



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends, partners, and generous supporters of The Banquet Network,

The year of 2021 has been a whirlwind for us all. Another year of Covid variants, unknowns, and canceled plans. While our new normal has continued to include the abnormal, this past year we saw God do amazing things through The Banquet Network. We brought on a new staff member, coached more churches than ever before, and hosted our first overnight special needs camp! We served churches from 5 different states, The Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico! Churches are seeing families impacted by disability entering their doors and finding a sense of belonging. Those who were once isolated are encountering community and eyes are being opened to the blessing of disability rather than the burden.

The Banquet Network staff are eager for another year of serving churches. With plans to coach more churches than ever before, we continue to need your support. The Banquet Network would not exist without your generosity and service. Thank you for playing a vital role in helping us to carry out our mission of inspiring, equipping, and resourcing the local church.

Although the threat of Covid is still very alive and present, so is our Lord. If anything is true for 2022 it is that The Banquet Network is in the Lord's hands, and we will see more individuals and churches reached this year. Why? Because those with disabilities matter to the Lord. Thank you for taking on the call to support the Luke 14 mandate and thank you for supporting The Banquet Network this year.

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
Luke 14:13



KATIE MATTHEWS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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churches
EQUIPPED
through one-on-one
coaching

800

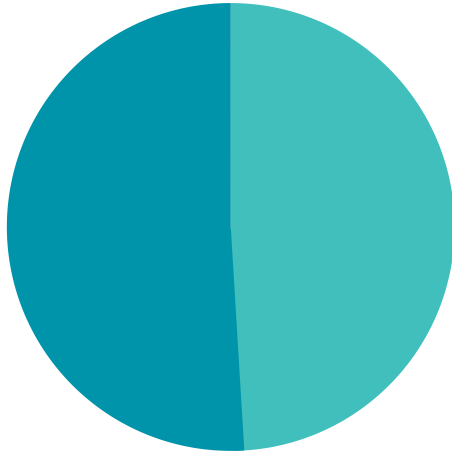


people
INSPIRED
by messages of hope from
The Banquet Network

God has used The Banquet Network (TBN) in the lives and families of many throughout 2021. TBN had the privilege of working with a variety of churches in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Texas, and New York. Some trainings took the form of virtual coaching and others experienced in-person visits with TBN. Over the course of this year, TBN was able to equip a total of 15 churches and have plans to work with 2 additional churches at the start of 2022!

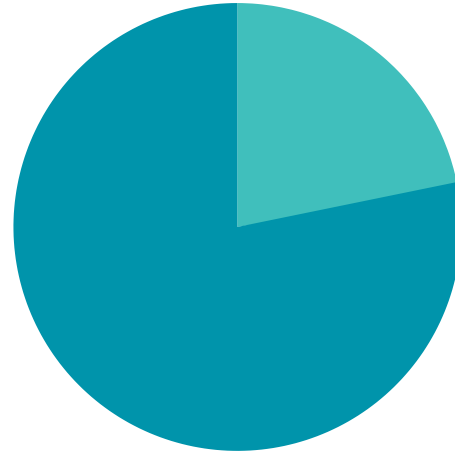


2021 EXPENSES



- Programs, 51%
- Operations, 49%

2021 INCOME SOURCES



- Individual Donors, 78.2%
- Corporate Grants, 21.8%

We want to express how grateful we are for the generosity we received throughout 2021. We received a total of \$57,188.15 in donations this year. Thank you to all who have made it possible for The Banquet Network to inspire, equip, and resource churches to reach, serve, and include individuals and families who are affected by disability.



4 We gifted grants in 2021

With the support we received, we were also able to invest in 4 churches who are working to construct a sensory room, develop a special needs ministry, or equip other churches to reach individuals and families who have special needs. We gave out a total of \$2,000 in grants this year to churches that are reaching the hearts and lives of individuals and families affected by special needs with the gospel.



Our Special Needs Conference in June was a huge success! Our speakers, Dr. Bergina Isbell, Blake Davenport, and Tom Stolle did a phenomenal job sharing about disabilities, the gospel, and how churches can love families impacted by disability. Thank you to all who were able to come and support us! To read more about the conference click [here](#).



We hosted our first ever special needs camp on the weekend of July 23rd! To say it was great is an understatement. It was a wonderful weekend where our staff and volunteers were given the opportunity to love and connect with teens and young adults who have special needs. The love of Jesus was clearly displayed during this weekend and we are so excited to make this happen again next summer! Click [here](#) to get a small taste of our weekend!



The Banquet Network does not require churches to open sensory rooms in their buildings, but it has been a challenge that a few churches have tackled with us! Among the 15 churches we've worked with, 2 churches have opened up sensory rooms to their congregation and 1 church is currently undergoing construction to make a sensory experience possible for their building. *Pictured is the sensory room TBN helped Waterbrook Bible Fellowship create in Wylie, Texas.*