

The DRAGONFLY[®]

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2022

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Dragonfly Project is to bring a message of hope to people who are grieving.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pete Bonde

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Karen Bonde, Chair

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2022 was a great year for The Dragonfly Project. We are celebrating our 20th year as an organization! Our mission is to provide a message of hope, and one way we measure that is by the number of packets we give out. This year we provided 13,298 packets to grieving families all over the country and beyond. We also crossed a milestone of 150,000 in packet donations, bringing our organizational total from conception to the end of 2022 to 152,156 packets.

Hi, I am Pete Bonde and welcome to our 2022 annual report. I hope you enjoy the pages that follow. I am the Executive Director of The Dragonfly Project. I have been gratefully volunteering for The Dragonfly Project since 2005 and am thankful to the board for this opportunity to serve, to connect with the community, and manage the day-to-day and long-term operations.

The Dragonfly Project is a project built on gratitude and volunteers. The initial dragonfly card was received with much thanks. Those early years filled scrapbooks with stories of thanks and gratitude for the gift of the card, the keychain, and the dragonfly story. We have special volunteers, and I am thankful for all of them. As The Dragonfly Project grew, we had volunteers specialize in coordinating, managing, and participating in these functions:

The Adopt-a-State program

Our Buzzette newsletter

Packet events

The School Outreach program

Putting keychains together

Serving as Board members

The Dragonfly Door program

The Military Outreach program

Sending out packets requests from our website

Gathering and responding to mail at the post office

Delivering bulk mailings

Inputting financial income

Inputting financial expenses

Ordering supplies

Our annual celebration

Graphic arts

Creating the Federal 990 Report



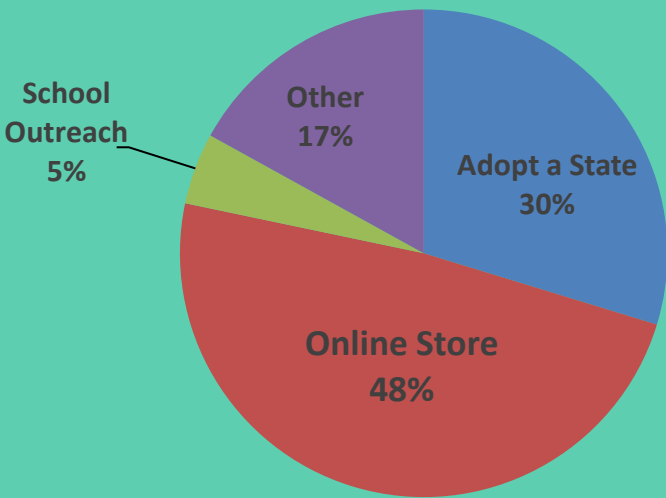
I look forward to continue serving The Dragonfly Project as executive director. Please contact me at execdiretor@dragonflyproject.org if you have any questions or comments about The Dragonfly Project.

Pete Bonde

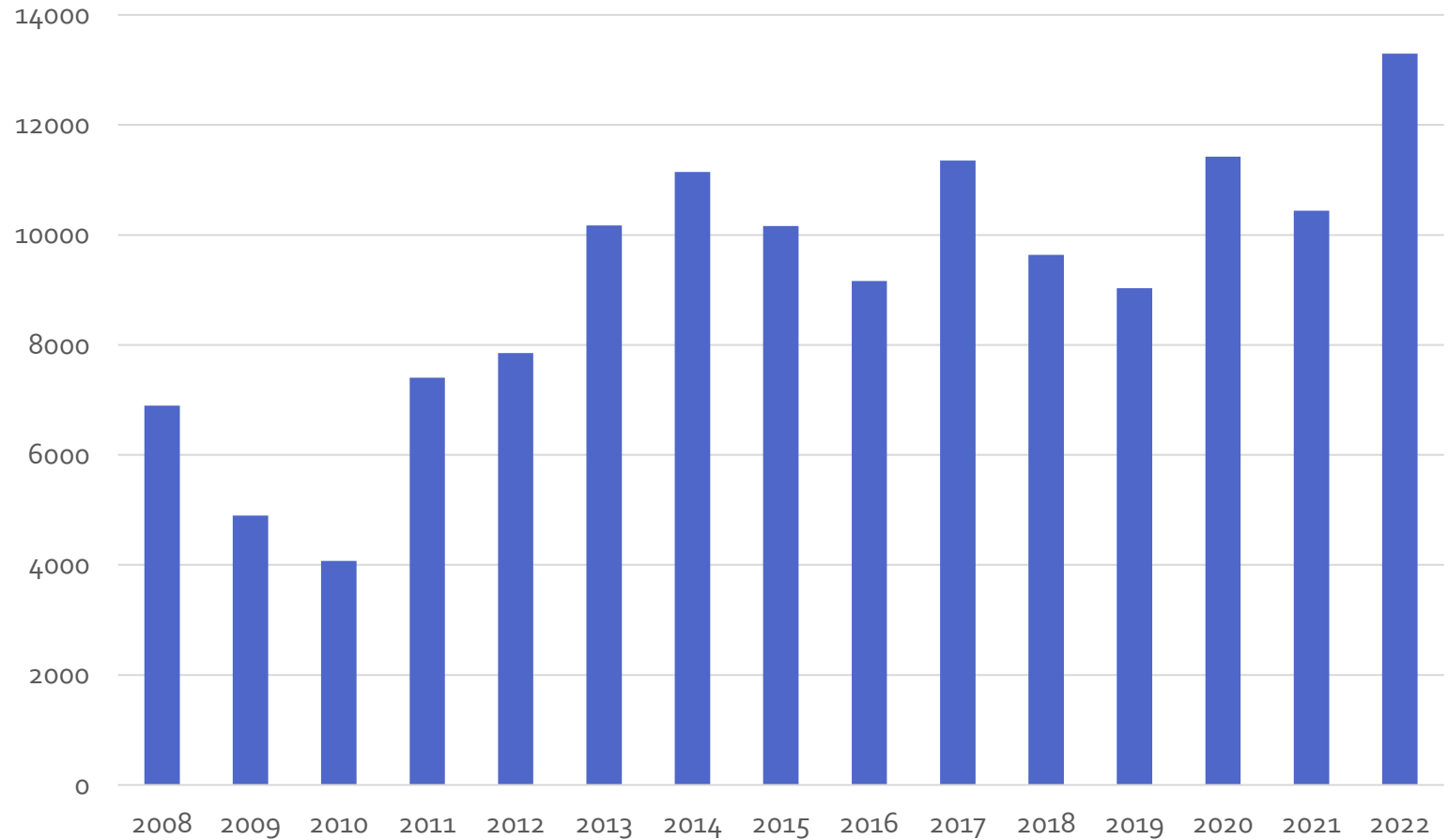
OUR IMPACT

Since 2002, The Dragonfly Project has sent out over **152,573** dragonfly packets, each representing a grieving individual touched by our mission

2022 Packets



Packets Given Away

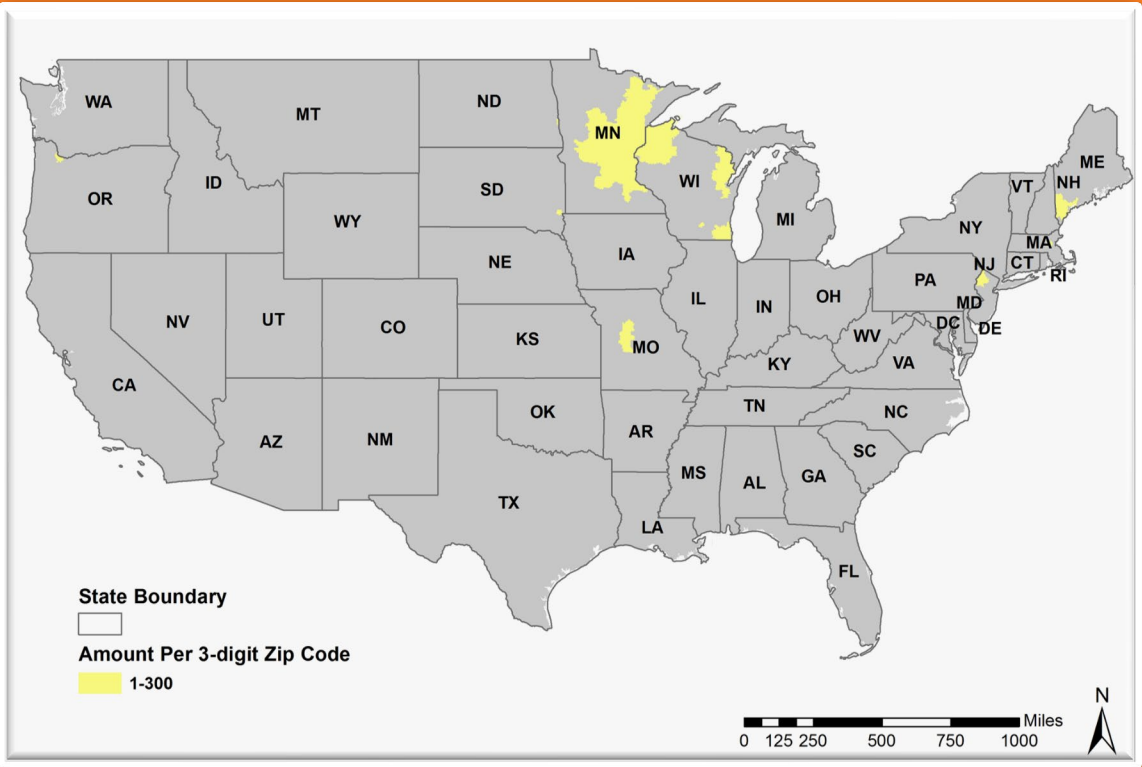


"Today, on Father's Day, we received our card when we got to church. Friday marked 3 months since our sons passing. Thank you so very much!! Such a beautiful gesture!"

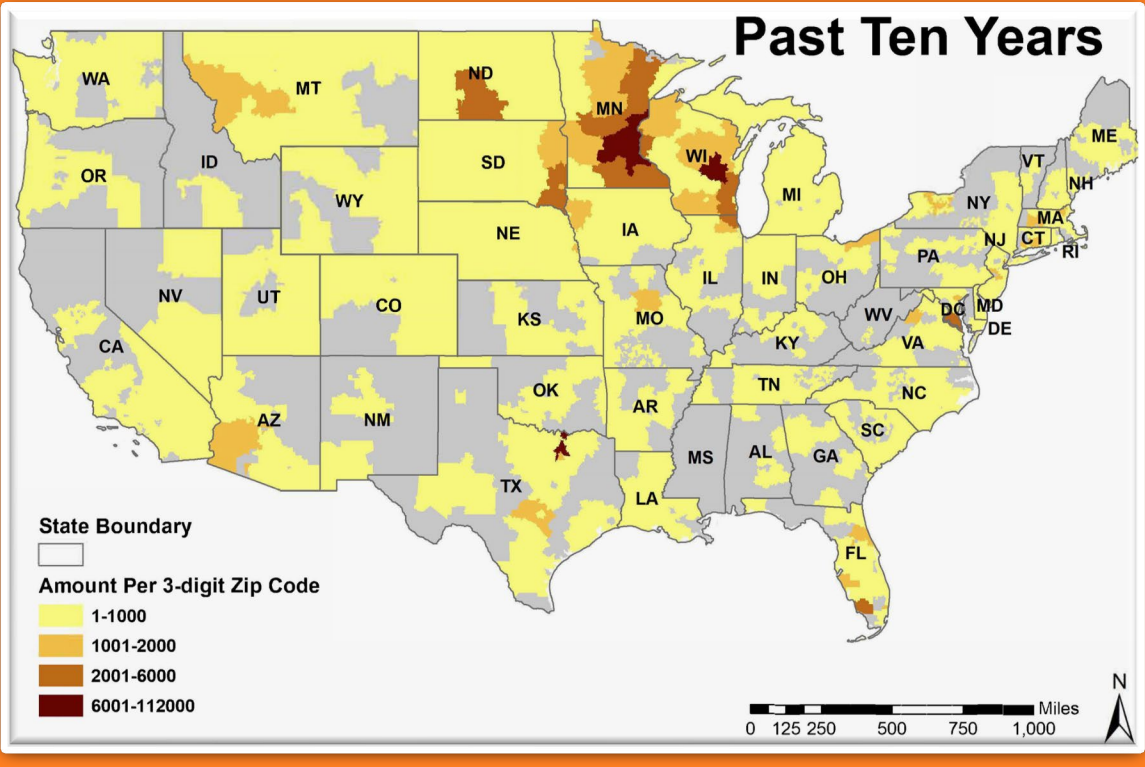
-Kim

Dollars Raised by Zip Code

2002



2012-2022



Past Ten Years

What started with a 11-year-old girl in Minneapolis has grown into a national non-profit, spreading a message of hope to grieving people across the nation and world. This exponential growth would not be possible without volunteers and donors sharing Dragonfly Packets with others.

Note: Dollars Raised includes Donations and Sales by 3-digit Zip Code

20th ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE EVENT

On March 13th, 2022, The Dragonfly Project celebrated its twentieth year in person at Nativity Lutheran Church in St. Anthony, Minnesota. This year we were finally able to meet in person since COVID 19. Through we still had to wear masks and could not have refreshments it was great being able to see people in person again.

We were honored to have our founder Anne Brooker with us, as well as her mother, Valerie Marquardt. They were able to share stories from the early days of the Dragonfly Project starting in their home when Anne was age 11. Anne is now a Physician Assistant practicing in New York City.

Gary Nereson was our recipient speaker this year. He shared the tender story of losing his wonderful wife to breast cancer. Gary has been supporting the Dragonfly Project's mission of bring hope to those who are grieving for many years. His story was highlighted in our Fall 2021 Newsletter.

Attendees enjoyed lovely music from the acapella group Heartfelt. We were able to share the Memorial Photo Montage of loved ones that have passed on and a Candle Lighting Ceremony. Pete Bonde, our Executive Director, spoke about this year's challenge match of \$4,000, offered by Ann and Skip Bromstedt. Thanks to our generous friends and supporters, we were able to meet the match!

After the program, attendees were able to mingle and bid on auction items. Those who were not able to attend could bid online.

Thanks again to all of you who keep this mission going. Our volunteers, speakers, those who donate and of course our board.

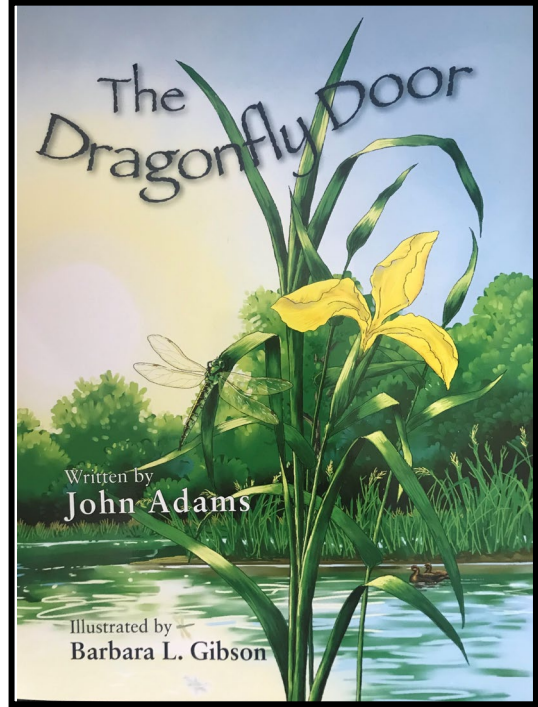


SCHOOL OUTREACH and DRAGONFLY DOOR OUTREACH

In 2022, we sent out 630 packets and 51 books to 3 different schools as part of our School Outreach program. In this type of outreach, we send out packets to families and staff after the loss of a student and provide a copy of *The Dragonfly Door* book for the school's library. One of the schools that received packets and books was the Robb Elementary School tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.

Since receiving a very generous donation of *The Dragonfly Door* book from the author, John Adams, we have continued to expand our school outreach program. In 2022 we gave out a total of 145 books, which includes our school outreach count, online store and the following:

- 25 books were distributed to a Minneapolis-based literacy and community service program for children called Kids4.
- "Little Libraries", a free distribution of neighborhood books. This year 30 books were given in memory of Tod Boll, who started the libraries.



VOLUNTEERS

Debbie Ansin*
Jeanne Bartlett*
Jacob Bonde
Julie Bonde
Karen Bonde
Luke Bonde
Pete Bonde
Donna Brandell
Anne Brooker
Josi Burkhart*
Leanne Burkman*
Donna Campbell*
Mara Christiansen*
Natasha Cronsell*
Dawn Dahlberg
Ann Danko
Jennifer DeBruin*
Cole DeBruin
Emma DeBruin
Michelle Dehn
Aylssa Dodds*
Diane Feeney*
Eileen Fink*
Beth Fischer
Caitlyn Fitzchowhan*

Kathy Floresch*
Sharon Foss
Rebecca Gentry*
Shirley Gilliam*
Sheri Gittinger*
Kelly Gleonde
Cindy Glover*
Judi Good*
Anne Greigo*
Brenna Grund*
Lisa Hanneman*
Lori Harmer*
Michelle Haygood*
Amy Hennen*
Arlaine Higgins
Patsy Kahmann
Kim Karsnia*
Gloria Keller*
Julie Kimball*
Joanne Kintop*
Teresa Kohman*
Sally Kramer*
Lisa Kretsch*
Natalie Kritenbrink*
Michelle Kubiak*

Marcia Kurtz
Nicole Kunza*
Sue Lamprich*
Becky Laney*
Tina Langhans*
Michelle Lease
Jack Lechler
Jermaine Lechler
Brenda Leigh*
Erika Leraaen*
Susan Lewis*
Amy Lindgren*
Valerie Loutsch*
Valerie Marquardt
Paula McQuillen*
Dan McQuillen
Regina Medina*
Vera Miller*
Kristen Nold
Callie Ogburn*
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Bob Parrott
Tanya Renner*
Anne Roberts*

Winda Roets*
Dawn Roggenkamp*
Jeanne Rosdahl*
Alura Rose*
Dawn Roggenkamp*
Sharon Said*
Melissa Sandry
Joanne Schneider*
Holly Schott*
June Shashura*
Mary Shaw*
Kim Sitko*
Janell Stanton Soderberg
Kyle Soderberg
Bertha Steele*
Katy Swimelar*
Meg Swimelar*
Wanda Taylor*
P.J. Tombarge
Linda Tygar*
Brianna Walvoort
Tammy Weber*
Kristin Wehrman*
Kristin Zigan*
Sonja Yadon*
Annie Young

Courage Kenny Rehab Group

*Denotes a 2022 Adopt a State Volunteer

By the time any given card has reached its destination, 10 to 15 people have touched it with their hands and their hearts

Groups who volunteered to make dragonfly packets in 2022.

Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Anthony Village, MN
Nativity Women in Action
God's Work/Our Hands Volunteers

Thrivent Action Teams
Julie & Pete Bonde & Friends
Melissa Sandry & Friends
Emma DeBruin & UW-Madison Students
Winda Roets & Friends
Ann Bistodeau & Friends
Thrivent Volunteers in Appleton, WI
Thrivent Volunteers in Minneapolis, MN

Others
Cooper High School IB Students, Robinsdale, MN
KIDS4 Event, Crystal, MN
Megan McLeod & Sisters, St. Anthony, MN
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
WoMN Strong, Anoka, MN

Volunteer Event for Compassionate Friends Conference Outreach



Thank you!

Bringing You
a Message
of Hope

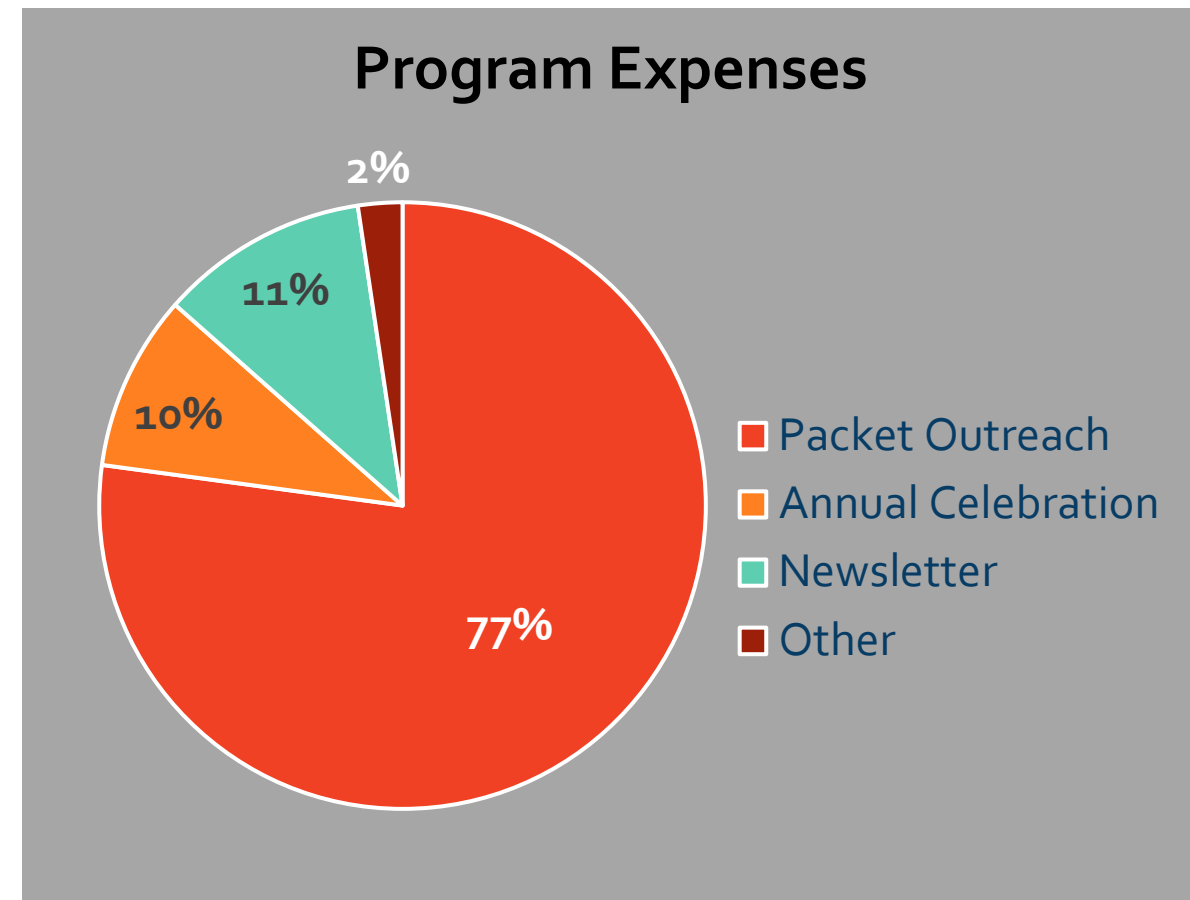
2022 FINANCIALS

Revenue

Donations (includes Packet donations)	69,396
Investment Income	2,662
Product Sales	3,954
Program Service	100
Total	76,112

Expenses

Program Expenses	32,753
Management and General Expenses	20,880
Fund-raising Expenses	845
Total	54,478



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