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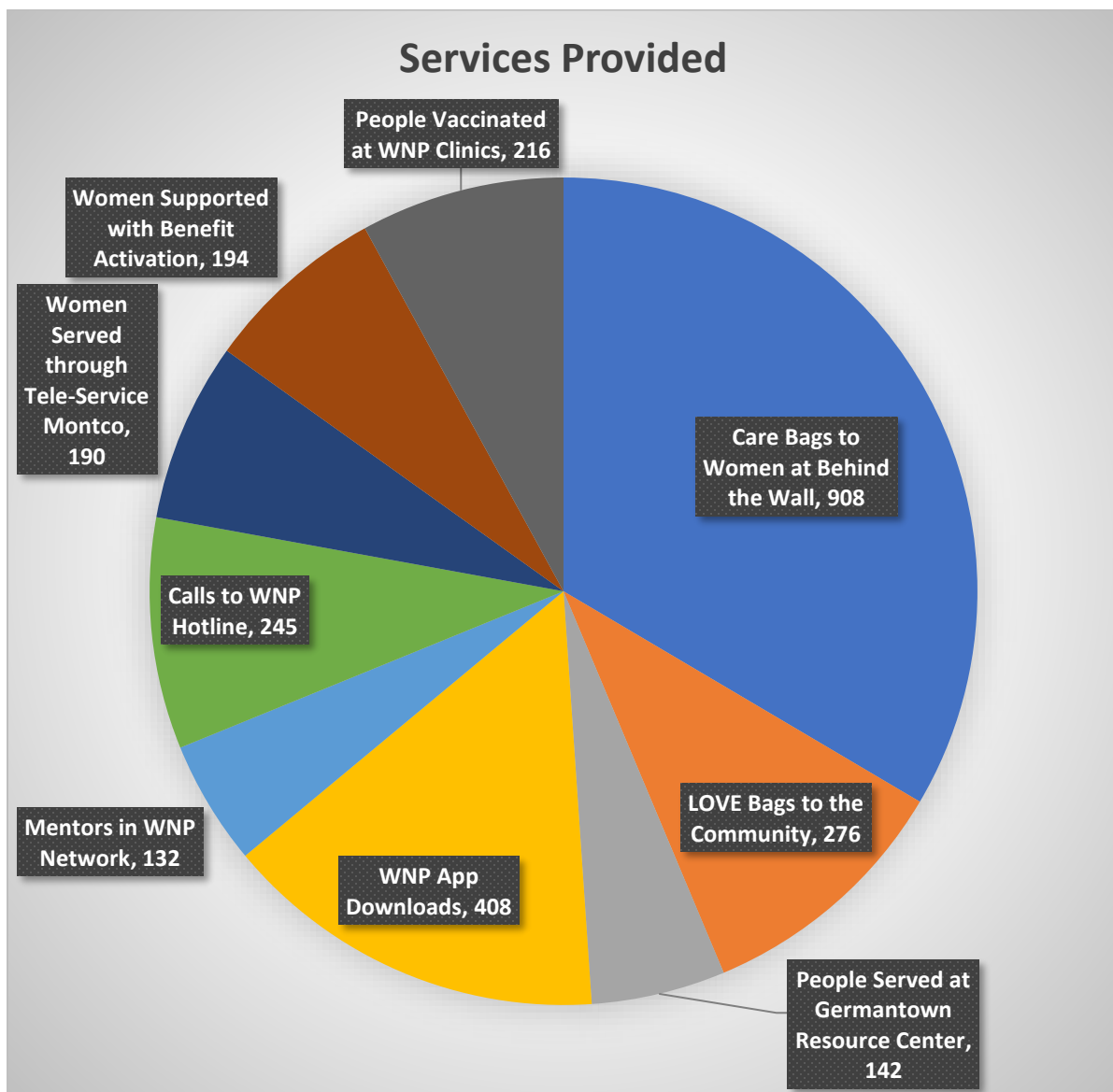


BREAKING ALL RACIAL BARRIERS (BARB)



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Offering Women in Distress a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out





SISTERS WITH A GOAL

Our mission is to advocate and educate by amplifying the voices of those women who have been systemically silenced by the criminal justice system. We are intentional about engaging community, building partnerships and being goal-oriented for the purposes of healing trauma and creating policies to bring awareness to racial and social injustices.

Certifications Received



Why Not Prosper

Number of Women Helped by Type of Service in 2022

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Advocacy

- Voter Registration: **222**
- Expungement: **94**
- Welfare: **310**
- Legal Issues: **154**
- Pardon Clinic: **110**

Behavioral Health

- Drug and Alcohol Counseling: **247**
- Mental Health Counseling: **243**
- Relapse Prevention Workshops: **19**

Employment Services

- PA Career Link: **90**
- Job Interview Training: **90**
- Computer Training: **44**
- Employment Workshops: **44**
- Employment Mentoring: **44**

Family Services

- Individual Counseling: **130**
- Parenting Class: **61**
- Daycare Assistance: **128**
- Family Reunification: **202**

Healthcare

- Philadelphia Health Center: **76**
- Private Physicians: **28**
- Norristown Reg Health Center: **111**

Housing

- Housing: **300**
- Budget Counseling: **198**
- Home Workshops (Genesis): **85**

Vital Records

- Birth Certificates: **178**
- State ID: **253**
- GED: **114**
- Social Security Cards:

Grand Total: 3,642 women

About Why Not Prosper

We are a grassroots nonprofit founded by a formerly incarcerated woman for other formerly incarcerated women. We are strong advocates for women and are committed to providing programs and services that support women in their re-entry efforts from prison to community. We provide a continuum of programs listed below and partner with resource organizations throughout the Philadelphia area.



Our Projects

- W.O.W. – Women Owning their Wellness
- Grow – Giving Real Opportunities to Women
- Barb – Breaking all Racial Barriers
- Share the Bounty
- Swag
- Break the Cycle

Our Services

- Re-entry & Recovery Resource App
- Pre-release Mentoring
- Residential On-Site Facilities
- Teleservices
- Workforce Academy
- Family and Reunification Support
- Support for Safe, Decent, and Affordable Housing
- Access to Drug and Trauma Treatment
- Command center



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Rev Dr. Michelle A Simmons, Executive Director/Founder

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2022 Advocacy Initiatives

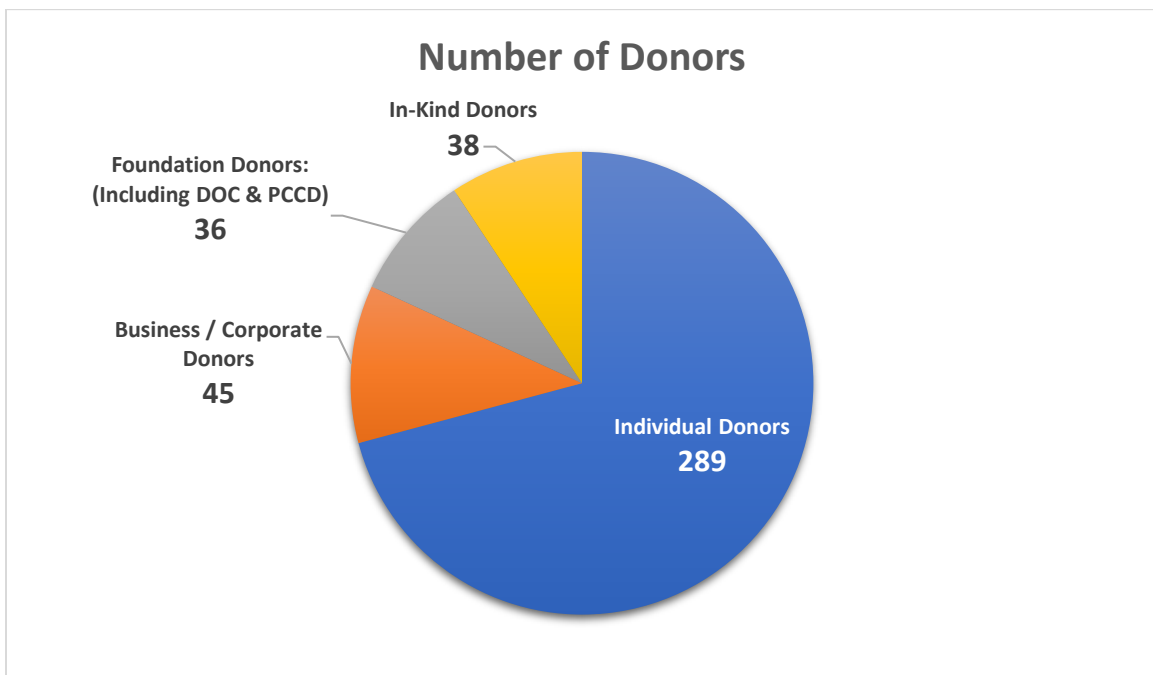
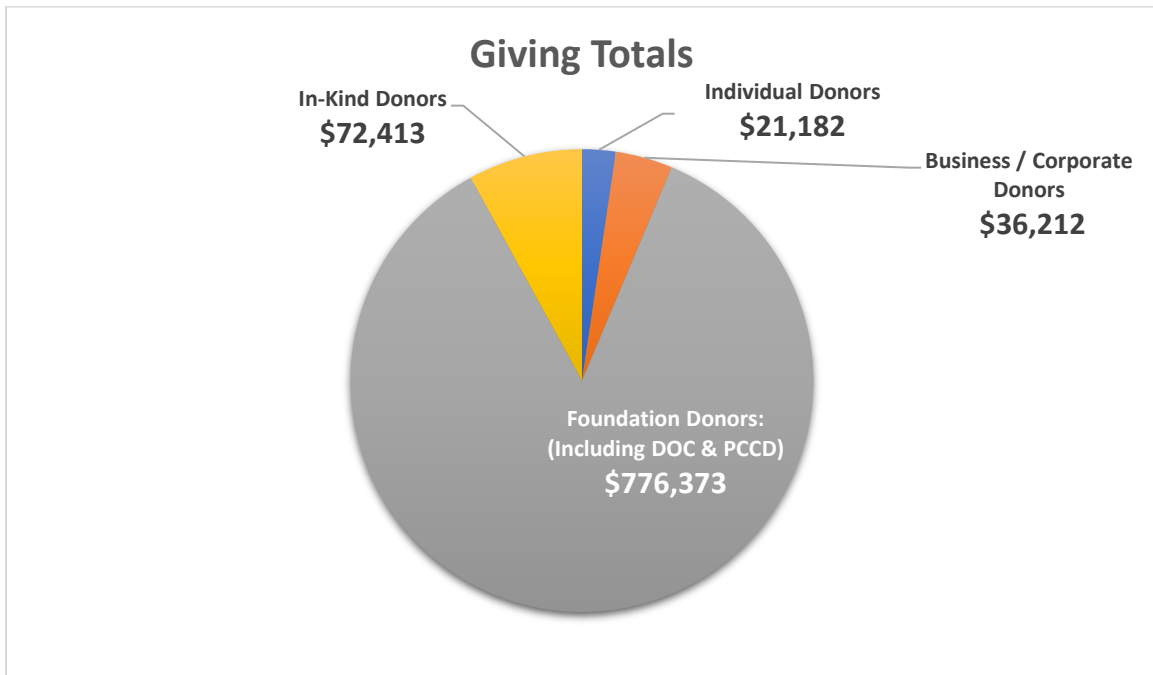
PCCD: Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP). The primary purpose of the Grant Program is to provide grants to support for local efforts to stop or prevent gun and group violence that is occurring across the state. We support our Anti-Violence programs in the Philadelphia 19144 zip code and Germantown section of the city. We also partnered with Creative Mind Productions for the Shoot Cameras Not Guns Program.

McArthur Grant: B.A.R.B (Breaking All Racial Barriers) program. WNP's role is to lead a Participatory Action Research (PAR) Project, exploring the needs for justice reinvestment, informed by cost analysis developed in partnership with the Vera Institute of Justice. A select group of WNP participants, already trained in advocacy, will receive training in PAR from Dr. Darlyne Bailey of Bryn Mawr College. Based on the results of the PAR, WNP, and the CAC (Community Advisory Committee) will identify a pilot intervention for further investment and will amplify the results for City leaders.

Prisons Workshops and Engagement Series: Pre-Release mentoring weekly via zoom with the prisons. We provide needs assessments and group counselling on domestic violence, life skills, and anger. We also started a birthday club for women who are locked up and we send gifts to children while they are incarcerated. Additionally, we do monthly pre-release workshops inside of the prisons where we provide SWAG Love bags, lunch, and information needed for when the women are released. This year, we served 908 women.

Health and Vaccination Equity: We educated black individuals and families about the vaccination process and empowered them to get vaccinated during the pandemic.

Why Not Prosper Funding



Why Not Prosper Summary

Each year, 2 million women and girls are released from prisons and jails nationwide. According to national studies, 53% of women in county facilities have medical problems, 32% have serious mental health issues, and 82% have substance abuse issues.

Our Germantown Resource Center and Montgomery County Tele-Service Program provides formerly women in the community with the same services and resources offered in our residential program.

Programs	Services	Coalitions
Germantown Resource Center	Financial Literacy	Health and Justice
Workforce Academy	COVID Testing	Parole Justice Coalition
Emergency Response Program	Home Health Aide / Nursing Aide Training	WE RISE Coalition
WNP / Harrisburg Housing	Benefit Activation	Healthcare for Formerly Incarcerated Women
Share the Bounty Food Program	Entrepreneurship	All of Us or None
W.O.W. (Women Owning their Wellness)	Job Readiness / Employment Services	Re-Entry Partnership
Tele-Service Montco	Case Management	Pre-Entry Partnership
24-Hour Hotline	Peer Mentorship	
Inspire Magazine	One-on-One and Group Counseling	
Anti-Violence	Wrap Training	
B.A.R.B. (Breaking All Racial Barriers)	Thinking for a Change	
Breaking the Cycle	Birthday Club for Children of those Formerly Incarcerated	
	Shoot Cameras Not Guns	
	Re-entry & Recovery Resource App	
	ABE / GED Tutoring Services	

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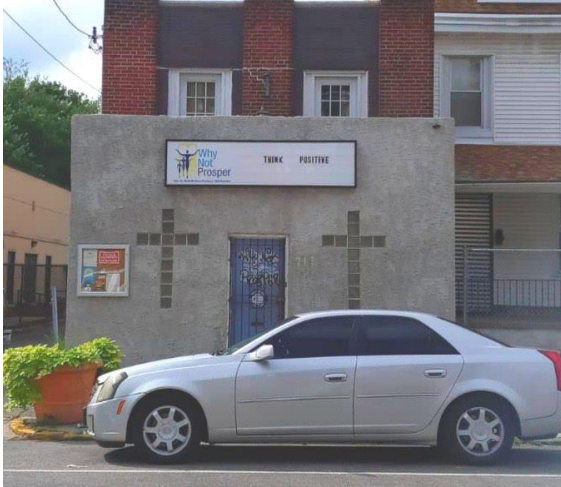
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