



# 2020 Impact Report



## SUMMARY

**COSILOVEYOU**, a nationally affiliated City Gospel movement, creates partnerships that seek the peace and prosperity of the city of Colorado Springs. We believe our community thrives when faith, business, and civic partners collectively mobilize resources toward greater human flourishing, rather than work on their own.

### VISION AND MISSION

To unite and ignite the Church of Colorado Springs so that every woman, man, and child might experience the tangible love of God.

**COSILOVEYOU** connects resources of the local Church to the most pressing needs in our city. Our efforts are strategically organized around needs identified by civic leaders.

Dear Friend,

It's a common feeling that 2020 has been the year no one wanted to have. A global pandemic, political and racial outrage, and economic crises have created divisions and animosity where we used to look for hope and peace. Strangely, however, the challenges of 2020 have created a set of circumstances that were exactly what **COSILoveYou** has been looking for: opportunities for the churches of Colorado Springs to work together in addressing real needs in our community. From Fountain to Falcon, Monument to Manitou, we were able to deploy kind-hearted, generous, church-based volunteers by the thousands in tangible acts of love toward stranded neighbors, exhausted nurses, weary teachers, and hungry kids. In a year when everyone was forced to isolate and hide, the church stepped out in love and service.

Like all of you, we had big plans for this year that were scrapped as our country tried to deal with COVID-19. But thanks to the generosity of our community, we've been able to pivot and respond to the many pressing issues that arose this year. From feeding hospital workers with food truck lunches to helping nearly 8,000 kids get much-needed school supplies, the kindness and joy of faith-filled volunteers provided a welcome contrast to the sadness and angst in national headlines.

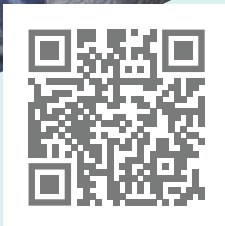
So, while we all pray together for the restoration of healing, peace, and hope in our community and nation, I hope you hear our thanks for being part of helping "every woman, man, and child experience the tangible love of God."

**Stu Davis**

*Executive Director*



Learn about  
**COSILoveYou:**

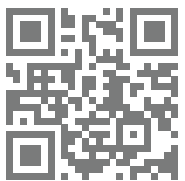


## CITYSERVE DAY

“When we can come together and lock arms, there’s no greater expression of unity and loving one another.”

- Brandon Cormier, Pastor, Zeal Church

Learn about  
CityServe Day:



**CityServe Day** is a no-strings-attached, citywide day of service where “all are welcome to serve and be served.” The motivation is simple—when a city prospers, so do its people. We deploy thousands of individuals at schools, parks, local nonprofit organizations, and neighborhoods to serve some of the most prominent needs in our city. This year was our 6th annual **CityServe Day** and, in the midst of COVID-19, this was our most important year yet.



**2,175**  
Volunteers



**6,640**  
Volunteer  
Hours



**44**  
Church  
Partnerships



**83**  
Project  
Sites



**\$180,608**  
Monetary  
Impact\*

\*based on estimated value of volunteer time by Independentsector.org

## CITYWIDE WORSHIP NIGHT

At **COSILOVEYOU**, we want to tell a story of unity in faith and love in action. On October 2, over 500 people gathered together online for a live streamed night of celebration and prayer honoring the many traditions of Christian faith in our city. A multi-racial, inter-traditional worship band united the audience as one Church, celebrating how God continues to transform our city. Our theme for the night was “United in Love”.

This year, we were honored to have Dr. John Perkins, internationally known author and teacher, speak on reconciliation and unity. Framed in the context of his own story and experiences, Dr. Perkins encouraged the Church to practice forgiveness and focus on the importance of unity.

**“Grace is the unending love of God. He’s always full of that. He will always give you more and more. This is that forgiving grace, no longer an eye-for-an-eye.”**

- Dr. John M. Perkins  
*Citywide Worship Night Keynote Speaker*

Learn about  
CityWide Worship:





# BACKPACK BASH

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 **Backpack Bash** was a dynamic, collaborative effort that spread smiles and joy across thousands of families in El Paso County! Working together with over 30 local partners like Pikes Peak United Way, Crossfire Ministries, Mercy's Gate, Solid Rock CDC, Harrison School District 2, and Tri-Lakes Cares, along with many local churches, we were able to distribute 7,224 backpacks full of supplies to families struggling to start the school year right. Events like these are a great example of the power of collaboration when churches, businesses, and agencies link arms in service together.

“I have 4 school age children on one steady income, and this was a huge help to us. All of my children were very excited to get the backpacks and it has helped us get a start on what they will need this year. I was very emotional as we drove away...”

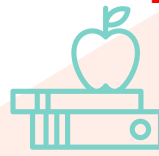
- Backpack Bash Recipient



**7,224**  
**Backpacks**  
**Distributed**



**18**  
**Participating**  
**Churches**



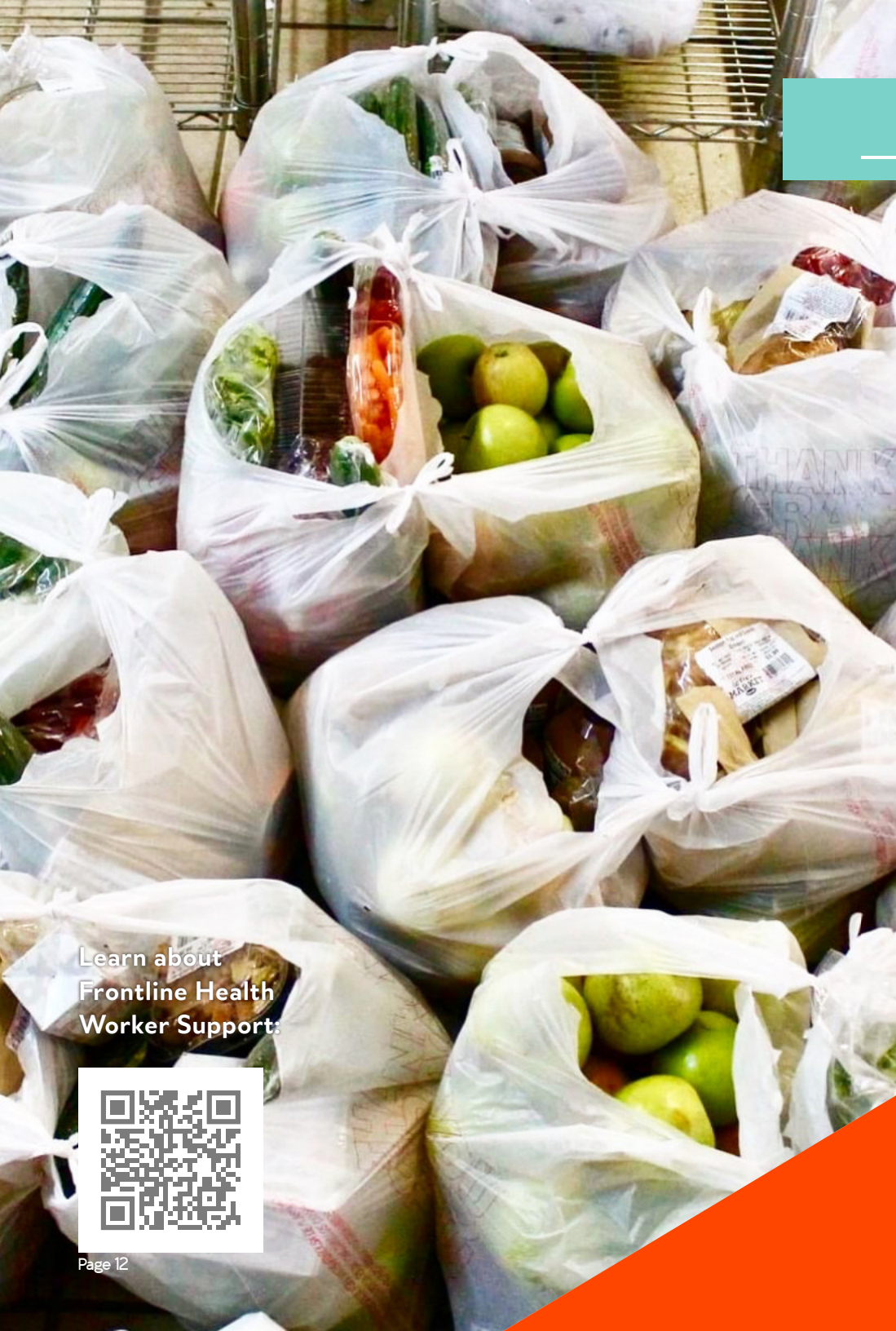
**6**  
**School**  
**Districts**  
**Supported**



**5**  
**Drive**  
**Thru**  
**Locations**

Learn about Backpack Bash:





# COVID RESPONSE PROGRAMS

As we all know, 2020 has been a year unlike any other. So challenging and difficult, but also full of unique surprises. For **COSILOVEYOU**, 2020 has allowed our movement to grow in ways we've been praying and dreaming about for years: activating the local church to love and serve people *everyday*, not just a few times a year. From feeding frontline workers, to delivering food to isolated neighbors, **COSILOVEYOU** has been on the forefront of responding to local needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**\$67,803**  
**Money**  
**to Local**  
**Businesses**



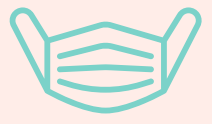
**400+**  
**Grocery Deliveries**  
**to Isolated**  
**Neighbors**



**5,175**  
**Meals Served**  
**to Frontline**  
**Health Workers**

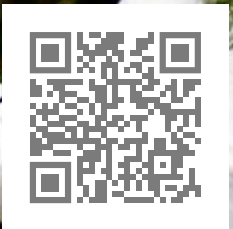


**44**  
**Participating**  
**Churches**



**\$24,343**  
**Funds Given**  
**to Purchase**  
**PPE**

Learn about  
Frontline Health  
Worker Support:



## TESTIMONIALS

“I've been so inspired by the way **COSILOVEYOU** unites and mobilizes churches and people from so many different backgrounds to **work together** to improve people's lives!”

- Kevin Palau, President and CEO,  
Luis Palau Association

“**COSILOVEYOU** is an incredible organization **unifying** so many different churches in our community under a **common mission** to love our city in practical ways. As the founding pastor of a new church in Colorado Springs, I have found **COSILOVEYOU** to be an **invaluable resource** to connect pastors, churches, and communities.”

- Joe Adams, Pastor, Manna Church

“**COSILOVEYOU** is acting as a bridge; connecting churches, businesses, nonprofits and city officials **together** to **collaborate**, share ideas, share resources, and tackle needs **TOGETHER!**”

- Katherine Knapp, Pastor, Agape Church

“**COSILOVEYOU** is one of the most vibrant and impactful organizations in the city of Colorado Springs! I have spent time volunteering with this organization for over 3 years now and every year I am more amazed.”

- Melinda Joy Mingo,  
Local Author/Speaker



“  
Also, seek the peace  
and prosperity of the  
city to which I have  
carried you...”

- Jeremiah 29:7



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