# ReWork Richmond

2021 Annual Report

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Rethinking the Path to Meaningful Employment

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## 2021 ReWork Staff



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# Dear Friends:

It's been a challenging year, but thanks to your support, a year in which ReWork has managed to achieve several important goals. Among the year's most significant accomplishments has been enrolling a record number of participants — we call them members — into our program and seven of them have reached sustainable career positions with various employers throughout our community.

We entered the year with a target enrollment of 35 members, and we were thrilled to have 37 members at year end, with additional candidates in the wings. Career placement for members, a key indicator of our impact, has also reached an important milestone as our relationships with Richmond employers is strong. These employers have a passion for our mission and are matching our members with open positions within their organizations.

Our Good Neighbor Network, made up of volunteers willing to provide support in employment related personal and financial coaching, resume writing and workplace interview preparation, has provided the lift necessary to secure meaningful employment opportunities. And, this year saw an expansion of our collaborative relationships with trusted community service partners, who have helped our members overcome logistical hurdles that are frequent obstacles to securing sustaining careers.

The past year also saw us develop our first strategic plan, provisions of which will provide an operational roadmap for future initiatives and help ensure that we remain accountable for achieving our vision while adhering to the values that uniquely distinguish our service approach. And we ended the year by moving into our own office space at 2123 Fairmount Avenue, in the heart of the East End. Importantly, this year decisively demonstrated the financial viability of our model, and the ability to attract new members and connect them to Richmond employers. Our performance data from 2021 is most encouraging and demonstrates the validity of our program, along with our ability to measure the success of each member. Using our proprietary numeric value **Stability Measurement** tool to capture metrics and data for each member, we are able to evaluate the progress members are making along their individual pathways towards meaningful employment.

In sum, for calendar year 2021, there was a cumulative 45% advancement in the areas of employment, income, education, housing, childcare and transportation for all members who have been enrolled with ReWork for at least one year. For more information about how we measure member progress and the outcomes of our programs, please visit our website and click on "results measurement."

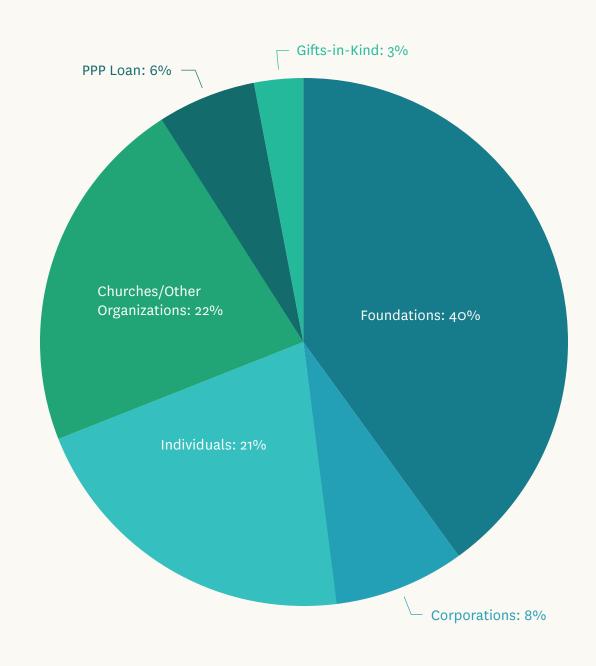
Moving forward, 2022 will likely continue to present challenges, but we believe our proven experience preparing our members to meet the needs of Richmond employers, together with the productive partnerships we've established with volunteers and community resources, positions us to continue successfully lifting East End families out of poverty.

We thank you for this opportunity and are ever grateful for your interest and support.

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Executive Director ReWork Richmond



2021 Budget: Revenue by Category

Management/General: 6% -Fundraising: 10% Program Services: 84%

2021 Budget: Expenses by Category

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