as part of God's purposes in and for the world. The movement is comprised of businesspeople, professionals, and workers of all types who are gathering in significant numbers outside the church to discuss questions of meaning, purpose, calling, ethics, character, spiritual identity, and expression in the workplace. Faith at Work initiatives have been launched in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Nashville, Cleveland and countless other cities across the world.

Although the average American spends over 90,000 hours in the workplace during his or her lifetime, most Christians feel that their work is separate from or even at odds with their faith. Our speaker series will launch in 2024 and will feature a variety of Christians in the marketplace; from nonprofit leaders to elected officials to those in the arts, the speakers will focus on spiritual perspectives and engaging an individual's faith in their daily work. The programming will be relevant to businesspeople from all sectors, owners, entrepreneurs, managers, staff, ministry, and non-profit leaders.

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Above photos are from churches who participated in our 815 Serve Day event and highlight the many ways churches served our community on 815 Day.

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