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2020 ANNUAL UPDATE

Overview

In 2020, change rocked our lives like never before.

Older adults and those with compromised immune systems were urged to isolate themselves from young people, which was impossible in some grandfamilies and multigenerational households.

Programs that served young and old together either paused operations or went virtual.

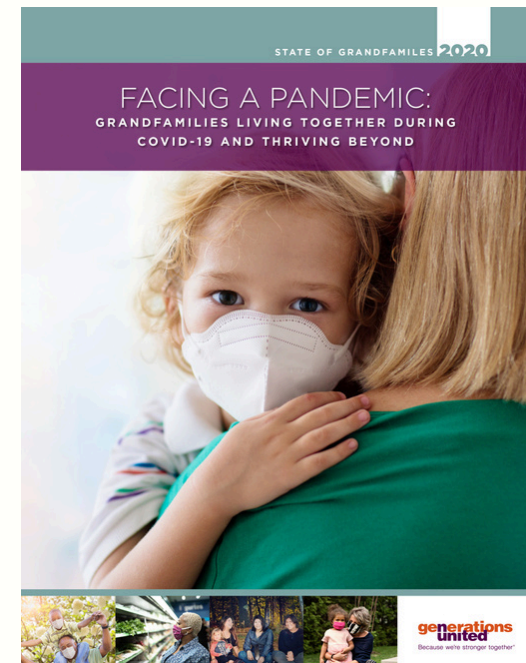
These all happened as racial tensions boiled over with the murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, the latest faces added to an all too disturbing mosaic of people coldly killed because of the color of their skin. These actions also sparked intergenerational discussions and action in families and communities.

Generations United adapted to intensify our work to connect generations, combat isolation, add our voices to the demand for equitable access to resources for people of all ages, and keep grandfamilies safe.



10 HIGHLIGHTS

- 01.** **Established the Grandfamilies COVID-19 Response Fund,** which distributed laptops and grants to grandfamilies and nonprofits that serve them totaling nearly \$110,000.
- 02.** **Released our 2020 State of Grandfamilies report, Facing a Pandemic: Families Living Together During COVID-19 and Thriving Beyond,** which elevated the unique needs of grandfamilies amplified by the pandemic and solutions to connect grandfamilies to critical supports during this crisis.
- 03.** **Hosted a virtual briefing on intergenerational shared sites and the Older Americans Act, COVID-19 and Intergenerational Shared Sites: Lessons on promoting connections between young and old during a pandemic and beyond.**



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- 04. Facilitating the National Collaborative on Intergenerational Home Sharing**
to share best practices during COVID-19 and prepare to scale these models in the future.
- 05. Elevating and strengthening Native American and African American grandfamilies** to improve culturally appropriate supports and services for both groups. We released two toolkits — [American Indian & Alaska Native Grandfamilies: Helping Children Thrive Through Connection to Family and Cultural Identity](#) and [African American Grandfamilies: Helping Children Thrive Through Connection to Family and Culture](#) — that offer resources and tips to child welfare agencies, other government agencies and nonprofit organizations, so they can better serve all.
- 06. Sharing our guide on intergenerational programs and physical distancing**
and hosting a series of highly successful Zoom conversations.

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- 07.** **Produced a new infographic on how younger and older people can stay safe** during the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraging all ages to stay current on flu, pneumonia, and whooping cough vaccines.
- 08.** **Virtually convened our racial equity initiative**, supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where over 20 members of Generations United's GRAND Voice Network participated in the three-day virtual convening on Zoom.
- 09.** **Developed a new toolkit on intergenerational shared sites** and working on updates to our benefits of intergenerational programs fact sheet and making the case for intergenerational programs guidebook. Those resources are coming in early 2021.
- 10.** **Planned our 21st biennial conference** and first virtual conference for 2021.

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