

giving GUIDE

OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY



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State of The Valley | NONPROFIT PERSPECTIVE – 2021

Introduction

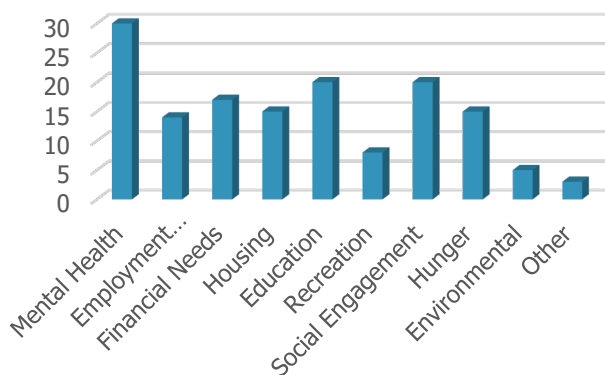
Nonprofit organizations are a major contributor to the economic, social, cultural, and environmental life in our valley.

The Giving Guide of the Wood River Valley surveyed 80 organizations to find out how they have been affected by the pandemic and what they see as the valley's most pressing needs. They compiled 40 responses to the questions below:

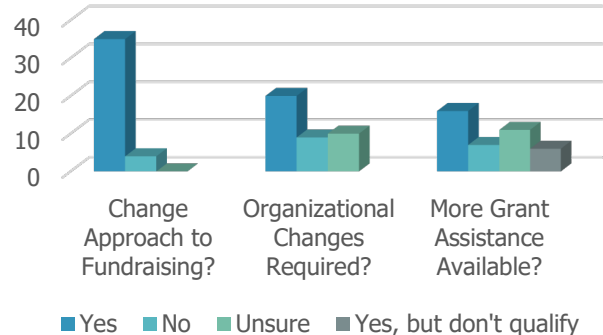


In your opinion, what community needs are getting worse or not being met as the result of Covid-19 restrictions

Community Needs Not Being Met



Have you had to curtail/change your approach to fundraising? Will you have to make substantial changes in how you function next year? Has there been more grant assistance programs available?

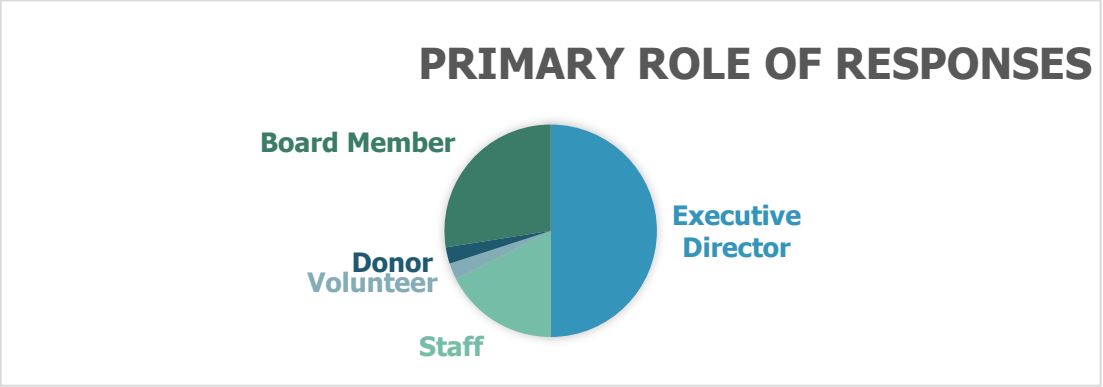
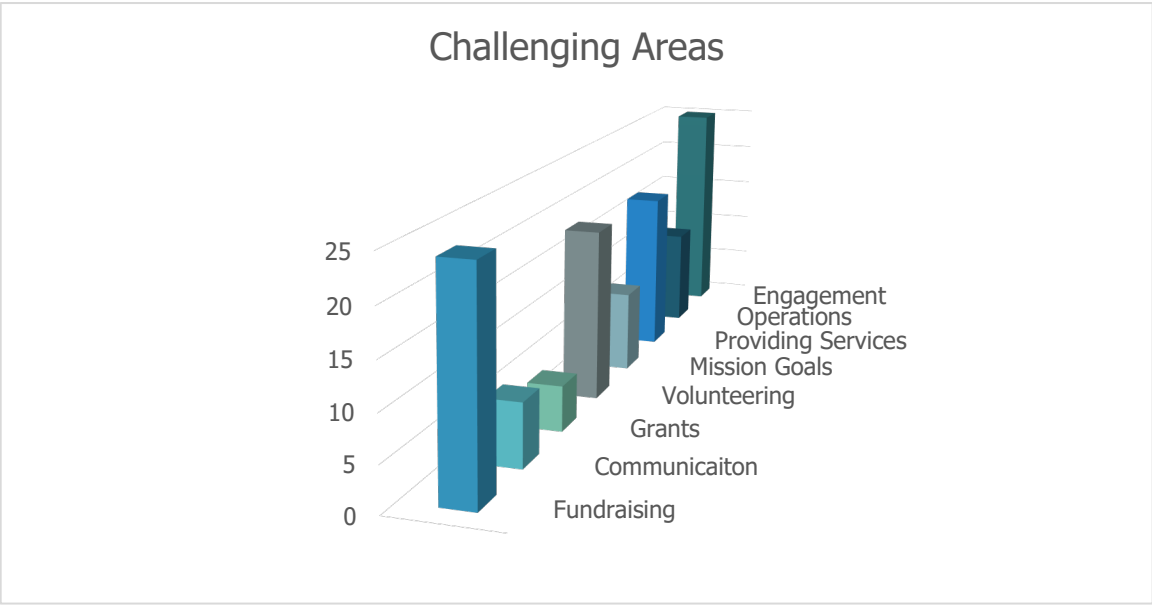
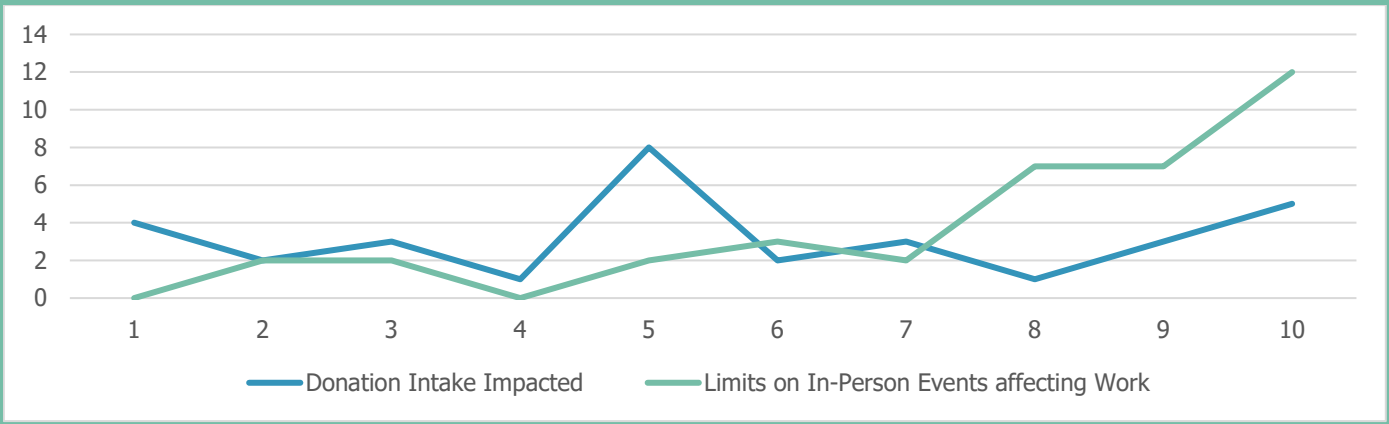


"Nonprofits in our valley sustain essential services and raise the quality of life for all. Listening to them and responding with our support is more important than ever."
-WRWF Education Committee





We asked participants how limits on in-person events have affected work in the community and how strongly their donation intake has changed from 2019. (0 being not impacted and 10 being severely impacted)



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(Compiled Comments from Respondents):

"Access to the arts is an essential expression of our humanity and the highest form of hope. Not being able to access arts programs has greatly impacted our community's mental and social health."

"Mental health, physical health, spiritual health, have all taken a significant hit. The majority of the populace would recognize that they need more tools in these areas, and new tools, given how our communications have changed due to COVID. However, the majority of people wouldn't identify themselves as needing the assistance of groups such as NAMI, the Hunger Coalition and the Twelve Step Programs. People believe these organizations exist for those in dire need. The wellness of the population is teetering on the edge and we need to reach people with wellness programs before they hit the point where they are in dire need."

"Many donors and foundations shifted their giving focus to address immediate hardship needs. We have been in this pandemic and ""quarantined"" state for nearly a year now, the impacts on the general wellness of the population are becoming an immediate need. "

"My organization has been on hold to fundraise or engage in programs since March of 2020. We may not make it into 2021. Our Music Therapy programs require in person engagement and that is not possible currently and may not be anytime soon. I know music is vital to a healthy spirit and body. I don't know in what capacity I may be able to create this music nonprofit concept in the future with Covid as part of our society. I am grateful for what I have learned starting this organization and running it for the last 5 years. I am so grateful for those we have been able to impact as well! It's been a beautiful and humbling journey."

"Our org is all volunteer. Most volunteers are reluctant to help in traditional ways and also miss being able to support our mission. Our mission's needs have increased as well as the challenges of how we raise funds - so feels like a double hit. We continue to work hard to figure out how to navigate these unfamiliar times."

"We have been impacted by an increase in needs and therefore more programs and having to change how we are able to help students and teachers. Because of our unique relationship with the school district we could not access any grants and funds available due to COVID. Luckily, we had great advocates in the community and we actually received support for some of the big school district needs -such as connectivity. But digital resources and programs for our teachers is a big demand, academic support as well as day-care as well as help for families during the Holidays are big increases for us at this time. We covered tutoring expenses to a point but many students are unable to get to the tutoring so we are looking to offer more personal after school programs that students can stay after or walk home from. These programs are beyond what we initially had budgeted for 2020-2021."

'Not Sure' was answered above because we often don't qualify for grants in the healthcare space nor education - though we provide both. It is time consumptive to dig deep and learn if and where our grant request would be accepted for review. On that front - we presently cannot afford the support staff to do so. **Thank you for this survey and your care for the betterment of this community.

"As a grassroots organization we have been deeply affected by the coronavirus. On the ""glass half-full side"", it has given us the opportunity to pause and reevaluate our mission, how we do business, and our branding. Thank you"

"As a performing organization we have had to totally curtail concerts and rehearsals. In person fund raising was also curtailed."

"Our donations are up +200% this year compared to last. It's hard to know if that will continue post-pandemic. We are not anticipating that sort of growth continuing and will instead make sure we have at minimum 6 months of operating in the bank to weather future storms. "