



# A YEAR IN REVIEW EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

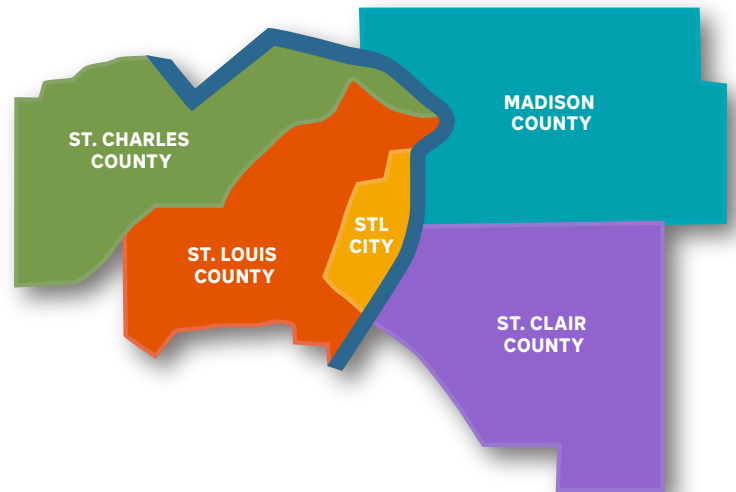
MARCH 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021

## RRT IMPACT ON REGION

**RESOURCES RAISED:**  
**\$1,345,344**

**AGENCIES REACHED  
THROUGH COLLABORATIVE  
ACTION NETWORK:**  
**200**

**AGENCIES PARTNERED  
ON CAMPAIGNS:**  
**269**



## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The RRT is represented by partners in the public and private sectors, including non-profits, philanthropies, grassroots organizations, and community members in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County in Missouri and St. Clair County and Madison County in Illinois.

### INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS

The accomplishments from March 2020 to February 2021 are possible because of the loaned staff support from Forward Through Ferguson, Missouri Foundation for Health, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, St. Louis Mental Health Board, United Way of Greater St. Louis, Urban Strategies, Inc., and Washington University in St. Louis.

St. Louis City Department of Health and St. Louis County Department of Public Health provided further support by donating masks and additional PPE supplies to support community members in the Greater St. Louis Region.

### PREPARESTL

PrepareSTL is a communications and outreach campaign focused on the most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides vital information and resources to low-to-moderate income African Americans and People of Color who live in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, helping these communities stop the spread of the coronavirus and survive its adverse impacts.

RRT collaborated with PrepareSTL, a partnership launched at the same time as the RRT to reach African Americans and foreign-born communities of color. Jointly, the two initiatives raised over \$500,000 to purchase PPE supplies for vulnerable community members and lead vaccine education so community members can make informed decisions about what is best for their health.

### COVID-19 CASE RATES

**68% OF SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT FRONT-LINE STAFF HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19.** Using the number of positive cases and total staff provided by organizations, we estimate that up to 12% of front-line workers for the region's social services have tested positive for COVID-19. (ESTIMATE FROM JANUARY 2021)



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# COORDINATED CAMPAIGNS

## HOMEBOUND INITIATIVE

**\$670,000 FROM THE COVID-19 REGIONAL RESPONSE FUND**, a component fund of St. Louis Community Foundation, were distributed through 14 agencies to reach people who are homebound older adults and/or people with disabilities. **THESE FUNDS PROVIDED FOOD, PRESCRIPTIONS, PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS, RENTAL/UTILITY ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, OR OTHER NEEDS.**

## MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS

**TELEHEALTH SUPPORT OF TABLETS AND WIFI DEVICES** donated by RRT **SERVED 205 PEOPLE THROUGH FOUR AGENCIES.**

**MORE THAN 360 HOURS** were donated by infectious disease and medical doctors to support unhoused neighbors and shelter agencies with education, outreach, guidance, and on-site visits at encampments and shelters.

## EVICITION PREVENTION AND TENANTS' RIGHTS

**KICKOFF RRT'S CAMPAIGN WITH 99 ORGANIZATIONS** that are working in one or more of the focus areas:

- Centralized system for rental and utility assistance;
- Support for small landlords and homeowners;
- Strengthen tenants' rights; and
- Build generational wealth.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDPLUS**, conducted two surveys to determine which school districts were providing food and collected best practices for safe distribution to **HELP GUIDE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING.**

## PPE COORDINATION

**381 UNIQUE ORGANIZATIONS** participated in the 3 quarterly PPE surveys

**103 ORGANIZATIONS** received PPE supplies

**7 ORGANIZATIONS** donated PPE supplies: Americorps/FEMA, Census Bureau, City of St. Louis, Regional Business Council, Saint Louis County, Wexford Labs, and United Way/Instashield.

**THE PPE COORDINATION CAMPAIGN** distributed over **423,000 PIECES OF PPE** between March 2020 and March 2021.

## VACCINE EDUCATION

**THE RRT AND PREPARESTL VACCINE EDUCATION PANELS** reached **1,516 INDIVIDUALS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE.** A COVID-19 vaccine FAQ created was available in 10 different languages.

For over a year, the COVID-19 Regional Response Team has served a vital role in the St. Louis region during the worst public health crisis of the past century. It has effectively brought together stakeholders across sectors to provide support for those most directly and severely impacted, with racial and economic equity, effective collaboration, and long-term systems change among its core guiding principles. We are grateful to our partners and collaborators, our funders, and our community for helping to make the work of the RRT possible.