

# Join us.

We continue to aim high envisioning many more home builds that provide help and hope for families along with our Abide Experience programs that creates unique routes to explore and grow.

## Please be our advocate.

We love what we do. So go ahead and share our mission, our goals and in the process send people our way. We will gladly say hello.

[olivasbasket.org](http://olivasbasket.org) [abidecollective.org](http://abidecollective.org)

## Your donation is life-changing.

Every Olivia's Basket home happens through generous giving. Please consider being an integral part in helping a family in their future along with providing students much needed help.



Please use our QR code to easily donate right now Online

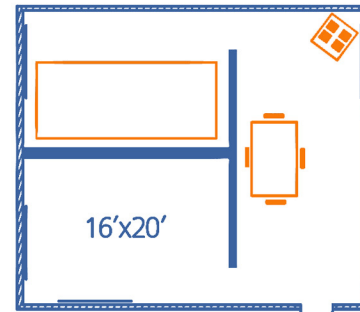


[olivasbasket.org](http://olivasbasket.org)



Go directly to: [abidecollective.org](http://abidecollective.org)  
Checks can be directed to:  
**ABIDE COLLECTIVE**  
Box 891, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702

Sponsor an amazing home and help meet a variety of important needs for a family.



Each 16'x20' home costs \$12,000. This includes many things: new beds and bedding, curtains, a kitchen table and chairs along with table settings, a propane stove and cookware, kitchen counter, tool box, even a clock for the wall. It is complete.

Additionally, we surprise the family with a trip to the store where they are able to get things they need and want like food, clothing and school supplies. It is our treat.

Lastly, we take careful notice to potential medical needs, including glasses or dental help.

# Hope is beautiful.



ABIDE COLLECTIVE  
ANNUAL UPDATE  
2023-2024





**A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

There's a saying in emergency wilderness medicine that goes "heads and hearts fly". What this means is that if there's significant injury to a person's head or heart, it's time to call in the calvary for a rescue. In the case of a backcountry Abide Adventure like our Alaska trip last summer, this would mean pressing the SOS button on our Garmin in-reach which signals the nearest emergency rescue service anywhere in the world to come and get you by the fastest means possible.

I have those words in bold in my journal because I think there's another meaning to them. At Abide Collective, our mission statement talks about "Leading individuals and groups toward a deeper and more purposeful life..." You could say it's about helping rescue people whose hearts and minds, their emotions and imaginations, have become stuck, or they are facing overwhelming situations and circumstances. Whether it's through a challenging adventure or bringing a team to build a home for a family in desperate need, Abide Collective is there to offer help.

We wrapped up our last year and headed into this one encouraged, energized and ready to help "heads and hearts fly". Thanks so much for walking this out with us.

Grace and peace,  
*John Ray*  
John Ray  
Executive Director, Abide Collective

**A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

This was a year of growth and reflection for Abide. After navigating Covid, and coming out the other end stronger than ever, we took some valuable time educating ourselves on financial management and strategy and then carefully bringing minds together to assess where we are at, where we can go and whether or how we could expand our focus. Some exciting new programs and expanded partnerships have come out of this, most notably Student Ranch Weeks in partnership with BMYR. We also spent some time exploring how to include improved sanitation solutions into our home builds in Mexico, as well as ways to drive improved post build support and communication with recipient families. All this is always humbling to see the powerful impact of multiple groups being able to come together to serve local needs. All the while still building three new homes for three amazing families in need through Olivia's Basket!

***"All this is humbling to see the powerful impact of multiple groups being able to come together to serve local needs."***

As always, we are beyond grateful for your support, love and prayers that enable us to do what we do. Thank you for continuing to stand by us and help us show the world what love truly can look like.

**Monique Herman**  
President, Abide Collective

**ANNUAL UPDATE  
2023 - 2024**

**Abide Collective  
Financial update  
April 2023 - March 31, 2024**

Abide Collective is a 501 C3 non-profit. Our six member Board of Directors meet at least three times a year and are actively involved in various Abide Collective programs as well as other non-profit and community organizations.

We carry no debt and use a Board approved budgetary system to oversee and manage all our financial resources. We have a small margin goal on all our programs. If this margin is met, the excess funds are used to further develop Abide Collective and its programs. Contributions to Abide Collective are used for staff support, program scholarships, and Olivia's Basket.

**Income : \$175,749  
Expenses : \$173,033  
Assets : \$187,016**

**Abide Collective  
Board of Directors:**  
**Monique Herman**  
President  
**John Ray**  
Executive Director  
**Jane Ray**  
Secretary  
Executive Director, Olivia's Basket  
**Emily Jacobs**  
Treasurer  
**Reuben Nuno**  
**Kristine Sommer**

We believe in transparency. Please contact us if you have any questions.  
[abidecollective@gmail.com](mailto:abidecollective@gmail.com)



# Every home takes a team...

**“An Olivia’s Basket team has more than one part; it consists of individuals who come and join a build and those who give to help make every home a reality.”**

*Jane Ray, Executive Director Olivia’s Basket*

Over 500 volunteers have joined us on housebuilds swinging hammers, painting, installing windows, hanging drywall, and adding trim to build a home for a family in need. And our teams prove age does not matter ranging from 6 to 80 years.

Countless others have generously given funds over the past 14 years to help provide for every home.

## **Sanitation Needs**

We are continuing to focus on the pressing sanitation needs for the families we build for.

This means providing a bathroom beyond what each family presently has. Taking into consideration a water source and area terrain, we continue to explore what a long-term sustainable solution can be. We are presently making this a priority for families as we head into the year ahead.

Please head to [oliviasbasket.org](http://oliviasbasket.org) to be encouraged and see all the beautiful homes.

## **An update we thought you would enjoy:**

*We built a home for Carmelina and her son Rogelio in 2022. They were living in a small two room dwelling with a dirt floor, no lock on the door, a thin roof without insulation and together they shared a small bed. Rogelio specifically asked us if he could have his own bed in his own new room. This year when we visited Carmelina, Rogelio proudly took us on a tour of his home and showed us his own room.*

*Two years ago before we said goodbye to Carmelina she told us we are always welcome and she would cook for us the next time we came. We were greeted with a delicious lunch of fried chicken and slaw washed down with a cold coke. It was simply the best meal ever.*

*We built Carmelina’s home wired for electric and purchased a utility pole to be placed outside her house. It was amazing to see she now has electricity and a small refrigerator in her kitchen.*

*Leaving a family, this time Rogelio and Carmelina, with a new hope is one reason why we continue to do what we do.*



31 new homes built in Tijuana, Ensenada and Honduras

Over 150+ individual lives impacted

Over 500 volunteers participated





**We believe we help families become "one step stronger" giving them the hope to know they can dream the next step on their own.**

## Olivia's Basket Homebuilds

**#29**

July 2023

EKKO Church Olivia's Basket Build

**#30**

October 2023

EKKO Church Olivia's Basket Build

**#31**

October 2023

All Ladies #5 Las Chulas Build

## Coming soon

**#32**

September 2024

Family Build

**#33**

October 2024

EKKO Church Olivia's Basket Build

**#34**

October 2024

All Ladies #6 Las Chulas Build

**#35**

April, 2025

Berglihn Family Build



## Ranch Week 2023-24

We spent much of the month of July partnering with our friends at Boston Mountain Youth Ranch with our Ranch Week program.

Focusing on five days of experience and activities, ranchers were given hands-on experience in horsemanship, nature activities, games, crafts and art projects, team building and emotional and social awareness activities. Each activity focused around an equine based program on a working horse ranch. It was amazing for all involved.

