



# Annual Report 2020

Room One is a community voice powerfully advocating for the health and well being of all people living in the Methow Valley

"2020 has brought pain on more levels than I am capable of describing, but it has also given us the gift of deep clarity about who we are and what we can achieve together."

- Nichole June Maher, CEO of Group Health Foundation, funder of Room One's 3-year Community Learning Grant

2020 has indeed shown us even wider disparities between those with resources, those with an ability to work remotely, those with an ability to hire tutors for home schooling, and those who lost jobs, income, childcare, housing, and can no longer keep food on the table for their families.

Room One has also deepened our understanding of how we can serve and support our community - and the power of our community to rise up and create nets of safety, love, and support when others fail. It takes all of us and we are ever grateful for our community, clients, partners, and supporters.

## Room One continued with dedicated energy in all three ways we work to reduce poverty and violence in 2020:

Illustrations by Nicole Scherler from Eastslope Design.



### DIRECT SERVICES

- One Stop Support Center talked with twice as many community members as in 2019.
- Basic needs (rent, food, transportation) were high for community members since many livelihoods were impacted.
- DV support and mental health needs were also high as shelter-in-place rules came at a cost.

### OUR VISION

A connected, rural community in which all people have the opportunity to thrive



### ADVOCACY FOR CHANGE

- Unemployment Systems: we collaborated with state representatives to navigate persistent barriers.
- Housing Solutions Network: we came together with other non-profits to identify solutions that work in rural recreation areas.



### PREVENTION

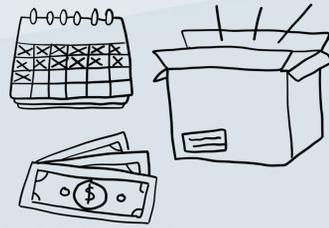
- Methow 6th, 7th, & 8th graders received evidence based health education.
- Parents of toddlers & new moms met for peer support.
- Independent Learning Center girls and gender non-conforming students participated in healthy relationships & self-defense workshops.

## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



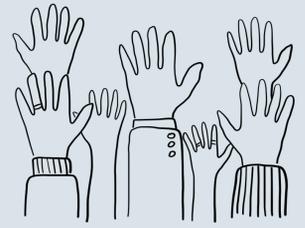
### Youth Homelessness

Since the program launch in late 2019, we have served 30 young people (ages 14-24) experiencing housing instability with 1-1 support, cash assistance, systems navigation, and - a new service - youth counseling.



### COVID Emergency Funds

With strong support from our community, along with additional private foundation support, Room One had more to share with community in high need. While everyone always thinks there is someone else in greater need, that life-giving support was deeply felt and appreciated by 100s of neighbors during this particularly difficult year.



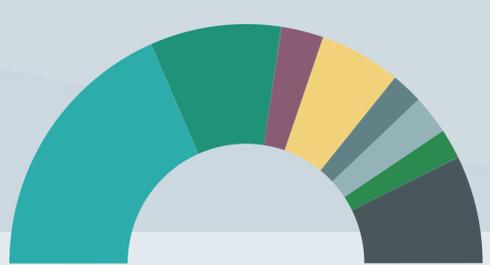
### Big Event 2020

We were so fortunate to come together for almost the last in-person valley event of 2020, with powerful youth & client stories and great music. The reverberations from our community gathering together, celebrating each other through art and music, carried us through the darker times.

We can't do any of this without the generous donations and support from our community.

Total Income = \$1,308,243

Total Expense = \$835,972



- Facility Income (0.37%)
- Public Grants (13.1%)
- General Contributions (36.04%)
- PPP Loan (COVID/wages) (7.72%)
- David Walter Trust Gift (18.39%)
- COVID Funds (individuals/private foundations) (11.11%)
- Private Grants (13.18%)

- One Stop Support Center (36.83%)
- Okanogan Healthy Youth (17.97%)
- Methow Schools Programs (5.79%)
- Youth Homelessness (11.11%)
- Family Advocacy (4.33%)
- Fundraising (5.27%)
- Administration/Operating (4.1%)
- PPP loan (staff wages) (14.6%)

Thank you from all of us at Room One

### 2020 Staff

Maureen Collins, Caitlin Cordell, Kelly Edwards, Erin Flahive, Mady Sandoval, Lauren Hubbard, Brooke Lukensmeyer, Lisa McCormack, Kesia Lopez, Elana Mainer, Keri Moore, Sarah Washam

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