

2021 Annual Impact Report



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2021

Accomplishments

As we reflect on 2021, we are saddened by the losses we all have experienced but fortified in our resolve to build a world that values and engages all generations.

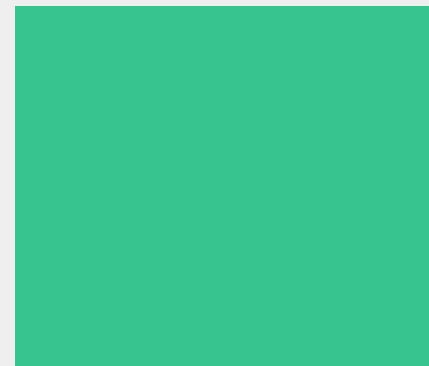
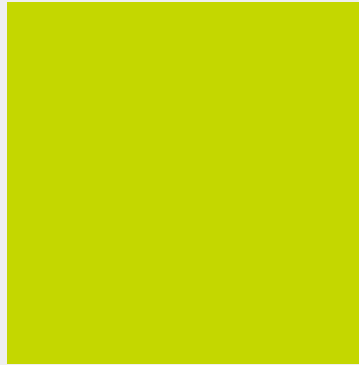
While the past year has been filled with many challenges, we also had some amazing successes. We want to highlight five of these accomplishments and ask you to join us in supporting strong intergenerational connections in 2022.



First National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families

Generations United is honored to create the first [National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families](#), funded through a five-year cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL). We will coordinate the work of five partners and a diverse steering committee of the nation's leading experts on kinship and grandfamilies and caregivers from the GRAND Voices Network.





Virtual Global Conference

Generations United's **21st Intergenerational Conference** was held virtually this year and was our largest convening to date! With over 450 participants, representing 40 states and the District of Columbia, at least 8 tribes, and 18 countries, the three-day event was filled with inspiring and educational sessions. The highly acclaimed plenary session, **Sankofa: The Art of Intergenerational Storytelling**, is available to [watch online](#). We are starting preparations for our next conference in 2023. Stay tuned.



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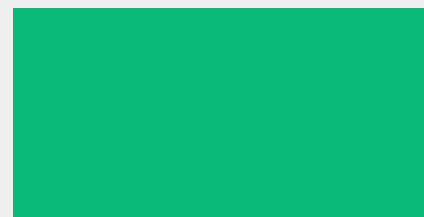
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New and Updated Resources

We delivered a bumper crop of new and updated resources in 2021. We encourage you to check them out and use them in your efforts to strengthen intergenerational connections and supports for grandfamilies.

- The updated [GrandFacts State Fact Sheets](#) are resources for grandfamilies in all 50 states and the District of Columbia - now available in Spanish.
- [Making the Case for Intergenerational Programs](#) provides rationale and facts to help you make the case for intergenerational programs.
- [Fact Sheet: Intergenerational Programs Benefit Everyone](#) serves as a companion piece to Making the Case and provides a synthesized overview of the benefits.
- [Staying Connected While Staying Apart: Intergenerational Programs & the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) shares an overview of intergenerational engagement during the pandemic.
- [Family Matters: Multigenerational Living is on the Rise and Here to Stay](#) includes the findings of a 2021 survey which revealed that multigenerational living nearly quadrupled in the past decade, with the pandemic playing a strong role.
- [Sharing Our Space: A Toolkit for Developing and Enhancing Intergenerational Shared Sites](#) is an online toolkit that details every step of the development and operation process, from initial planning to sustaining long-term shared site programs.
- [Latino Grandfamilies: Helping Latino Children Thrive Through Connection to Culture and Family](#) gives resources and tips to child welfare agencies, other government agencies, and nonprofit organizations so that they can better serve all Latino grandfamilies regardless of child welfare involvement. This toolkit joins our toolkits for African American Grandfamilies and American Indian and Alaska Native Grandfamilies released in 2020.
- [Reinforcing a Strong Foundation: Equitable Supports for Basic Needs of Grandfamilies](#) is our 2021 State of Grandfamilies in America Annual Report. It includes updated national and state data on grandfamilies and key recommendations to address inequities and provide critical supports to serve grandfamilies well.



Supporting Grandfamilies

Our National Center on Grandfamilies continued to elevate the voices of grandfamilies through our [GRAND Voices Network](#).

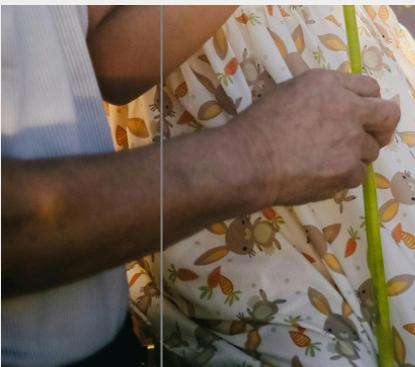
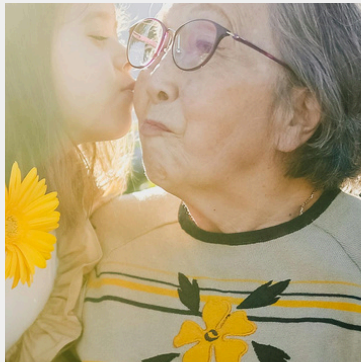
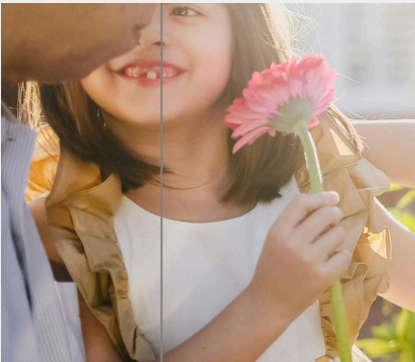
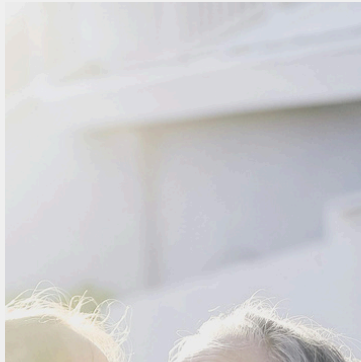
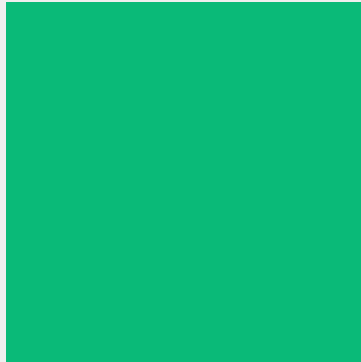
We were proud to co-chair the federal [Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#) and the development of its initial report to Congress.

We also continued to administer the Grandfamilies COVID Response Fund, distributing grants to grandfamilies and nonprofits that serve them.



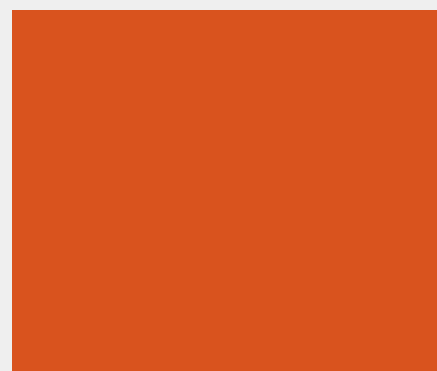
Expanded Commitment to DEI

In 2021, we expanded our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion through intensive staff training, [racial equity toolkits for grandfamilies](#), and a new project to elevate intergenerational practices in diverse communities. More information about our goals will be coming early in the new year when we release our 3-year strategic plan for 2022-2024.



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Michigan Health Endowment Fund
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Grandparent and Kins Raising
Children

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Kraemer Family Library

LeadingAge

Link Generations

National Association of Counties

National Indian Child Welfare
Association

Northland Foundation

ONEgeneration

Osher National Resource Center

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Vista Grand Villa

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About Generations United

The mission of Generations United is to improve the lives of children, youth and older adults through intergenerational collaboration, public policies and programs for the enduring benefit of all. For over three decades, Generations United has catalyzed cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together. We believe that we can only be successful in the face of our complex future if age diversity is regarded as a national asset and fully leveraged.

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