

Follow-up Report from 2020 Maggie's Giving Group Charities Just Bakery Atlanta and Out of Hand Theater

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To Maggie's Giving Group:

The last two years have been difficult ones for businesses like ours because of the pandemic. But Just Bakery was able to use the funds raised from Maggie's Giving Group (approximately \$6,200) as part of our purchase for a high-top van, which is being built out as a mobile sales unit/food truck. We'll keep baking in our commercial kitchen and use the van for sales. It will also be the site of our new paid apprenticeship program that we're launching in partnership with Georgia Piedmont Technical College. GPTC is launching a new Pathway program focused on preparing new Americans for jobs in the hospitality industry. Participants will take ESL and hospitality classes with GPTC and complete either their GED or plan for next educational or vocational steps. With Just Bakery Atlanta, they'll complete ServSafe certification, basic culinary skills classes, and living wage apprenticeship hours on our new food truck. When the 3-month program ends, graduates will also receive their nationally recognized Gold Certificate in Hospitality.

Maggie's Giving Group's funds helped us provide much needed assistance to our current crew while we were shut down, and they've helped us afford the build-out of the food truck for the launch of this new programming. It will meet the main intentions of our original plan to open Homeroom -- expanding the number of new Americans with whom we can partner and create impact.

More info can be found at this site: <https://www.gagives.org/story/jbarollout>. We've got a dollar for dollar giving match running to help make all of this possible. And, just for delicious fun, we'd like to let you know that our Thanksgiving orders are open. Orders can be placed on our website.

Thanks for the support of MGG as we've made this pivot and found our way through a tricky couple of years!

Leah Lonsbury, Founder and Executive Director
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Dear Maggie's Giving Group Board,

Thank you so much for selecting Out of Hand last year. We raised \$6422 through Maggie's Giving Group donations! These funds helped pay for playwrights, actors, and speakers for our monthly Equitable Dinners programs, Creative Kids teachers, and artists for our collaboration with Families First. Less than a month after the party, we won The New York Times Best Theater of 2020!

Out of Hand Theater combines art to open hearts, information to open minds, and conversation to process thoughts and feelings and make a plan for action. We work at the intersection of art, social justice, and community engagement. Equitable Dinners: Setting the Table for Racial Equity, a collaboration with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The King Center, Partnership for Southern Equity, and others, is a free, monthly, online series addressing a different racial equity topic each month, with a guest speaker, the performance of a new 10-minute play written in consultation with the speaker, and facilitated, small-group conversations in Zoom breakout rooms. Equitable Dinners has addressed anti-racism topics including health, education, housing, food, poverty, criminal justice, and voting rights, with many more to come. Over 7000 people have already taken part in these Dinners, including Equitable Dinners' predecessor, Decatur Dinners, with 58% white attendees and 42% attendees of color, an almost unheard-of mix in public conversations about race. What's more, 98.4% of survey respondents feel inspired to make a change after Equitable Dinners.

Through Creative Kids, we help close the opportunity gap for Metro Atlanta students of color and students from low-income families by providing free after school arts education at high public poverty schools and after-school centers. More than 90% of our students are Black, and more than 90% of our families receive public assistance. Since 2016, Creative Kids has served 600 students at 12 schools with a total of 312 classes, free to students and schools. During the shutdown, we provided an entire year of virtual classes on Zoom, including summer sessions, and this school year, we are back in person at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy in Southeast Atlanta and Agape Community Center on the Westside.

Last year, we partnered with Families First, whose mission is help families in crisis get back on their feet and stay there, to produce a short film called "A Good Day," telling the story of a hard-working family living in a homeless shelter, and the boy whose 16th birthday is overshadowed by the threat of being separated from his mom. "A Good Day" was written by Amina McIntyre, acclaimed writer and hospital chaplain.

Look for our next shows in homes, "Calf," a collaboration with Georgia Justice Project about mass incarceration, coming in January!

Thanks again for your outrageously generous support,

Ariel Fristoe, Artistic Director
Out of Hand Theater

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