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Self-Reliant Communities



HIGHLIGHTS 2020





TRAIN & EDUCATE

- 204 individuals were trained in energy efficiency and environmental health, utilizing reduced class sizes and virtual sessions where appropriate
- 6 IYI students received their high school equivalency diploma, despite testing being unavailable from March–August
- 29 IYI students participated in the Leadership Academy as well as meaningful community service projects
- 44 certifications were earned by IYI students in CPR, OSHA, and Pre-Apprentice Construction Training

BUILD WEALTH

- 296 participated in first-time homebuyer and foreclosure prevention counseling, and 243 received financial coaching
- 112 customers earned housing certificates (to qualify for financial assistance)
- 29 customers purchased a first home
- 190 attended virtual financial workshops

COVID Response

When the pandemic hit in March, Isles quickly adapted, converting our services to virtual where possible and meeting the needs of our customers in new ways. During this time, Isles:

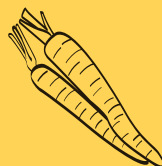


Made more than 1,250 and distributed more than 6,000 face masks with our partner and Social Profit Center tenant, Inspired Threads.

Provided 35 students with Chromebooks to help them continue their education and participate in remote classes with Isles Youth Institute (IYI).



Delivered 165 pantry bags from local food banks and 326 hot meals to families.



Donated 1,000+ pounds of produce to emergency food providers, in addition to the tens of thousands of pounds of food grown and enjoyed by gardeners and their families and friends.



Delivered 56 healthy home cleaning kits, 200 do-it-yourself garden grow kits and over 50 cases of fresh produce to Trenton's most at-risk populations.

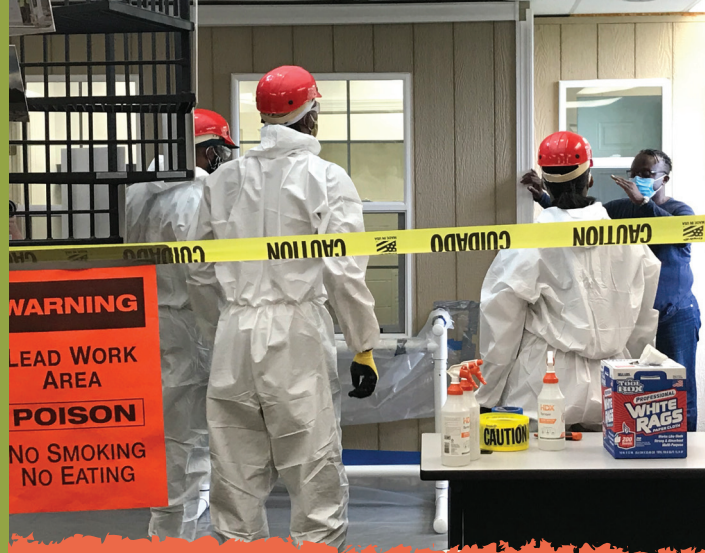
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LIVE GREEN & HEALTHY

- Provided 70 healthy home assessments (59 in person and 11 virtual) and made 9 homes lead-safe (with production halted between March and July)
- Advanced a groundbreaking lead-safe disclosure bill, S-1147, which passed the Senate Committee on Economic Growth in September
- Harvested 300 pounds of honey from 12 Isles-managed beehives and received first place in the blind taste test division of the annual NJ Beekeepers Association Honey Show
- Provided gardening and nutrition lessons to 581 elementary school students and 29 teachers on a weekly or biweekly basis



Harvesting for food donation



REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES

- Purchased Wood Street Housing – 46 units of subsidized affordable housing and two commercial units – in partnership with Community Asset Preservation Corporation (a part of New Jersey Community Capital)
- Built two new gardens and added ten others to our network, for a total of 75 school and community gardens
- Leased 26k sq ft of space at the Social Profit Center, as we near completion on the final phase of construction and prepare to open before year's end
- Completed the Brownfields Area Wide Plan, a three-year planning and recommendation process to address brownfield redevelopment in East Trenton





Isles partnered with Trenton Health Team and Reinas Y Diamantes to teach families and youth about healthy cooking and nutrition.

Become an Isles Bridge Builder



Annual donors of \$1,000 or more build a bridge between those we serve and those who want to make a difference. They bridge theory with innovative, practical solutions to real life challenges.

Join our growing circle of friends for special gatherings to learn about and celebrate the change Bridge Builders bring!

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