



IMPACT REPORT 2022

YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 saw One Hope Tulsa interact with more people and in more impactful ways than ever before in our 20 years of serving in Northeast Tulsa. Our community development approach of trauma-responsive, community focused, and local church based ministry has equipped One Hope Tulsa to be on the leading edge of Christian social work and community building. Love for our neighbors, informed by the latest trauma research, brain science, and our own ministry experience, drives every encounter. For instance, One Hope provides an after-school enrichment program (Resilient Kids) rooted in safe relationships and a trauma-responsive environment. Resilient Kids is designed with kids from very challenging backgrounds and behaviors in mind. For kids who need even more support, we offer a program called Care Groups which pairs kids with trained adults to teach them important relational and behavioral skills.

One Hope is finding ways through sports and arts to stay in the lives of middle school and high school students, as well as young men and women in their twenties who have aged out of our other programming. The community around the Rose Bowl, more and more, sees our facility as their own special place. It is a place to find help, to share sorrows, to give back, and to celebrate the wins of life...and to do it alongside people who love and care for them.

The Rose Bowl is frequented by grandmothers who have had to move back into the role of primary caregiver and need support, by single moms seeking counsel, support, and friendship, by the homeless who have become our friends through our Under The Bridge ministry, by the community

for vaccines and special events like "Lights On" and "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," as well as all of the kids who come for friendships, sports, art, music lessons, and more. 2022 has seen the continuation of support from faithful partners, as well as new supporters. Our relationships with the University of Tulsa, Oral Roberts University, Covenant College, and Harding University have provided a consistent base of students for our internship and fellowship leadership development programs, and 2022 brought us some of the finest we have had.

One of the most exciting events of 2022 was our Resilient Kids Christmas Party that was sponsored by the employees of Simmons Homes. The goal was to provide gifts for kids, but also to create lifetime givers. Each child received two gifts – one to keep and one to give. In addition to receiving a special gift for themselves, the children selected a gift for their caregiver, wrapped it, and gave it. The party had awesome decor, games, snacks, and lots of love. There was much comfort and joy, and a few mothers and grandmothers coming to pick up their kids couldn't hold back tears as they explained they had no way to make Christmas happen on their own this year.

Listening to our neighbors, providing access to relationships to everyone, honoring the image of God in all we encounter, and offering hope is what One Hope Tulsa is about. We are thankful to have seen more of that than ever in 2022.



Founder & President of One Hope Tulsa

WHY ONE HOPE MATTERS

The neighborhoods around the Rose Bowl face high levels of poverty, childhood trauma, violent crime, homelessness, under-resourced schools, and a lack of accessible community resources. The Tulsa Planning Office's economic development report draft lists the neighborhoods in our community as "very low" in terms of economic stability. This indicator is based on factors such as low median income, low health insurance coverage rates, low employment, low educational attainment, and high poverty, among other factors. Based on the per capita rate of violent crime in our neighborhood, Neighborhood Scout rates the neighborhoods around the Rose Bowl (along with others in the city) as "most dangerous." This is particularly significant because the report also notes that Tulsa as a whole has more than twice the rate of violent crime compared to the rest of the United States. Families with children are especially vulnerable, with more than 35% living below the poverty line and many more below the living wage; poverty in our neighborhoods aggravates child abuse and neglect rates, which are already twice the national average in Tulsa. Students in our neighborhoods attend schools that are the worst in the county in key indicators, including a 20% reading proficiency rate among 3rd grade students.

A legacy of racial tension and systemic injustice multiply the negative effects of poverty and trauma for our community. Our focus neighborhoods are diverse, with significant percentages of African American, Native American/Indigenous, and Hispanic neighbors, and their experiences evidence citywide trends of inequity—such as non-white neighborhoods experiencing higher eviction rates and earning less money compared to predominantly white neighborhoods.

Our area has also become one of the city's hotspots for people experiencing homelessness. The highest concentration of the sex industry in Tulsa surrounds us as well, both targeting and increasing our community's vulnerability.

Statistics outline the challenges our neighborhoods are facing, but the stories our staff have heard and experienced paint the fullest picture. As we have lived and worked in this community over the past decades, we have witnessed compounding poverty and inequity contribute to spirals of hopelessness and trauma.

Despite what may seem like a hopeless portrait, God is still at work in our community. Our staff has countless stories of the way people push back against the injustice and evil that can be seen all around. We see neighborhood teens checking in on their vulnerable elderly neighbors, grandparents taking in children as their own kids try to piece their lives back together, former One Hope interns coming back to serve on community projects, and neighbors getting involved in events and jobs and programs at the Rose Bowl. One Hope gets to witness and support and often lead efforts in our community to bring the good news of God's Kingdom to what would otherwise be a dark place to live.

OUR HOPE SONG

**I have hope in my bones
A good God made me
I have hope for my soul,
Jesus saves me**

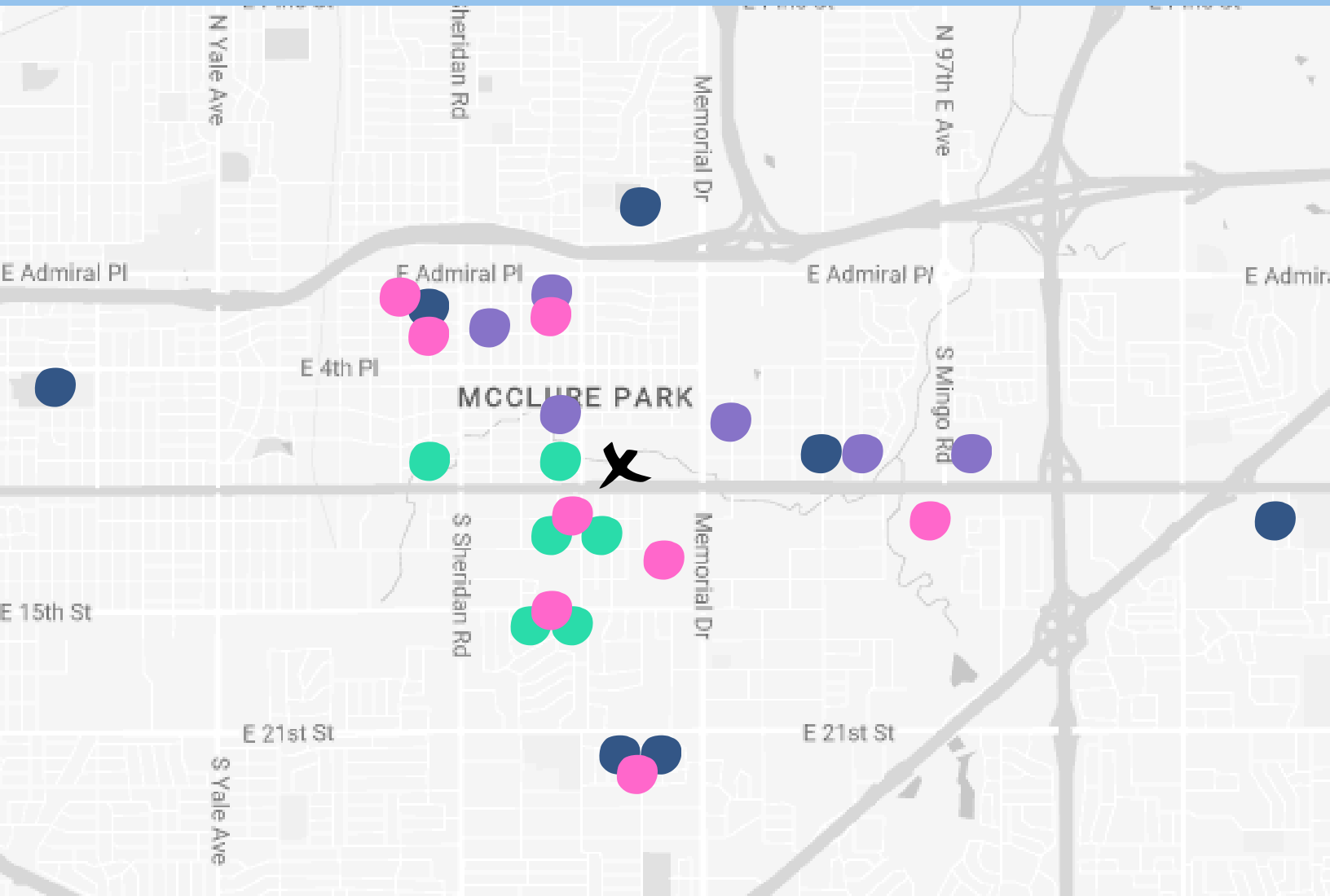
**I don't have to be alone,
He is with me**

**Tell your friends hope is here
Join the family!**

There is hope in this place (5x)

**God made you
God loves you
God is kind to you
And we love everything about you!**

OUR COMMUNITY



OUTREACH POINTS



CHURCHES



SCHOOLS



STAFF HOMES

OUR APPROACH

The complex challenges facing our neighborhood necessitate a trauma-responsive, community-focused, and local church-based approach to building the resilience and hope that characterize flourishing neighborhoods. Through trauma-responsive programming, we prioritize relationships as places of healing and create relationally dense, justice-focused environments. Through our programs we work towards six elements of a relationally flourishing community: healthy selves, positive peers, involved families, trusted adults, invested institutions, and safe neighborhoods.

Our approach incorporates John Perkin's three "R's" of community development: Relocation, Reconciliation, Redistribution. All of our staff and many of our regular volunteers live in or relocate to our focus neighborhoods, which builds trust and relationship within the community, helps us adopt its issues as our own, and forms us into more effective listeners to and advocates for our neighbors, who form our vision of a flourishing neighborhood in partnership with our neighbors on the margins. We practice redistribution in our programming by offering low-barrier, no cost resources to meet the relational, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. Inherent in both relocation and redistribution is reconciliation. The Rose Bowl is a place of safety and healing from the brokenness that pervades our neighborhoods.

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



- Program**
\$470,985
- Administrative**
\$62,272
- Fundraising**
\$34,644

CORE PROGRAMS

Resilient Kids - K-5th grade after school enrichment program, serving 50 neighborhood kids after school.

Care Groups - K-5th grade support groups aimed at healing kids who need extra support from a caring adult.

Late Night - Late Night at the Rose Bowl provides an opportunity for teens (ages 13-18) to have fun in a safe, relaxed, and supportive environment on Friday nights as an alternative to engaging in risky activities. For Late Night, One Hope staff and volunteers staff the Rose Bowl for four hours so that teens can receive mentorship, play games, eat dinner, build relationships, and try various activities like music, arts & crafts, sports, and dance in a safe space.

Under the Bridge - Every week since July 2020, One Hope has led a team of volunteers in serving grilled meals to unsheltered neighbors. We have served over 3000 meals to an estimated 200 different people and have formed many friendships and gotten to pray with and for many.

Outreach - We strive to support our neighbors in motels and local apartment complexes through regular outreaches. We eat together, share resources, and welcome our neighbors into our programs and community at the Rose Bowl. Our motel and apartment outreach provides safe, resource-based relationship buffers for the precariously housed.

Community Events - One Hope hosts quarterly community events at the Rose Bowl. Most events are attended by 75-200 neighbors. Many of these events have become annual traditions in our community, like our "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" Spring Celebration and our "Lights On" Christmas Party.

Internship - One Hope brings on 10-15 interns every summer who help support our programs and extend our impact. Interns receive valuable leadership development through training, reading and discussion, and hands-on ministry experience.

Fellowship - the Fellowship is similar to the internship but goes more in-depth. Fellows live in the neighborhood for one year and go deeper into specific ministry topics while getting hands-on experience related to their personal interests and talents.

RESILIENT KIDS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Resilient Kids is a three day a week after school enrichment program for K-5th graders from Bell, Lindbergh, or Mitchell elementary schools. Resilient Kids gives students a safe place in their community to be a kid. Our staff are trained in trauma-responsive practices and are passionate about caring for each and every child who walks through our doors. Resilient Kids aims to be a place of connection, hope, fun, and community—all important pillars in building a child's capacity to overcome adversity.

1. **Vote with your feet** - Resilient Kid's 90% daily attendance rate shows the commitment of families (and the kids themselves to be present). Many kids in our program are responsible for their own transportation choices after school. These kids choose to come to the Rose Bowl instead of taking the bus or walking home.
2. **Connection** - Every child in Resilient Kids is connected with both a safe adult and a positive peer. Each semester, our team breaks down which kids are well-connected and which kids need more support and attention to build friendships. For our most recent December check-in, we determined that 100% of kids had at least one friend at the program, and 94% of the kids had formed a meaningful connection with a safe adult at the Rose Bowl.
3. **Community Buy-In** - One Hope employs five family members of kids in the program who want to work at the Rose Bowl because of the good work they see on a daily basis. Resilient Kids also benefits greatly from many volunteers from local churches and universities who want to join in investing in and sharing hope with kids in our neighborhood.
4. **Enrichment and Hope** - All fifty of the kids in Resilient Kids participate in resilience-building activities, including sports, arts and crafts, STEM projects, singing and music. Kids with more challenging behavior issues also attend Care Groups where they learn important relational skills such as impulse control, accepting no, caring for others, and more. In addition to enrichment, we share the good news of Jesus with kids. All the kids at One Hope know that a good God made, loves them, and wants to hear from them.

PARENT TESTIMONIAL

Resilient Kids has been a Godsend, truly. I am a single mother and I work full time, so I do not have anywhere for my son to go after school. I work in customer service and people are rude all the time. In the past, I worried about losing my job as I had to be ready to go get my son from school at a moment's notice. I only get a fifteen minute break, so if something happened at school or the weather was too bad for him to walk home, I'd risk losing my job. So I really mean it when I say I appreciate you guys. I don't have to worry about him getting lost on the way home or getting picked up by a stranger, and he absolutely loves it at the Rose Bowl. He's also been a part of the Care Groups program which has been so helpful for him. He loves having his own adult buddy whose focus is solely on him, it's so special to him. He seems to be learning a lot when he's at the Rose Bowl. The other day when I was stressed out, he looked at me and said "Mom, it's going to be okay. Just do your breathing exercises. Accidents happen." He really uses the things you have taught him. He loves his friends here and he really connects with the simple rules you guys have here. No Hurts, Stick together, Have fun. "No Hurts" has especially stuck with him. He's also gotten better at listening. The only thing I would want differently about you guys is to be open more. Your program is much better than the ones offered at the school, they just don't have all the things that the Rose Bowl offers—like the basketball court and soccer field and Gaga ball. I also love that you teach the Bible because it's so important for my son to learn. I have to work on Sundays so I can't take him to church very often, so I'm so glad he learns about the Bible and love and forgiveness here. I try to teach him too, but it is better if other people are reminding him of that too. Just keep doing what you're doing. I am serious, this program is really a big help to me. Plus, the staff is really great. I trust you guys have the best in mind for my kid.



INPUTS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Free Soccer Clinics
Youth Basketball & Soccer Teams
61 Community Improvement Projects
Health and Immunization Clinic
Quarterly Community Events
McClure Park Neighborhood Association Involvement
Community Advisory Board (RK)
Care Portal
Bi-monthly Motel Outreach
Weekly Street Outreach
Weekly Low-Income Apartment Complex Outreach
2022 Emergency Shelter
Community Survey (2020)

VOLUNTEERS

Broken Arrow Football
COTM Rooted groups
Crossover Football
Lincoln Volleyball
Lincoln Football
Mingo Valley Christian School
Springs of Grace
University of Tulsa RUF

DONORS

Beasley Family Foundation | City of Tulsa RFP | Midtown Lowes | Opportunity Project | Simmons Homes | Owasso Land and Trust

PARTNERS

1-1-1 Project
BeHeard Movement
Bell Elementary School
Church on the Move
City Lights
Crossover Community Impact
District 3 Councilor Crista Patrick
Dr. Barbara Sorrels and Connected Kids
Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank
Eastwood Baptist Church
Gibraltar Youth
Going Hard For Christ Church
Hope-Driven Coaching
Housing Solutions
Isaiah 58 Ministries
McClure Park Neighborhood Association
Nathan Hale High School and Junior High
ORU Social Work Practicum
Springs of Grace Church
The City of Tulsa
The Demand Project
The Merchant Tulsa
theMission Church
The Opportunity Project

OUTPUTS

PROGRAM NUMBERS

Resilient Kids After-School Program

- 3 days/week enrichment (Music, Sports, Arts, Hope) with 90% attendance

Late Night Youth Ministry

- 40+ teens/week enjoy a safe and supportive community with sports and a meal
- 10+ teens involved in church or discipleship group

Under the Bridge Street Outreach

- 1,500 Meals served per year
- 400 instances of prayer with unsheltered person

Housing Outreach

- 2 days/month building relationship and resourcing motel occupants
- 4 days/month serving and connecting with local apartment residents

Community Events

- *P61 Sports & Arts Camp* - 20 staff and 50 volunteers gave 300 campers their best week of the summer, learning about the Lord's Prayer, 10 sports, and 3 fine arts.
- *Vaccine Health Clinic* - 30+ people immunized or health screening
- *IABDITN* - 150+ people enjoyed food, community, and games at the Rose Bowl and took home flowers to plant.
- *BeHeard Care Village* - Assisted BeHeard serve 500+ unsheltered neighbors.
- *Summer Carnival* - 200+ neighbors experienced an indoor carnival.
- *Fall Festival* - 100+ people enjoyed snacks, sensory games, and music.
- *Lights On* - 70+ people inaugurated the season with our annual Christmas lighting celebration.
- *Emergency Shelter* - 130+ unsheltered neighbors spent 5 nights in the Rose Bowl

Leadership Development

- 10 Summer College Interns
- 3 Post-Grad Fellows

Care Groups

- 20 kids completed our 8 week, relationally dense, mentorship program

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SPACE

We want to steward the Rose Bowl for the good of our community by increasing relational touch points for neighbors both inside (programming and partnerships) and outside (outdoor design and green spaces) of the building.

ADVOCACY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

We want to advocate for our neighbors by lowering barriers to available resources through policy changes at the neighborhood, city, and state level. We also want to build more partnerships with our neighbors so that we may help them access resources and navigate potential barriers or challenges.

EXPANSION OF OUR REACH

We want to increase our connections to the vulnerable populations in our community- specifically women and teenagers vulnerable to sexual exploitation and violence- to increase their access to life-changing resources.

LISA'S STORY

Lisa stayed at the Rose Bowl and our partnering church, Springs of Grace, for a period of time in 2022. She shares her gratitude and experience of hope in her letter below:

"Just writing to say THANK YOU so much for letting me sleep inside your fenced yard and for letting me leave my cart and stuff here while I walk to the store or park etc. It's really peaceful here and I feel safer than a lot of other places I've been staying since I've been homeless and waiting for housing assistance to come thru. Just being able to stop without being robbed or yelled at or judged or told to "get the f--- of the property" or having the police called on me is very much appreciated. I am forever grateful for your kindness, patience and understanding. I'm just lost in the world right now and life is very different for me after losing both of my parents to suicide and having to bury my oldest child after he was in a fatal car accident when he was 19 and about to start a new job and new chapter in his young life too! I know and have met several people at the Rose Bowl and they're awesome people. When I was a little girl I grew up as a member of a church, I sang in choir, lit candles, rang the bells, and was very involved in the teen after-school groups etc. Being a part of a church family really meant a lot to me, even though at that time in my life I had my family. They've all passed away, so it's just me here. I'll make sure to find my way back for Sunday services [at Springs of Grace]. Many thanks for allowing me to be here! I know the Lord above has me just the same as the day I was born, and I know him well enough to know for sure that he brought me to it so he'll bring me through it all! Blessings and smiles!"

QUOTES FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

“Huh! Guess that means we’re a family!”

–We told one of our Resilient Kids that we love him and care for him

“I like many things about Project 61. I like the sports and how we learn more about God and how we get along with the leaders. They make sure that we’re feeling okay. When you come to Project. 61, you can feel at home. It feels like you’re safe.”

–P61 camper

“The flowers outside the Rose Bowl help me grieve my husband and my daughter grieve her dad.”

–An elderly neighbor

“It’s amazing and I love it and I love all the coaches because they’re nice and they treat you well. You get to do fun activities and they always will support you. And when you fall down they help you back up.”

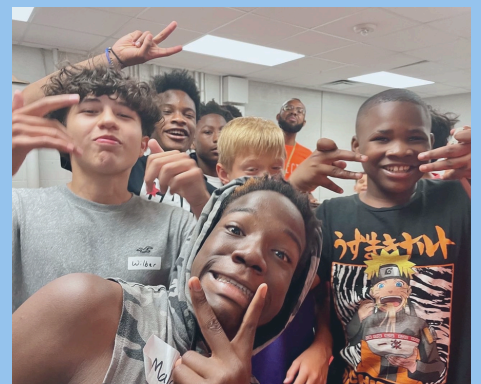
–P61 camper

“You gave us family, you gave us birth, the sun to shine on us, you love us all so much. Lord, thank you for who you are!”

–A song written by the One Hope kids

“You don’t know how hard it is being out on the streets, thank you so much. Even little things like feeding people and praying make a huge difference.”

–A neighbor experiencing homelessness



A CHRISTMAS STORY

At our Resilient Kids Christmas party this year, I was thinking about all the things that needed to get done. I was trying to make sure all the kids took home the correctly labeled present and make sure the kids who were absent that day would still get a gift and make sure I checked on the 1st grader who had yet another meltdown today over a seemingly trivial matter. As I was rushing and bustling, Grandma Jo walked in, a little early, coming to pick up her three grandchildren. As we handed her the gifts for her grandkids, she started tearing up.

“You don’t know how much this means to me.” She told me, tears in her eyes.

“I thought we wouldn’t be able to do Christmas this year and you don’t know how much this means. We haven’t been able to celebrate Thanksgiving in eight years, and I just didn’t see any way to make Christmas work.”

Her crying and thankfulness brought me to the edge of tears myself. I wasn’t surprised that the family would be excited about gifts and they weren’t the only ones in the program to not have money for Christmas gifts, but I hadn’t realized just how meaningful, just how much more hopeful, this small act of generosity was to them. Grandma Jo was brought again to tears when she saw her grandchildren walking down the stairs with gifts for her and their mom. Not only would she get to see her grandkids enjoy opening presents, more importantly, she would see them experience the joy of giving a gift they chose to their mom and to her.

“Thank you so much for all you do here, not just the gifts and the activities, also the teaching and praying. I try to pray with the kids sometimes and ever since they started coming here they know how to talk to God; they know about Jesus and the Bible. They didn’t have that before.”

As the family loaded up the car and drove away, we noticed that the trunk of their sedan was open—their car was so full of presents and Christmas goodies that they couldn’t close it all the way. There was so much abundance that it overflowed. It’s God’s overflowing goodness that makes Christmas merry.



Neighborhood Development Coordinator

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