

Giving Voices Project

2020 Annual Report

2020 was the year of the *Pivot*. Like many other nonprofit organizations, we have had to shift in the way we operate and reach the public. This year has brought new opportunities for growth and learning. The board as a unit has had some growing pains where we went from five to three active members. Yet, we found a way to get the work done.

Back in 2019 we changed our name to include all voices of those that have survived various types of violence. We believe that violence is being experienced in different layers within our society. We believe that abuse is prevalent in our communities in many forms such as, domestic, gun, racism, and misogyny. These areas must be addressed and can be through storytelling. All voices must have a safe space to be heard, and we are proud to offer our space to tell those stories. In 2020 we updated our mission and value statement to reflect the name change.

Mission

To uplift the voices of abuse, violence and trauma using creative expression through the arts.

Vision

Our Vision is to inspire creativity and self-healing in the lives of survivors.

Core Values

- We support all voices for change.
- We strive to impact our communities through creativity.
- We seek ways to create peace and justice through self-expression.

We have been able to take our fundraising campaigns online and increase our following by 27% and reached over 1,716 people during Facebook Live fundraisers and Stream Yard Events. We have made new connections and relationships with artists and musicians that have a story to tell. The year of the pivot and COVID-19 has set the stage for what we believe will be a stellar 2021 as we move into the year of Transformations!

2020 Events



We began the year with a collaborative project with the Daytona State College Capstone Project Management Class. **Expressions of Hope** featured experts in the field of the arts and healing as we discussed the power of storytelling and the responsibility of telling stories in an authentic way.

During the summer we hosted our 2nd **Barbershop Talk** with a Licensed Mental Health professional interviewing a male survivor. This was a rare opportunity to hear the process of healing from sexual abuse from a male perspective.

In the Fall we hosted a virtual Open Mic event, **Voices Against Violence**, that featured artists we have worked with in the past and new talent that have joined our cause. This was night of beautiful storytelling using poems and music.

Then later that month, we held a six-hour **Spon-sor-thon** to raise funds for our upcoming film documentary, *Languages of Abuse: Transformations*, scheduled to be released in *Spring of 2021*. Each board member came on for a few hours and we talked about the work of the organization and shared our own personal stories.

FUNDING

2020 Revenues: **\$6,243.04**

Operating Costs: **\$3,461.27**

2021 Budget: **\$31,500**

2021 Operating Budget: **\$29,07.73**

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