

Abundant Life demonstrates God's love through holistic community development in the Prospect neighborhood.



ABUNDANT LIFE
MINISTRIES

2024

IMPACT REPORT



"Abundant Life is very amazing! It's fun, you get all your grades up, and your time is used wisely. The volunteers are very kind, comforting, and amazing to work with and be with."

LYRIC, Tutoring and Royal Girls participant

Faithful friend,

It is my honor and privilege to be able to call you friend, just as it has been my honor and privilege to serve as Abundant Life Ministries' Executive Director for three years. Over this past year, Abundant Life took the time to celebrate 28 amazing years of being planted in the community. We amplified the many voices that speak to the necessity of the ministry. Through one of our many initiatives, our documentary, I was able to reflect on the many ways that God has guided this ministry and those who walk alongside us. (Take a few minutes to watch at the QR code below.) I am excited to see and be a part of the future with new projects as well as development of emerging leaders from the Charlottesville community and the Prospect neighborhood where we serve.

My encouragement comes from the fact that we have been able to "go deep and not wide." Over the years, Abundant Life has grown deep roots in this neighborhood, allowing us to love our community well. We learn more than we teach, and this is a work that has breathed new life into our staff, our neighbors, and me. We look forward to continuing to go deeper and love on our neighbors in partnership with you.



**FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

With joy,

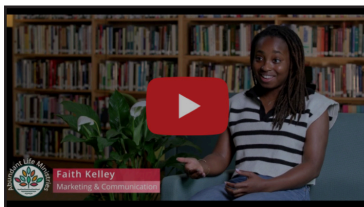
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eddie Howard, Executive Director

DOCUMENTARY

Abundant Life's Documentary Project was 28 years in the making, highlighting the powerful testimonies from Abundant Life alumni, community partners, and current participants. Hear from Abundant Life Co-Founder, Amy Sherman, and Executive Director, Eddie Howard, on the vision of being planted in the Prospect Avenue community.

Watch our
documentary [HERE](#)



FROM A COMMUNITY PARTNER

"Abundant Life does the things that I need any outside agency to do – they come and they work in the schools but then they also have the connection in the community. So they're invested with families and students on a deeper level that surpasses what just happens in the school walls, and that's how we're going to see a change for families and students because there's a trust. Then there's the fact that at the root of what you do, there is a faith-based component that leads you and calls you to this work."

JOHN "MR.K" KRONSTAIN,

Johnson Elementary School Assistant Principal



FROM OUR DONORS



We believe that the holistic approach Abundant Life takes to its ministry has the power to change lives in so many positive ways. The academic support provided for students is crucial, but the relationships with children and families over time can be transformative. Because the ministry is located right in the neighborhood, it has become part of the fabric of life there - a partnership, based on faith, that touches lives in countless ways.

MARK & MELVILLE KREBS



100+ families empowered
100+ volunteers



community partnerships



community members in v-trades



active programs

“Three years ago, no one would believe that I would go to college, let alone do anything positive. **Without Abundant Life, I would not be where I am today.**”

EDDISON “E.D.” DUOLO,
Abundant Life Alumnus & Summer Staff



**FROM
AN
ALUMNUS**

FROM PARENT SHANIECE BRADFORD



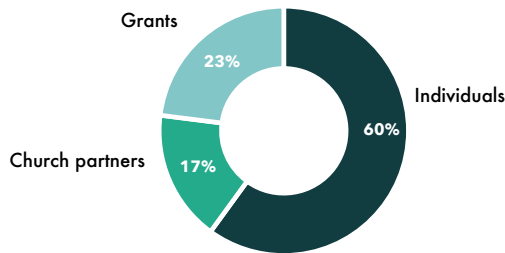
Abundant Life parent Shaniece Bradford became familiar with Abundant Life when her niece and nephew joined its programs. Now, her son, William, is a K-4th grade tutoring and Bible Club participant. Living on Orangedale Avenue, Shaniece would often see Abundant Life staff out in the neighborhood doing community engagement or passing out fliers for upcoming events. Through that, she met staff member, JD. **“Abundant Life came alongside my family** when my niece was living with me and she was having some challenges. Her tutoring coordinator, JD, pulled me aside to let me know that some things were going on. She was able to receive additional support and that was very helpful,” says Bradford.

She is encouraged by all the ways that Abundant Life has introduced her niece, nephew, and son to new opportunities through field trips, academic support, and spiritual enrichment. She adds, “I think it’s amazing the work that Calvin is doing. When I came to my first community event, I first met him and I felt more grounded because of the work that he is doing with the school and the connection that he has. It is amazing to see the Abundant Life staff outside of work, engaging with the community. JD and Calvin came to my nephew’s birthday. That isn’t something that they had to do, but **being intentional about being there shows their investment in the community.**”

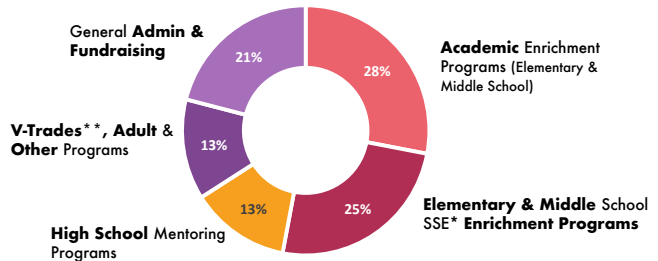
Shaniece’s family’s story is one of many that reflects the holistic community development work of Abundant Life over the past 28 years. She sums it up well when she says, “The bags of food, Christmas Store, just stuff that you don’t expect. Even as my son’s father and I are going through a transition, it has been helpful to have **a space that is consistent for my son throughout the year with tutoring, bible club, and summer programming.**”

2024 Financial Report

OPERATING INCOME \$562,002



OPERATING EXPENSES \$618,370



NOTES

The above INCOME numbers include:

- 282 individual donors
- 19 church partners
- 5 grants

Our income and expenses for 2024 were budgeted at \$640,000. While we were able to identify cost savings and operate the program even more efficiently, since income did not meet our expenses, this required us to pull from our reserves to cover the gap. We have limited reserves and this is something we're working to increase, with your help. (It's worth noting that using reserves is a normal process for nonprofits when the income and expenses don't balance in a given year.)

*SSE = Spiritual, Social and Emotional Enrichment Programs (Bible Club, 5/8, Royal Girls, STRIVE, Crown Academy, and new Vocational Trades Program)

**Vocational-Trades activates through MS and HS enrichment programs, but also job opportunities for adults

Strategic Plan Updates

Here are a few updates from our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. Informed in part by Prospect community members, the plan has goals for strengthening our staff, increasing community empowerment and leadership, reaching unmet populations in the community, making plans for the land we own in the neighborhood, and updated goals for financial sustainability.

Click [HERE](#) for more on our Strategic Plan progress

NEW TAILORED
STAFF ROLES
AND
DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen Staff

HIRED
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AS
STAFF AND
INTERNS

Empower Community

COMMUNITY
FOCUS GROUP
INITIATIVES
INCLUDED ALL
NEIGHBORS

Expand Participants

NEW LAND-USE
COMMITTEE
INCLUDING ALL
STAKEHOLDERS

Use Land Well

RECORD
NUMBER OF
NEW AND
RECAPTURED
GRANTS

Sustain Finances

Staff

Eddie Howard, Executive Director
 Faith Kelley, Advancement & Communications
 Jonathan "JD" DeLeon, Director of Programs & V-Trades
 Rebecca Goodwin-Feldmann, Historian, IT/Data Support
 Jazmine Davis, Information Tech & Data Management
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 Calvin Kellum, Elementary School Program Coordinator
 Hannah Boomer, Middle School Program Coordinator
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