



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Better in

COMMUNITY

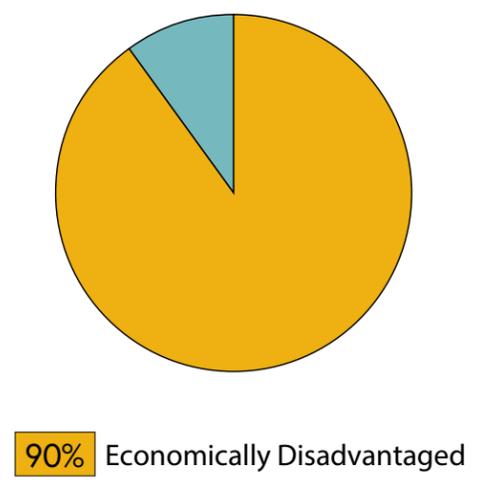
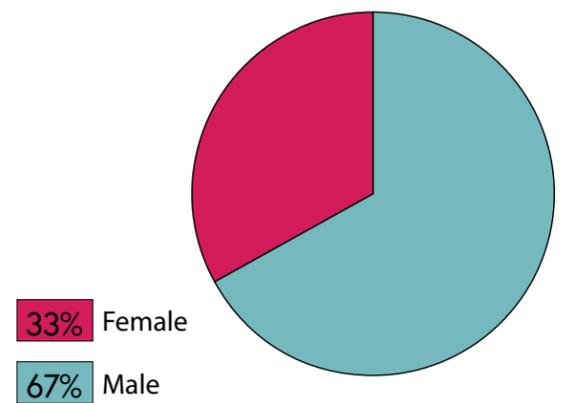
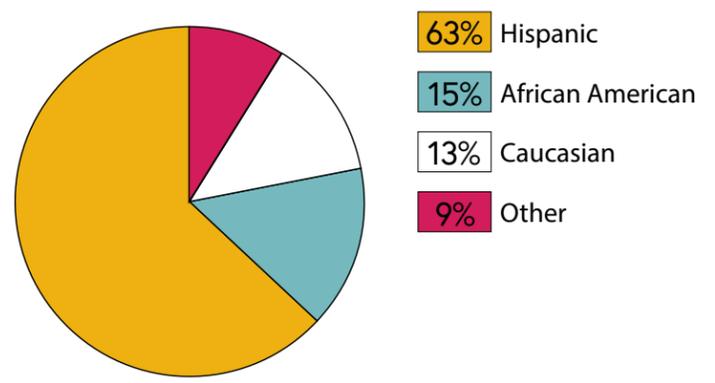
Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12



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PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



By the Numbers

1,353

KIDS

↑
1,295 in 2020

73

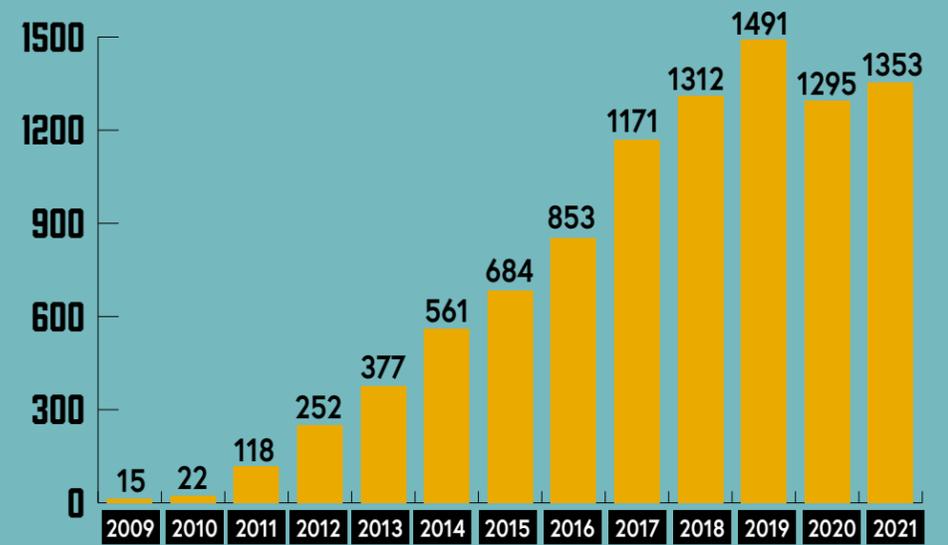
TEAMS

↑
61 in 2020

477

VOLUNTEERS

↑
365 in 2020



2021 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RE-ENGAGED OUR COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY

Coming out of 2020 where the social isolation of children was the #1 challenge voiced by RBI Austin parents, **your support led to re-engaging our community in community in 2021 in a BIG way!**

Life experiences are better in community and because of your support, 1,353 kids (1,295 in 2020) and 477 volunteers (365 in 2020) were re-engaged in community in 2021. **Thank you!**

EARNED A SPOT IN OUR FIRST MLB RBI WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our RBI Austin 18U Baseball team made organization history when they earned a spot in the MLB RBI World Series Championship game this past August in Vero Beach, FL.

As players shared their favorite memory, the most common theme mentioned was the brotherhood formed amongst teammates and coaches.

Because of your support, our team had better results on the field, but also walked away from this summer with life-changing memories and life-long bonds.

HOSTED OUR FIRST RBI AUSTIN TEEN GIRLS RETREAT

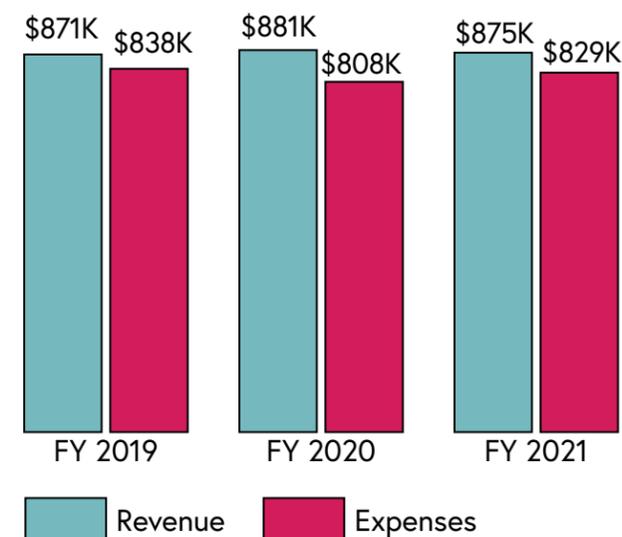
Your support allowed us to dive deeper with our girls at RBI Austin's first ever Teen Girls Retreat.

You provided a safe, supportive environment for important conversations like the challenges teens face with social media, how to find your identity and self-worth in Jesus, being made in God's image, and how to honor God with your money.

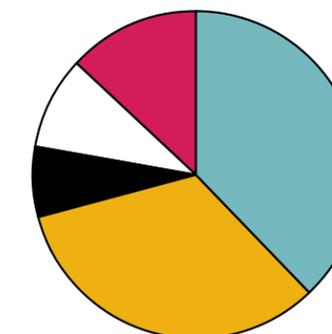
Thank you for making these perspective-altering conversations possible!

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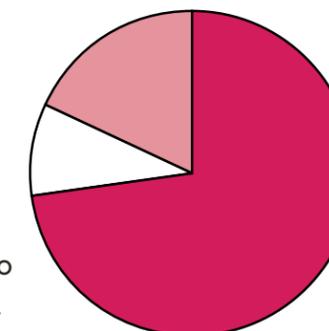
Three-Year Financial Overview



Revenue: **\$875K**



Expenses: **\$829K**



\$1.15M

Volunteer Value in 2021

Our lean program expense per kid is due in large part to our volunteers who contributed **40,325** hours in 2021.

Full financials are available at rbiaustin.org/finances.



A dream for our organization is building up young men and women to become leaders in their communities. Leaders who give back, invest their time, and use their talents and resources to build up other future leaders. So, it does not get much sweeter than having RBI Austin alumni return to the organization to volunteer.

The story below is an excerpt from a longer article written by RBI-Austin-alumni-turned-regional-coach Eric Vandament.

Thank you for your investment in the young men and women of RBI Austin. Because of you, leaders are being built up and lasting relationships are being formed.

"This summer I had the privilege to work as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the RBI Austin Regional Team.

[When I was a player myself], RBI Austin taught me that baseball isn't all about winning and losing. This organization served as an outlet for me where I built lifelong relationships and made memories that would last a lifetime. They also provided me with mentors in the form of coaches, who played a crucial role in the development of the person I have become today. Without RBI Austin I'm not sure where I would be.

Therefore, when I was asked to become a coach I jumped at the opportunity, in hopes that I could provide others with the same experience I had.

After the sweep of the Southwest Regional, the team chemistry grew to an all-time high. It was amazing to watch the team become one big family doing everything together. The next stop was the MLB RBI World Series in Vero Beach, Florida.

The boys continued their roll once again winning all four pool play games against Phillies RBI, Marlins Youth Academy, Post 1 RBI, and Dodgers RBI.

However, this was not without some challenges; many rain delays, and some great competition. The 4 wins were enough to clinch the number one seed, sending them to the semifinal where they would face off against Post 1 RBI.

Austin would combine a dominant pitching performance with some timely hits to earn an 8-5 victory sending them to the championship. This was a historic feat for RBI Austin being the first championship appearance in the organization's history.

As a coach, this was one of the most fulfilling experiences to see the excitement in the players' eyes. Seeing that all their hard work was paying off and their dreams were coming to fruition. As much as I would've loved to see the guys win it all, they had an incredible summer ending with a 9-1 record.

Better Bonds in Community



MORE THAN JUST A GAME

My main takeaway from this experience is that it's not all about winning or losing. For example, this group showed up to the first practice as strangers, with only a handful of guys knowing each other beyond just a first name basis. By the end of the summer, they had turned into a family becoming inseparable. They were able to grow and navigate this experience together solely by relying on one another for support.

To me, this is what makes it more than just a game. To provide young men with the opportunity to cultivate relationships and create memories is what it is all about.

RBI Austin is so much more than just any baseball organization; they are a community that provides outstanding mentors to kids and teaches them skills and traits that they will continue to use off the field for the rest of their lives."

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