



# Foundation Beyond Belief

## **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

# **Foundation Beyond Belief**

seeks to **end poverty** and **hunger**,

promote **good health** and **well-being**,

and foster **employment opportunities**

and **economic growth**

in ways that exemplify **humanist values**.

Imagine a world in which all people have access to food, water, and all life's basic necessities.



**Imagine a more  
humanist world.**

## **At Foundation Beyond Belief, our values drive our actions, inspire our creativity, and hold us accountable.**

We believe that every human being is deserving of dignity and that we all must contribute to restorative and regenerative innovation that is necessary for a circular world.

**More specifically, our values distill down to these core commitments:**

- We **demonstrate** respect and compassion for all human beings
- We **reduce** suffering and inequity in our communities and around the world
- We **engage** with others through honest, courageous conversations and investing in community-led solutions
- We **support** evidence-based, no-waste, sustainable solutions to meet human needs
- We **preserve** and protect the diversity and well-being of all life

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## A Message from the Executive Director

2020 has been an earth-shattering year. We started with a pandemic that cost more than a million lives around the world. We ended with a polarizing election that tore apart family, friends, and neighbors across the U.S. And in between, we've witnessed an unprecedented number of climate change disasters. But through it all, as a community of humanists, we have never given up the hope of building a better tomorrow.

Our community is diverse. But we are unified in our shared humanist values and mutual commitment to ensuring that all people have access to food, water, and life's basic necessities. FBB is dedicated to achieving that vision. And with the help of the greater humanist community, we have already made an impact. Together, in 2020, we have given away numerous grants to humanist organizations, helped communities destroyed by hurricanes, organized charitable events in the U.S., and fed families in Ghana.

We have so much to be proud of. But we know that there is always more to be done. And as we move into 2021, we will be working hard to continue doing good. We will be fundraising, giving transformational grants, organizing service events, improving current programs, and launching programs. We will be expanding into diverse new audiences in order to amplify the power of humanism and maximize its impact. So with a clear vision, a focused mission, and a dedicated community – we look towards creating a more compassionate world for all.



## Humanist Grants

**Imagine a world free of poverty and hunger.**

"To me it felt like the hardest thing I ever had to do. Being homeless. [Ignite] helped me with housing. Have something in my stomach at night. Make sure I accomplished all my goals."

Teenage client of Ignite Promise,  
an FBB Humanist Grants recipient

Each year, Foundation Beyond Belief provides grants to high-impact organizations working in their communities to eradicate poverty, ensure human rights, support quality education, and protect our natural world.

Your gifts to FBB put \$110,723.51 to work through 13 effective, changemaking organizations that transform the lives of men, women, children, families and entire communities.



**Humanist Grants**



## Humanist Grants

## Poverty & Health Grants

Water for People | Pueblo a Pueblo | Ignite Promise

## Human Rights Grants

Point Foundation | My Sister's House | Baker Ripley

## Education Grants

National Center for Science Education  
Tandana Foundation | Hearts of Gold

## Natural World Grants

Center for Biological Diversity  
Stand.earth | Trees for the Future

## Compassionate Impact Grant

Common Ground Community Center

# **Imagine a world where every young woman has a pathway to economic prosperity.**

"My father wanted me to marry and leave home so he won't have an extra mouth to feed. He didn't think it was important for me to learn a trade but my mother always refused. She said I must be able to take care of myself before marriage. I was very relieved to be picked for the Humanist Action: Ghana Vocational Training program. I am excited to become a tailor so I can also look after my mother to thank her for fighting for my future all these years."

**Enoch, Humanist Action: Ghana Vocational Training Student**



**Humanist Action: Ghana**



## Humanist Action: Ghana

Through Humanist Action: Ghana, Foundation Beyond Belief works with local partners to ensure the rights of women and to alleviate poverty.

In 2020, we have a cohort of 10 trainees in our pilot vocational training program in Wiamaoh that provides young people with the skills they need to work as professional tailors.

Your investment in these women and men paves the way to lifelong economic security for themselves and their families, adding to the economic stability of whole communities.

In Cape Coast, your support of Humanist Action: Ghana helps support 120 intellectually disabled students at SAPID, a school which provides core education and vocational opportunities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic while some programming has been on hold, Foundation Beyond Belief has been able to provide monthly relief packages for 134 households, delivering food and hygiene items for SAPID students, as well as trainers and trainees in our Wiamoaah program. These packages help supplement the lost income from closed schools and lockdowns in the region.



**Humanist Action: Ghana**



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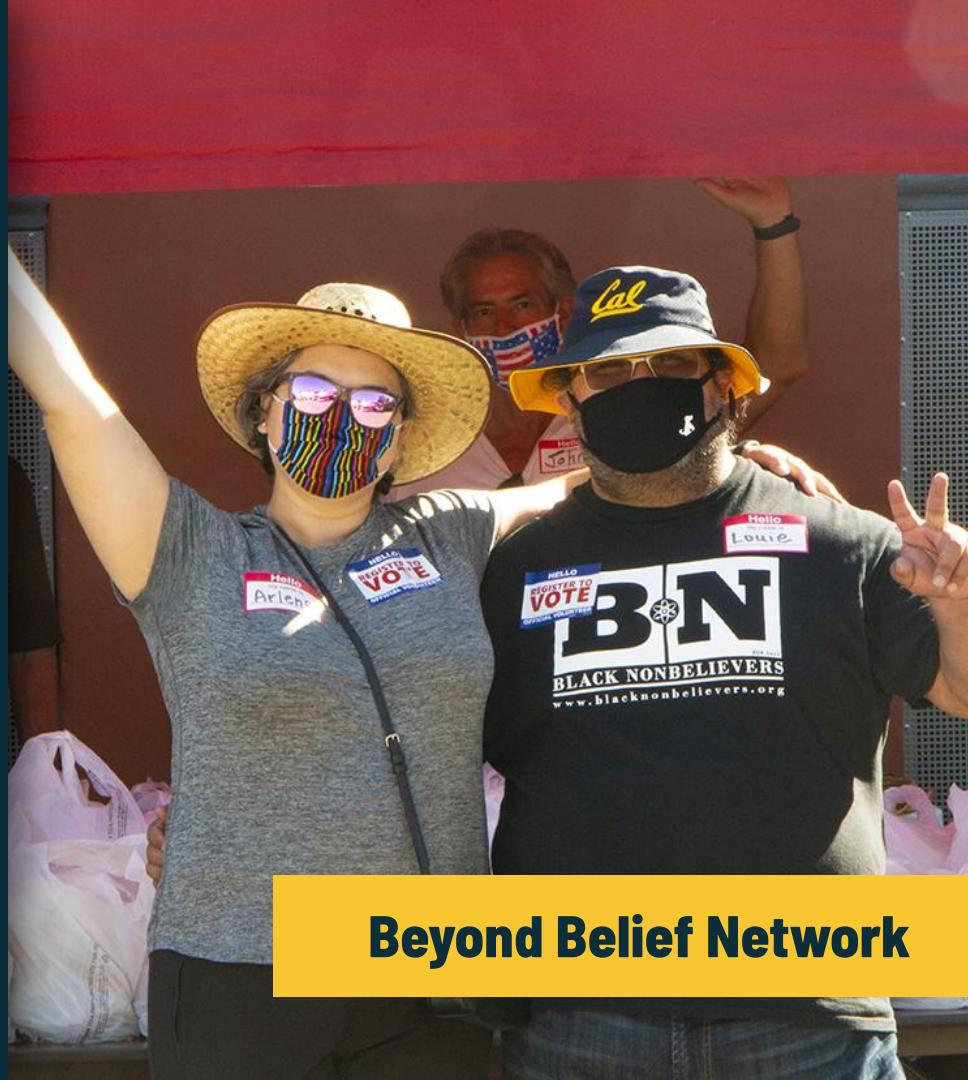
**Imagine a world where everyone has access to clean water, nutritious food, and quality housing.**

"With a \$250 grant from Foundation Beyond Belief, our community was able to deliver 30 sets of meal utensils (melamine cups, bowls and spoons), 17 black shoes with socks, 2 plastic storage containers, 1 water gallon dispenser and a dozen shirts for the boys. These items are basics for others, and maybe taken for granted but for a community who are used to hand-me-downs, these are items to be treasured. These become a tool for teaching self-worth. No one can understand what we mean or how we felt until you have been part of that extreme poverty."

**Claris Quezon, Executive Secretary of Humanist Alliance Philippines, International (HAPI)**

Foundation Beyond Belief works with volunteer teams all over the world to put humanism into action in local communities.

In 2020, despite the barriers to service presented by COVID-19, our teams logged more than 18,525 volunteer hours at 252 service events. BBN teams created a mobile food pantry to fight hunger during COVID-19; provided relief for people displaced by disasters; cleaned highways and maintained trails; served food and provided hygiene items to unhoused people; supported adaptive sports and read print materials for people with visual impairments; and so much more.



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## Imagine a world built by humanist hands and hearts.

Your support put humanist hands to work building a more compassionate, equitable, and inclusive world in hundreds of neighborhoods across the globe. This work was exemplified by our Heart of Humanism award-winning BBN teams:

**Humanism at Work Award** for most volunteer hours logged:  
[Humanist Alliance Philippines, International \(HAPI\)](#)

**Eat. Sleep. Volunteer. Repeat. Award** for most service events:  
[Atheist Community of Colorado Springs](#)

**Gimme Food and Shelter Award**, recognizing the team with outstanding contributions to causes related to homelessness and food insecurity:  
[Central Ohio United Non-Theists \(COUNT\)](#)

**Backbone Volunteers Award**, recognizing a team that played a consistent and reliable role in a local organization:  
Central Ohio United Non-Theists (COUNT)

**Rookie of the Year Award** for outstanding new teams:  
Atheist Community of Polk County and Northwestern Chicagoland Humanist Crew

**Best Photo of the Year Award:**  
Tri-State Freethinkers

**Outstanding Leader**, recognizing outstanding team leadership:  
Claris Quezon, Executive Secretary of Humanist Alliance Philippines, International (HAPI)

**Heart of Humanism Award**, Foundation Beyond Belief's highest award recognizing outstanding contributions to compassionate humanism:

Tina Marshall, Founder and Chief Organizer of Black Nonbelievers (BN) Charlotte, NC chapter.



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## Humanist Disaster Recovery

**Imagine a world where every community has all the resources they need to prepare for disaster.**

"Foundation Beyond Belief helped me respond to the effects and damages caused by the massive floods in Uganda. With the funding, I restored the food gardens that were swept by the floods, dished out relief supplies to the affected families, and accomplished the building of the school canteen at our Rukoki campus. I paid staff salaries in times when they are in their homes due to COVID-19, and this was a great relief to them in enabling them to improve on their wellbeing. I also bought and dished out face masks, soap, and learning materials and distributed to some of the needy children under my care. All in all I thank FBB for supporting my school project and our community in general and the community appreciated the generosity extended to us."

**Bwambale Robert**  
**Director at Kasese Humanist School in Uganda**

Health and wellbeing is threatened at every level when disaster strikes.

Low income communities are less likely to have funds available to rebuild and have less access to resources like emergency management loans.

Through Humanist Disaster Recovery, you have tackled these challenges and invested \$19,517.24 in locally led humanist recovery in marginalized communities.

Your dollars empowered recovery efforts after earthquakes in Puerto Rico; hurricanes in the United States and the Bahamas; flooding in Uganda; and COVID-19 in the United States, Ghana, and Uganda.



**Humanist Disaster Recovery**

Restricted:  
\$157,134.30

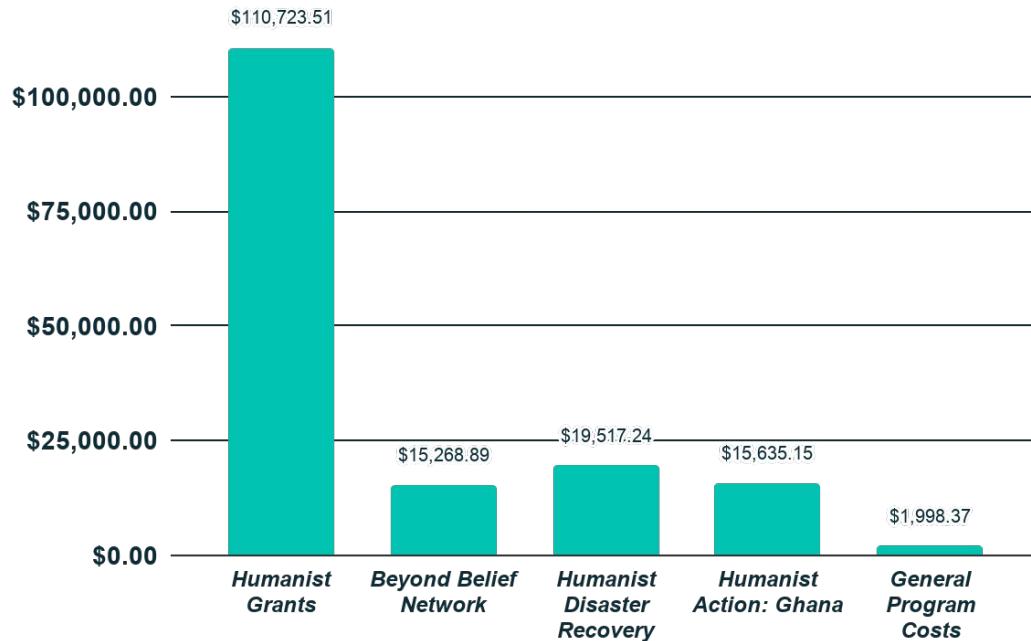
Unrestricted:  
\$237,941.66

## Revenue



# Beneficiary Payments & Program Expenses

\*excludes operating, personnel, and professional expenditures



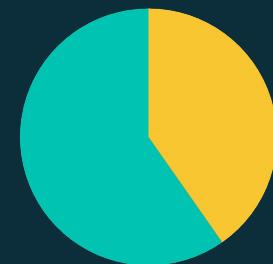
## Organizational Expenses

Beneficiary Payments +  
Programs:

**\$157,143.17**

Administrative:

**\$232,932.79**



# Our Sustainable Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of interconnected goals that were adopted by the UN as part of a worldwide commitment to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Foundation Beyond Belief's focus on four specific SDGs means your gifts will have measurable global impact and make lasting improvements in the lives of the world's most vulnerable populations.



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