



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT REPORT 2016

Oasis of Hope is a holistic community development ministry founded by Hope Presbyterian Church in 2001 that serves the North Memphis Community in the 38107 zip code.

Mission: to demonstrate Christ’s love in an under-resourced community by elevating and improving the quality of neighborhood life through empowerment and partnerships.

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YOUTH

Evangelism – the gospel is presented through all our programs at one point or another including events like Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, Fall Festival, Camps, etc.

This year

Since Inception

400 youth

5,800 Since 2001
(incl. duplicates)

Discipleship – regular programs invest in our elementary through high school youth every week with deeper Biblical instruction & time with staff & volunteers. (Elementary–Read 2 Succeed & Warrior Princesses; Middle–Pathfinders; High School – Life Builders & Summer Leadership Academy)

58 Youth

493 since 2001

Music/Art Performance – periodic art and music outreaches have enriched the programming for our youth. In particular, Angel Street (a girls choir & music education outreach) is dynamically expanding the horizons of our youth!

60 girls

120 girls
(since 2014)

Sports – over the years Oasis has run its own youth basketball teams, baseball teams, sponsored and served as chaplains for school teams, etc.

48 youth

(in baseball) 690 (since 2001)
(various sports)

Education – Read 2 Succeed pairs elementary students with a tutor to increase sight words and reading comprehension. In-school programs like Team Read & Brining Hope assist teachers, as well as, students. Middle/High School youth are assisted by volunteers & graduation requirements are tracked.

This year

Over 14 years

FRY Vocabulary Acquisition

300 words/youth avg (17 students)

269 students

Reading Comprehension

72% finished with 80%+ comprehension

269 students

Graduation Rate of Core Youth

100% (4 seniors), 75% (SCS)

92%, < 70% (MCS)

ADULTS

Education – adult education has taken many forms, such as life skills classes, GED assistance, budgeting courses, employment training, and various seminars.

This year

Since inception

0 classes

88 graduates

Leadership Development – including larger community events, weekly outreaches, sports teams, serving on our board, Oasis pursues neighborhood friends with passion & talent to take an aspect of ministry and make it their own.

15 per year

(approximate opportunities) 225

ADULTS CONTINUED

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Since inception</u>
Seniors' Center – our Monday-Friday, 8am-1pm, seniors' program offers enriching activities for our older adults. Regular events include organized games, seminars, ceramics, exercise, nutrition classes, health screenings, field trips, quilting, Bible studies, computer lab, crocheting, arts & crafts. Every year our seniors receive the wonderful services below, just to name a few	126 (35/day avg)	1,448 (Incl. duplication)
40 seniors are provided free, hot lunches from MIFA daily		12 seniors benefited from the MLGW winterization program
13 seniors provided with free transportation		25 eligible seniors are provided utility vouchers from ML40
40 seniors received monthly nutrition classes		14 seniors were provided massage therapy twice per week
30 seniors were provided with an exercise/fitness program		

ECONOMIC IMPACT

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Since inception</u>
Employment – through Oasis Appliance, The Bike Shop, Oasis Toy Store, lawn services, coaching, home repairs, etc. Oasis has trained and employed youth and adults in the community for more than a decade. In addition, periodic resume assistance, job readiness classes and placements within local companies takes place.	13 per year (average)	182 Jobs
Housing – quality/affordable housing is a dire need in our community. Oasis has built 15 new homes, rehabbed 7 blighted homes and partnered with other non-profits to build an additional 75 homes in the community. In 2016 we built 25 new homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and President Jimmy Carter! An average new home creates 3.05 jobs & adds \$89,216 in tax revenue (NAHB).	25 built (subdivision in process)	97 homes 276 (addl. jobs) \$8,653,952 (tax revenue)
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site - Every tax season our volunteers help residents file their income taxes for free. This saves them in the earned income tax credits they may miss and the tax filing fees charged by other businesses.	95 returns \$271,047	1,667 returns \$2,984,000
Mercy Ministry/Families in Crisis – On weekly basis crises arise with our families in the neighborhood: serious illness, accidents, fights, arrests, financial emergencies, marriage counseling, sudden homelessness, truancy, thefts, abuse, deaths, job loss, hunger, etc. Oasis seeks to bring encouragement and a plan of action to these very difficult life circumstances that hit all of us, but our friends in the community at a higher rate.		
Total Economic Impact – According to the Civic Economics Andersonville Study, every direct dollar spent in a neighborhood business has an indirect impact of an additional \$.68. When all the direct investments into our North Memphis community is taken into consideration (not including staff salaries, communications, etc. that would have less direct impact), the end result is an amazing measurable impact of more than \$21 million over the past 14 years! If you would like to see more detail on this breakdown, let us know.		

ORGANIZATIONAL EVALUATION

Periodically the Community Development Council of Greater Memphis, in partnership with the University of Memphis, has conducted a Capacity Assessment Test on organizations like ours. They measure organizational capacity in 6 key areas: core competencies, organizational development, business & finance, housing development, community outreach and economic development. **Oasis of Hope scored** as a “Mature” organization (their **highest level**) in all of the above categories.