## TO OUR FAMILY,

Five years ago, we began an exploration into urban farming in a food desert that has grown into a thriving community ministry serving adults & children across South Nashville.

2021 was particularly challenging in a community of historic poverty, where many people who already live on razor-thin margins found themselves in impossible situations. In this seemingly hopeless place of sickness, school closures, and lost jobs, doors that might never have opened were flung wide. In the last year we have:

- Grown an intensive door-to-door ministry of prayer and material support for 60 families
- · Built a youth ministry of over 30 students who meet weekly for spiritual formation and fun
- Started a weekly farmers market outside the local Dollar General where fresh and affordable produce is sold
- Delivered 900 stockings to families in the community with Santa and Rudolph on the back of a sleigh

Perhaps the most impactful development came at the beginning of the year when DeCarlos Robinson joined our team as Napier Director of Ministry. DeCarlos brings over a decade of local youth development and family engagement experience and is a vital partner in this work.

In the last year, we have seen strangers become neighbors and neighbors become family. As we look to 2022, we hope to see this family begin to worship together, break bread, and serve their community. We have a potential building that would include worship, adult, and youth ministry space for us and become central to our ministry in Napier. We hope and pray that our youth ministry and time meeting with adults in their homes and at community events would bring us the people God us calling to start a new church congregation in Napier.



Midtown Fellowship is one church family, made up of people from all over Nashville. By God's faithfulness working through your prayers, volunteerism, and generous and unsolicited financial support, we have added to our beloved Midtown church family people from God's great family who live in another part of our city. We deeply thank you and are excited that we get to share updates from the past year and our vision for 2022.



## MIDTOWN ® **PARTNERSHIP**

**NAPIER** 201

3 sessions COMPLETED

70 volunteers

TRAINED

Teaching the values and complexities of cross-cultural ministry in an urban context

78 donors TOTALING OVER \$275,000 OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT

**MEMBER** 



DELIVERED TO NAPIER FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

SEASON-LONG 70 subscriptions THE FARM 5,000 + lbs



**30+ kids** OF ALL AGES MEET EVERY THURSDAY TO SHARE IN FUN & FAITH

**GROUP** 

**SATURDAY** YOUTH **ACADEMY** 

Teaching useful skills such as public speaking and advocacy through exposure trips around Nashville

Building long-term relationships by supplying essential needs to families CO in a dignifying way

> 60 families INVOLVED

**GARAGE** 

900 stockings STRANGERS BECOME **NEIGHBORS** 



\$20,000 raised THROUGH THE PRODUCE PARTNERSHIP TO LOWER FOOD COSTS IN NAPIER

## THE NAPIER TEAM



JONATHAN & SUSIE NASH



BRIAN & NAOMI HYLBERT



DECARLOS ROBINSON



KURT & ANGIE BERGMAN



NICOLE VAUGHN



AMANDA JAMERSON

Our vision is a thriving church family that supports a flourishing neighborhood community & becomes a discipleship force for the whole city of Nashville.

These programs are a great emotional and physical mold for the community children. They listen to the leaders, and they are willing to meet every week! The leaders know the children, they go to their homes, they welcome them when they get off the bus. It's a great investment in the society."

NAPIER COMMUNITY MEMBER



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