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CORAOPOLIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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ANNUAL  
REPORT



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# A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM



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## TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE WAS A YEAR FULL OF EXPANSION AND REFINEMENT

for Coraopolis Community Development Corporation (CCDC). In total across all of the CCDC's programs and events, we **assisted 10,042 people** in our service area of Coraopolis, Neville Island, Moon Township, Crescent Township, and Groveton with basic needs, life-improving information, marketing, and key resources to better their situations. This is a **9% increase over 2020**, which was the largest year of service in our organization's history due to needs presented by the global health pandemic.

Our organization also had the opportunity to support the Coraopolis Business District through a Covid-19 Relief grant program funded by Dollar Bank through Pennsylvania's Department of Community & Economic Development; a partnership we will be expanding upon significantly in the coming year. It is through the support and leadership of our board members, generous donors, and dedicated volunteers that we are able to continue to rise to meet the needs of those in our community.

*We are grateful for your support and look forward to another productive year!*

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# 2021 AT A GLANCE

*Coraopolis Community Development Corporation serves people in need of one-time and ongoing assistance in the Borough of Coraopolis, Neville Island, Moon Township, Crescent Township, and Groveton. We do not turn anyone away.*

# 10,042

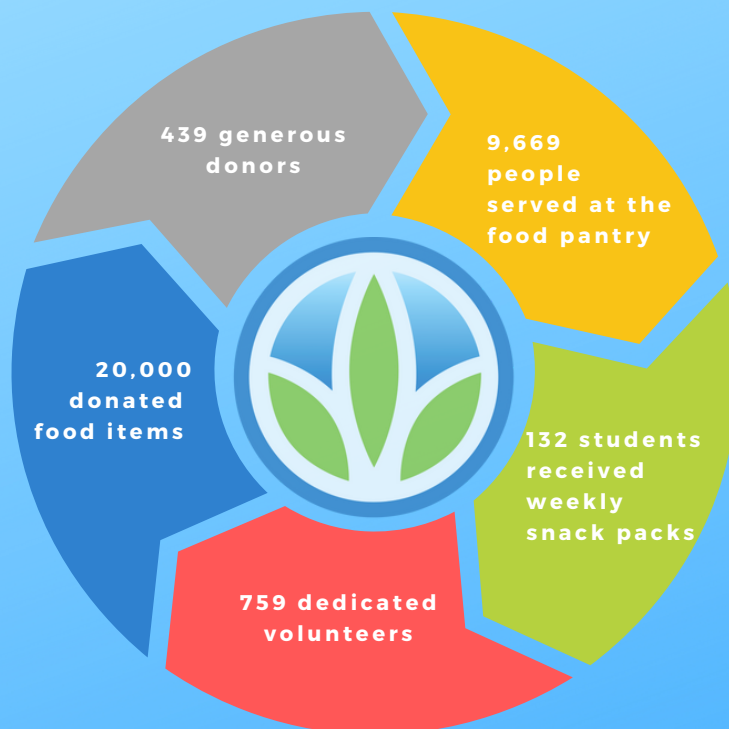
**TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

with basic needs, life-improving information, marketing, and key resources to better their situations.

# 9%

**INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR**

which was the largest year of service in our organization's history.



Red Tree Mortgage ran a food collection for the CCDC's Snack Pack program in November 2021.

# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

## CORAOPOLIS FOOD PANTRY

Open for drive-through service at 1108 4th Avenue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month

- 9,669 individuals (making up 3,062 families) were served through the Coraopolis Food Pantry
- 695 dedicated volunteers stocked shelves, packed boxes, distributed and delivered food.
- 20,000 food items donated from community members!



*Moon Area High School Basketball team volunteered at the food pantry in November 2021.*

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## SNACK PACK PROGRAM

Provides supplemental nutrition to students in Cornell and Moon Area school districts

- 2,218 snack packs were distributed in the 2020-2021 school year
- 132 local students served on a weekly basis
- 64 volunteers packed and delivered snack packs



*Archangel Gabriel School students donating snack packs.*

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Organic produce is grown, harvested, and distributed to community members through the Coraopolis Food Pantry and pop-up markets.

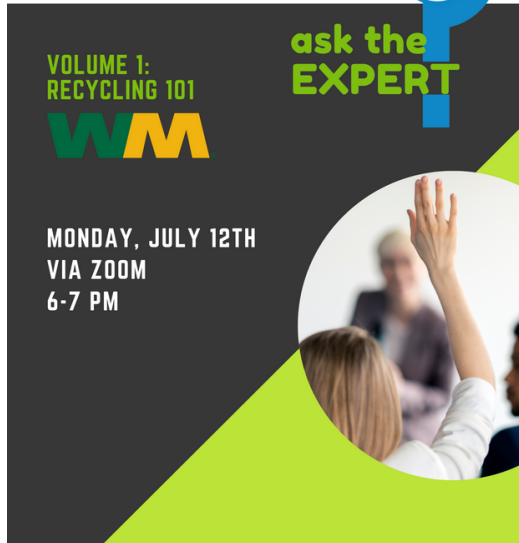
- 2,000 pounds of produce grown
- 13 adopted plots
- 18 volunteer gardeners



*Volunteers from ServiceLink tend to the Coraopolis Community Garden.*

# NEW PROGRAMS IN 2021

CORAOPOLIS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS



## ASK THE EXPERT VIRTUAL SERIES

Organized four (4) “Ask the Expert” virtual sessions to funnel expertise into the community:

Waste Management:  
Recycling 101

Woods Law Firm:  
Learn from a Landlord/Tenant Attorney

Dollar Bank, Part I & II:

1. Budgeting/Savings Strategies and Establishing/Managing Accounts
2. Managing Personal Credit

## SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Through support from Dollar Bank and the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, the CCDC awarded 30 Coraopolis Borough small businesses with Covid-19 Relief mini-grants to assist them during recovery from the mandatory pandemic shutdowns.

### GRANT RECIPIENTS:

American Coin Rarities  
Anchor & Anvil Coffee Bar  
Back Burner  
Barto's  
Carpe Diem Holistic Wellness  
Chip's Barber Shop  
Cobblehaus Brewing Co.  
Coraopolis Bike & Hobby Shop  
Doney's Notary  
Fit4Life  
Frag's Tags LLC  
Gilberti Fine Art  
Jailhouse Saloon  
LegalVue  
Lviv European Kitchen

Mindful Ink Studio  
Professional Tailoring  
Rea's Restaurant  
Ritual Hair Company  
Rise 8 Training Academy  
Scottie B's Barber Shop  
Stevens Child Care Co.  
Suburban Landscape & Floral Shoppe  
The Greatest Hit Boxing Fitness  
Three Rivers Yoga  
Tootsie's Diner  
Vintage Grace Boutique  
Vintage Revival  
Warrior Graphics  
Xclusive Salon



# BUSINESS DISTRICT PROMOTION



## #SHOPCORAOPOLIS TOTE BAGS

Donors of \$100 or more to the CCDC's work received a canvas "#ShopCoraopolis" tote bag that unlocked discounts at participating stores.

## ANTIQUUE SHOP PROMOTION

Secured a coveted spot for Coraopolis Antique Shops in the nationwide "Pennsylvania Antique Trail" brochure that is distributed regionally.



## CORYBRIGHT WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST

In honor of the annual "Cory Bright" shop local campaign, business owners decked out their store windows, doors, and signage in colorful and festive holiday decor. The CCDC holds a friendly competition and tallies votes received from customers and fans between 12/1 and 12/15, while encouraging people to get out to the Coraopolis Business District, check out the window displays, and SUPPORT LOCAL. More than 400 votes were received:



1st place winner: Emma Jean's Relics

2nd place winner: Steel City Scuba

3rd place winner: One Man's Junk



## NEW BUSINESS RIBBON CUTTINGS

Organized five ribbon cutting grand opening ceremonies to welcome new local businesses!

1. Embellished Beauty Studio (left)
2. Emphico Fitness Studio
3. D&O Wine Cellars
4. Coraopolis Nutrition
5. Vintage Revival (new location)

# 2021 EVENTS



**SECOND SATURDAYS CONCERT SERIES**  
Saturday, June 12th, July 10th, & August 14th  
Six bands on Mill Street; hundreds of attendees  
Increased sales at local businesses



**FIRST ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY**  
Sunday, August 1st  
75 attendees  
Exclusively featured Coraopolis beer and spirits



**9/11 BONUS SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT**  
Saturday, September 11th  
Partnered with the Borough of Coraopolis, VFW 402, and the American Legion West Hills Post 924 to plan a bonus Second Saturday concert immediately following the 9/11 anniversary parade.



**CORYCARES COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**  
Saturdays, April 24th and September 25th  
Partnership with the Borough's Shade Tree Commission  
Collected over 120 bags of litter and debris  
100 volunteers



**FALL FESTIVAL & ART WALK**  
Saturday, October 16th  
Partnered with Coraopolis Youth Creations and West Hills Art League  
26 regional artists featured inside 25 participating businesses



**CHRISTMAS IN CORAOPOLIS**  
Saturday, December 4th  
Partnered with Coraopolis United Methodist Church and VFW 402  
Food trucks and caroling



# TRAIN STATION



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN 2021

- Secured a \$500,000 matching grant from Fred & Linda Milanovich

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Events:**
  - Press Conference to announce Milanovich gift and a capital campaign in 2022
- **Construction:**
  - Permanent utility installation, roof drains and stormwater management, rebuild the canopy, sidewalks

## ULTIMATE GOAL

Once complete, the station will house the Coach Fred Milanovich Center for Community Connection and serve as a multipurpose events center for rentals and private parties, meetings, educational seminars, and gatherings of all kinds.







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