



Pivot 2020

annual report
from isolation to inspiration

marnitastable.org



2020 Highlights

In 2020, Marnita's Table responded to community needs, transitioning to a virtual service model during COVID-19, holding space for healing after the murder of George Floyd and kicking off a partnership to provide community members with access to resources and expert advice during the pandemic. Through it all, we continued to advance our strategic goals as an organization, broadening and deepening our impact at the local and national scales.

**We welcomed
over 7,939 people
to the Table this year!**

546 participants served
at **in person** IZI events
before quarantine

7,393 participants
virtually across race,
class and culture

Events in 9 regions in the U.S.

LET'S GET dIZI

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent need to physically isolate, we adapted Intentional Social Interaction into digital Intentional Social Interaction (dIZI)—rapidly transitioning to an effective and resonant virtual environment. In 2020, we continued to provide rich community connection opportunities, delivered family feasts for participants, and a myriad of opportunities for healing from trauma, gratitude and authentic relationships. We also created space for medical practitioners, public health professionals and the communities they served to learn more about COVID-19 and the efficacy of vaccines contributing to rich, community-based participatory research projects.

We delivered quarterly **Tea at the Table** information sessions to introduce new community members to IZI, witnessing an increase in attendance and participation across the sessions.

We hosted a summer series **#WeatherTogether** to hold space for healing and processing in relationship with other community members during the summer of 2020.

IN ROOM

Before quarantine we hosted **ImagineAct 2020**, our women's annual fundraising empowerment event, and **Engage!** with Eastern Carver County School District.

CLIENTS

We partnered with **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota** to kick-off a series of state-wide listening sessions in keeping with their “Pledge to Listen” to community members’ needs in the wake of the multiple traumas of 2020.

We closed out a national project working with community members and the **FORESIGHT Initiative of the Rippel Foundation** to imagine and design a new future for health and wellbeing in the U.S.

We continued our relationship with the **Catalyst Initiative** as their ongoing convener-of-choice, hosting a virtual session of our long-running and never more necessary **Healing from Trauma** series in collaboration with community connectors and liaisons across the Greater Twin Cities, but especially centered upon the neighborhoods surrounding the 38th Street Bridge, in recognition of the area’s history of built segregation and reunification as well as the ongoing work of making our communities more welcoming and inclusive across difference.

PIVOT

We ended the year with **Pivot: from Isolation to Inspiration**—our first ever virtual fundraising event; witnessing its resounding success, it’s safe to say that we have inspired a new Table tradition!

We awarded Marnita’s Table first annual **Equité Award**, recognizing the equitable contributions of long-time supporter of the Table and our community engagement and equity work, **Hubert Joly!** This award celebrates individuals who exemplify what it means to be an ally consistently through their words, actions, and behaviors of equitably valuing the contributions and innovations of IBPOC and other marginalized individuals.



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\$75,000+
invested back
into community
during uprisings

2,431
meals
served

\$25,000
invested in
community
partners

383
gift cards
delivered to
cover basic
needs

Pivot Funding

\$103,000 received from payroll protection program loan granted by the SBA to ensure emergency funding to keep staff on payroll

As a result:

- 100% staff retained on full pay and benefits
- 3 new staff members hired for dIZI and #WeatherTogether

Marnita's Table is especially appreciative of additional funding

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| \$25,000 | Catalyst Initiative of the Minneapolis Foundation |
| | George Family Foundation |
| | Medica Foundation |
| \$20,000 | The Minneapolis Foundation—Fund for Safe Communities |
| \$10,000 | WeWork |

In The Media

Marnita was quoted in the *Spokesman Recorder*, while Marnita's Table was featured in the *Southwest Journal* and *Southwest News*, highlighting our role in rebuilding community after racist incidents in Chaska.

With the support of Backpocket we launched WeatherTogether, a podcast covering everything from holiday traditions to Critical Race Theory.

29 #WeatherTogether dIZIs

24 podcast episodes

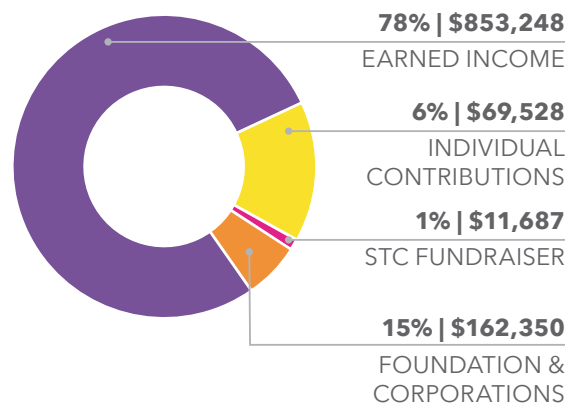
22 community casts



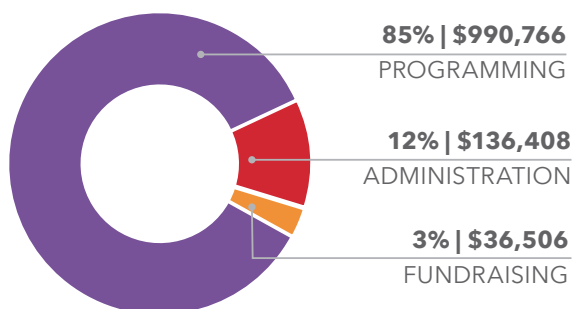
Thanks to funding from George Family Foundation and Medica foundation, we were able to add Johanna Keller Flores as Administrative Coordinator and Nandi Tippet as Research and Content Coordinator.



REVENUE | \$1,096,813



EXPENSES | \$1,163,680



REVENUE & EXPENSES YEAR OVER YEAR 2018-2020

	2018	2019	2020
Revenue	\$1,003,988	\$976,447	\$1,096,813
Expenses	\$939,174	\$1,055,846	\$1,163,680
	\$64,814	(\$79,399)	(\$66,867)

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\$50,000 George Family Foundation

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