

2021 Annual Community Report



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MISSION

The Great Valley Community Organization helps build a strong, vibrant, and connected community by providing facilities, activities and programs enriching the lives of all residents.

VISION

The vision of Great Valley Community Organization is to evolve GVCO from one of the area's premier sports/recreational programs to a world-class community resource that delivers a broad range of sports, educational, arts, recreational and senior programs that address key community needs.



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The goal and mission of the Great Valley Community Organization since its inception in 2001 has been the promotion of a sense of community. Friends, neighbors, classmates...members of the community within the Great Valley School District and surrounding area, collaborating to make life better in the region. The genesis was through youth sports programming. But as the



organization evolved the purposeful inclusion of a much greater population in the community, outside of youth sports, is where the most powerful impact has occurred for GVCO.

What GVCO has witnessed as a byproduct of the pandemic that continued to plague us in 2021, was a greater sense of caring. A greater sense of philanthropy and volunteerism with the people we are engaged and involved with the most. Those who we work with, congregate with and play with. Those who we live next to or down the street from. Shop with, or meet with at the local bar or restaurant. Just a greater sense of concern by the entire community.

GVCO's role in this has become much more pronounced in the past few years, and in 2021 we reached some tremendous milestones with our community programming. In terms of the number of people we helped and the resources we donated. The number of partnerships we developed with numerous other local organizations and groups that have a similar mindset of simply helping people. But the single greatest achievement by our community organization was the engagement of the largest number of student and adult volunteers than any previous year. People, young and old, here in our Great Valley community willing to give their time, energy and creativity for the common goal of making our community a better place to live, work and play.

GVCO has become a vehicle that the entire community is able to utilize and rely on for resources, programming and help. An organization run by a very large group of community members, volunteers passionate about the many programs and causes that GVCO administers and manages. One of the best quotes we messaged during the year was by Henrich Ibsen: "A community is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." GVCO offers a large array of initiatives and programs, with a great number of the community involved. This has become our most powerful asset.

Keith Walsh, GVCO Executive Director

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Operating Revenue & Expenses for Year Ending September 30, 2021



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Great Valley Community Organization is thankful to our 200+ amazing volunteers who donate their time and talents as coaches, mentors, team parents, program coordinators and Advisory Board members; their dedication to GVCO not only helps the organization but also strengthens the community as a whole.



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ON OUR WAY!

As we said goodbye to 2020 and ushered in 2021 we knew that we were ON OUR WAY...

- ON OUR WAY to offering quality programs for the Great Valley Community.
- ON OUR WAY to partnering with local nonprofits to provide "caring hands" to assist with projects.
- ON OUR WAY to bringing together scores of parent volunteers who are dedicated to helping GVCO and help to strengthen the community as a whole.
- ON OUR WAY to building a community.

GVCO Internship Program: The Great Valley Community Organization's Internship Program is an integral part of the day-to-day operations. This year we welcomed a College Intern from the University of Pennsylvania and six Interns from Great Valley High School. The program provides College & High School students with business training and experiences in a nonprofit organization while learning to make a difference to the people around them. Interns leave with an understanding of potential career opportunities and how they align with their strengths and interests. Internship projects included assisting with the basketball, flag football, and Caring Hands programs, creating tools for social media analytics, fundraising as well as researching topics for future programming.





GVCO SPORTS PROGRAMS:

The Great Valley Basketball League (GVBL) not only survived but thrived this past year. Welcoming over 1000 athletes for their Winter and Summer programs. With the help of the Phelps School and the Great Valley School District, we were able to offer the same quality basketball program that has been part of the Great Valley Community for over 20 years.



GVCO SPORTS PROGRAMS:

The Great Valley Football League (GVFL) and Cheer program continued to make an impact as it entered it's 11th season. Not only did these young athletes compete on the field, they teamed up with the GVSD High School football and cheer programs and were able to experience what is what like to perform under the lights, they participated in community outreach programs with the Great Valley Caring Hands program, and they brought their families together for some fall family fun.



GVCO SPORTS PROGRAMS:

The GV Crew program continues to provide quality programming for the Great Valley Community. The past year has been all about growth and training. The Great Valley Crew team has grown from 14 members in 2019 to 35+ members in 2020/21. They instituted a "Learn to Row" program for 8th graders to get them some experience and ready to compete before their 9th grade year. The crew team is young with the majority of rowers in 9th and 10th grade, they are showing growth and promise as they become upperclassmen. As the team has grown, so has the fleet. They have been working on adding smaller boats as well as adding sculls to accommodate all sorts of rowers as well as additional groups in which to compete. The year did bring along some challenges with Covid, coach hiring, and flooding, but Great Valley Crew has met those challenges with hard work and a passion for the sport of rowing.



GVCO PROGRAMS:

Great Valley Caring Hands Program: For over **ten** years, the Caring Hands Foundation has helped the youth of Great Valley to give of their time and talent while learning about their community and help those that need it the most. As the saying goes, *many hands make light work*, and such is the case for our GV Caring Hands Foundation; this year, over **50** students, along with some parent & senior volunteers, stepped up to lend a hand and make an impact. The Great Valley Community Organization is proud of the commitment our volunteers have to help those in the community by their participation in many projects and partnerships with area nonprofits.

Projects varied but some examples were Cradles to Crayons - collecting 58 bags of children's clothes, toys, books, and school supplies; Delivering \$1000 worth of **GIANT** gift cards for area seniors who were experiencing food insecurities; wrapping and delivering 800 gifts to 3 Senior Centers: Surrey Services of Devon, Phoenixville Senior Center & the Desmond Senior Luncheon. Flower planting for Green Meadows Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; providing lunch for the volunteers from The Clinic in Phoenixville during their vaccination clinic for local uninsured individuals experiencing hardships. The creation of the Siddhant Suresh Scholarship in memory of Siddhant Suresh who was a GVBL tournament team and recreation league player, who enjoyed the sport and played it with great team spirit and enthusiasm. Siddhant epitomizes the values on which our Great Valley Community organization is built...family, friends and community. This scholarship is designed to help others who may need assistance, giving them the opportunity to participate in GVCO programming. A \$1000 donation to Home of the Sparrow to aid in their mission to provide housing, education and support for homeless women in Chester County. Decorating 50 food boxes for the Chester County Food Bank for food deliveries. Participating in Senator Comitta's Shredding Event & Food Donation Drive, providing volunteers for Charlestown Day and partnering with the Brandywine Valley SPCA to create enrichment toys, collect donations and promote dog adoptions in the community.

The success of the Caring Hands Foundation is due to the dedicated volunteers who have given back to the Great Valley Community and have truly made a difference



PROGRAM SUPPORTERS

The Great Valley Community Organization is proud to have a long list of those in the community who support the mission of the organization. Your commitment helps to strengthen our programming and, in turn, our community. Our various programs would not have the impact they do without the generous support of many companies, organizations, foundations, and individuals.

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COMMUNITY

It all started with a basketball in 2001; a group of parents got together to teach their daughters all about the game of basketball – rules, sportsmanship, how to pass, and how to dribble and look how far we have come. Twenty years in the making, and we are building a **community** - a genuinely connected community where people of all ages, cultures, and abilities are encouraged to celebrate their differences and share their uniqueness.

We are **ON OUR WAY** to building a world-class facility for the community due in large part to the generosity of the **community**. We have chosen local **community** bank Meridian for the project, we have broken ground, placed the stone base for the drive and created a multipurpose playing field that the flag football teams and cheerleaders were able to use. We are **ON OUR WAY** to having a **community** resource that delivers multigenerational programs that include Senior activities, art & design classes, recreational and adaptive sports, community service projects, internships, educational services, and partnerships with area nonprofits. **Community** is what you are building when you support GVCO's Capital Campaign- let's do this for the **community**.



COMMUNITY







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