

### MIDTOWN, INC. 2019-2020

Dear Friends, Partners and MidTown Supporters,

I am excited to celebrate my third year as Executive Director of MidTown, Inc. I have had the honor of working with and getting to know many of you over the past three years and look forward to meeting new supporters and building new alliances.

My first introduction to MidTown, Inc. was twelve years ago while beginning my professional career as an Urban and Transportation Planner with River Valley Regional Commission. I was immediately struck by the deep respect and enormous pride felt by MidTown residents that worked and volunteered for the organization. They epitomized *community* and I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I began working to build a partnership with MidTown, Inc. and implemented projects such as the *MidTown*Bike Around, Safe Routes to School and was a leader in the winning group for the 2016 Knight Cities Challenge-Minimum Grid | Maximum Impact grant for MidTown.

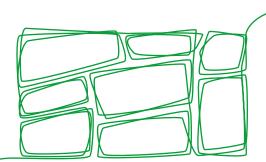
In the summer of 2018, I was selected to serve as MidTown, Inc.'s third Executive Director, following the tremendous foundation and groundwork laid by my predecessors, The Honorable Teresa P. Tomlinson and Anne R. King. It has been a pleasure to work with a dedicated staff and Board of Directors who commit their time, passion, creativity and leadership skills to our mission. Together, we continue to elevate the organization and work to sustain and enhance the neighborhoods and businesses in MidTown. I optimistically and enthusiastically look to the future of MidTown, Inc., recognizing MidTown's tremendous potential to be an even better segment of the Columbus community.

While not a native of Columbus, Georgia, my family and I have called MidTown home for over 10 years and I am passionate in my work for a more vibrant, lively and adequately connected community. I appreciate your continued support of MidTown, Inc. and look forward to sharing our stories and working together to help grow the organization and continue to work towards our mission.

Gratefully,

Julio A. Portillo, Jr.





# MIDTOWN, INC. 2019-2020

Streetscape projects completed. Neighborhood grants awarded. We gathered for country, funk and jazz in Lakebottom. We rode bicycles by the light of a silvery full moon. Carley Wood fashioned our versatile logo into a bright mural on 13th Street, and creative MidTown residents "took a seat" for ArtBeat. We listened, we partnered, we reimagined, we analyzed and strategized for long term goals and initiatives. We also learned that our MidTown businesses and neighbors rally together when the going gets tough.



Midtown, Inc. works to sustain and enhance the neighborhoods and businesses within Midtown Columbus. Midtown is unquestionably an authentic community, a microcosm, reflecting diversity in every respect right in the heart of Columbus. It is home to newcomers, such as military personnel and their families who fall in love with the area while stationed at Fort Benning, alongside residents whose ancestors date back to the founding of Columbus. Cherished neighborhoods, parks, schools, and businesses draw people here to live, work, study, shop, gather, dine, worship and play. For sixteen years, MidTown, Inc. has worked tirelessly to promote, connect, facilitate, partner, and champion this unique area full of genuine character and amazing amenities.

MidTown, Inc. and our supporters recognize that a vibrant MidTown is essential to a thriving greater Columbus community. Our annual report reflects the projects and programs we championed for the past two years. You will see that 2019 was full of special events, projects, and programs. The 2020 global pandemic posed challenges, but we managed to host a few events before the shutdown. We even pulled off an ambitious art project along 13th Street, originally planned as a fund-raiser and community-wide event, modifying it into a passive art exhibit that abided by the recommended social distancing health guidelines.

The unavoidable pause from the coronavirus also gave us the space and time to reexamine our role in and work for MidTown, and to adopt very expansive, ambitious initiatives to accomplish meaningful change in MidTown in the future. We hope you applaud our achievements in the past two years and join us in our enthusiasm for the years ahead.

## MidTown, Inc.'s Five Year Strategic Plan

With the help of the Leadership Institute at Columbus State University, we updated our Five Year Strategic Plan in 2020, adding an exciting and much-needed Comprehensive Campaign to accomplish bold, ambitious projects and organizational sustainability.

Our five year strategic plan includes the following:

- Neighborhood Enhancement and Sense of Place Enliven and strengthen neighborhoods and promote Midtown's distinctive character and convenience
- Economic Development Actively encourage economic development opportunities as a catalyst and facilitator
- Business Support Support and promote Midtown businesses
- Organizational Capacity Sustain the organization to realize our mission through projects and programs
- Active Transportation and Connections Encourage active transportation options, celebrate community places of pride, and work to better connect people and places
- Comprehensive Campaign To support all strategic initiatives, achieve our mission of sustaining and enhancing neighborhoods and business within Midtown and work towards our vision to make Midtown EVEN better



MidTown neighbors decorated home exteriors with hearts during the Covid19 shutdown.

#### **BUSINESS IN MIDTOWN**

The MidTown Business Association works to sustain, promote, and grow business within MidTown Columbus. Their membership unites them as a group through electronic newsletters, joint print, social media, and televised marketing to encourage loyal support from Columbus residents. Our membership proudly welcomed new retail stores Lumilane and Park Place, both of whom located their shops in the St. Elmo Shopping Center, along with 20 existing businesses and Realtors in 2019 and 2020.



I love being a member of the Midtown Business Association! As a Realtor, it has greatly enhanced my marketing with Midtown properties. Their staff is top notch and super friendly, and their passion for Midtown is quite evident.

John S. Calhoun Flournoy & Calhoun Realtors





Dinglewood Pharmacy



Aflac headquarters

The MBA has been extremely supportive to me and Daphne's Bridal Boutique. Bitsy is committed to creatively and actively providing ways to promote our businesses in this community. It is so encouraging to be a part of such a vibrant group of business owners. I am thankful to be a part of the MBA.

Daphne Hill Owner, Daphne's Bridal Boutique

The MBA has worked hard to promote Midtown as a worthwhile, fun section of Columbus. As someone that has operated a business in MidTown

for 46 years, I witnessed lots of change over previous decades and worried a lot for the future – no more! Midtown has attracted new business and helped us to renovate and re-establish MidTown as a cool place to be, y'all!

Jim Morpeth - Owner, Country's Barbecue

#### MIDTOWN INITIATIVES

Through the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, a most generous and anonymous donor who loves MidTown challenged us in 2017 with an extraordinary three year, \$300,00 matching grant to build a robust donor base and encourage annual giving for operation expenses. In 2019, our "I AM MidTown" (AM stands for Advancing MidTown) Annual Fund raised \$81, 892, and was matched one to one in the third and final year for the matching grant. Thanks to this tremendous gift, we were able to continue our day-to-day operations and accomplish the many projects we tackled throughout 2019 and 2020.

2019 and 2020 Community Projects and Initiatives

- Completed the much anticipated and long awaited
   Wynnton Streetscape project On December 12,
   2019 11 years after the first funds were secured
   – MidTown, Inc., the City of Columbus and their
   partners held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Forest
   Avenue Pocket Park. This project is a true testament
   of successful public and private partnerships, and
   a marvelous example of the impact that Complete
   Streets can have in a community.
- Introduced our Neighborhood Grants Program In support of our MidTown neighborhoods MidTown, Inc. formed a grant program to assist in strengthening neighborhoods with community activities and initiatives. We awarded grants to the following: Hilton Woods/Clubview Heights Neighborhood Association to purchase investigative cameras for the Columbus Fire Department, East Highlands Neighborhood Association to purchase school supplies for neighborhood students and to host a block party honoring local law enforcement, Antioch Church to implement an education/ recreation program for children in need during the 2019 Spring Break, and Weracoba-St. Elmo Neighborhood Association to host their annual membership and neighborhood block party.
- Hosted a free community concert in Lakebottom
   Park Seizing on the vast community activities uniquely available for us to host at Lakebottom Park, we held our First Annual MidTown GetDown, a free concert with a variety of musical genres in May, 2019.\*
- Organized the first Full Moon Bike Ride We showcased the bike-ability of MidTown with our partners Ride on Bikes, Jarfly, Bicycle Columbus and the River Valley Regional Commission by hosting our

- First Annual Full Moon Bicycle Ride during a gorgeous full moon in the spring of 2019.\*
- Held the second Annual Clean MidTown In April, 2019, over 50 volunteers focused their efforts to pick up litter in a 10 block area around 13th Street.\*
- Explored feasibility to develop a Children's Bicycle Park In 2019, we contracted with Trail Solutions, a construction arm of the International Mountain Bicycle Association, to develop a conceptual plan for a children's Bicycle Park. This plan was completed in 2020 and the community will be presented with the design in 2021, beginning the public participation process to determine if Dinglewood Park is a good fit. Neighbors and interested parties will be consulted for their input, suggestions and concerns.
- Held the Second Annual Made in MidTown Twentyone MidTown residents tapped into their imagination
  and created benches and chairs for an art exhibit in
  April of 2019 as a part of ArtBeat. Guests were invited
  to preview and "vote" on their favorites with donations
  to MidTown. Carson DeMars' chair, titled Take me
  Away to Callaway, won the most votes.\*
- Commissioned MidTown's first mural MidTown, Inc. extended an open invitation through social media for artists to submit design proposals for a mural on the corner of 13th Street and 12th Avenue as a first step in a larger Minimum Grid enhancement project. MidTown artist Carley Wood's artwork was selected and installed in September of 2019 with funds from MidTown, Inc., Trey Carmark and ArtBeat.
- Hosted a third Knight Cities On the Table Event On October, 2019, MidTown invited board members and community leaders for breakfast in our MidTown office and lunch at the Michael Fluellen Center to discuss opportunities to improve the MidTown community.
- Hosted the 9th Annual MidTown Mingle\* Our beloved annual fundraising event was held at historic St. Elmo, home to Dr. Philip Schley. A record-breaking 800 party goers gathered to celebrate our community and enjoy a beautiful evening of great food and music, plus a live auction for world-renown artist Bo Bartlett's painting of the Greek Revival home, painted specifically for the event. Dr. Sidney and Becky Yarbrough placed the winning bid and added one more piece to their extensive Bo Bartlett collection.

- Created the MidTown Unity Classic Basketball Event Many participants at our On the Table discussions expressed the desire for improved relationships between law enforcement and the community. We invited Columbus Police officers and local leaders including Mayor Skip Henderson and then Police Chief Ricky Boren to play basketball games and half-court shot competitions at the A.J. McClung YMCA with boy and girl youth volunteers on February 29, 2019.
- Continued support for MidTown businesses
   and MidTown Living The MidTown Business
   Association, through joint marketing efforts including
   creative videos produced for both social media and
   TV advertising, the bi-monthly newsletter, The
   MidTowner, and social media outlets, continued the
   work to advocate for MidTown businesses and home
   sales. We welcomed twenty-two new members in
   2019 and 2020.
- Raised funds with the UnMingled Unable to host our annual fundraiser due to the coronavirus, the 2020 Mingle Committee quickly shifted gears, procuring donated items and "experiences" for an online auction aptly named "UnMingled". Several MidTown Business Association members sponsored a Scavenger Hunt, providing some family outings to offset cabin fever during the shutdown. Thanks to the generous donors and corporate and MBA sponsors, we were able to raise \$39,582.
- Began Phase 2, beautification with public art As part of the Minimum Grid project, on November 21, 2020, we unveiled **Light Up MidTown**, partnering with Columbus State University's Art Department and local businesses to revitalize 13th Street through public art. Regional and local artists literally and figuratively "lit up" this important corridor with murals and inventive lighting exhibitions, encouraging drivers to slow down and reimagine a more vibrant connection between UpTown and MidTown.
- Upgraded office technology We improved our donor management software and redesigned our website for greater donor security, mobile friendly access, and more in-depth information about our MidTown community.
- \* This event unfortunately was cancelled in 2020 to adhere to the city-wide Covid restrictions on large gatherings

#### **MidTown Program Partners and Special Thanks**

- A.J. McClung YMCA
- John Anker
- Antioch Baptist Church
- Artbeat
- BWP Cares
- Bo Bartlett
- Ralph Betz
- Bicycle Columbus
- Trey Carmack
- Carver Heights
   Presbyterian Church
- Chattahoochee Valley Libraries
- Chick-fil-A
- Coalition for Sound Growth
- Colormac2
- Columbus Consolidated Government
  - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement
  - Engineering Department
  - Skip Henderson, Mavor
  - Pam Hodge,
     Deputy City Manager
     (Finance, Planning and Development)
  - Isaiah Hughley, City Manager
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Planning and Zoning Department
  - Public Works
- Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Columbus Museum
- Columbus Police Department
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  - Sergeant Angela Florence
  - Corporal Robert Greene
- Columbus State University
- Hannah Israel
- The Leadership Institute
- Dr. Amanda Rees
- Columbus Water Works
- Community
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   Chattahoochee Valley
- Company C Academy of Dance
- Country Club of Columbus

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- John Crenshaw
- Carson DeMars
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- Days Gone By Properties
- Dragonfly Trails
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  - Young Professionals
- Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church
- Chris Harman
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- Image by Design
- Matt Horne
- Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia
- Jarfly
- Kimi Farms
- John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
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- MidTown Neighborhood Associations
- Mr. B's Liquor, Beer & Wine
- William Morgan and Steve Morse
- Muscogee County School District
- Overflo Ministries
- Ride on Bikes
- River Valley Regional Commission
- The Rotary Club of Columbus
- Safe Kids Columbus
- Dr. Philip Schley
- Southern Roots
- The Speakeasy
- Temple Israel
- The Honorable Teresa P. and Trip Tomlinson
- Trees Columbus
- Turn Around Columbus
- Uptown Columbus
- Wildwood Gardens
- The Wynn House
- Wynnton United Methodist Church
- Zoe's Pediatrics

#### 2019 MIDTOWN MINGLE

Mingle 2019 raised \$116,565 in total revenues (cash and in-kind) netting \$81,810 to support MidTown projects, programs and operations.

The Mingle is MidTown's sole annual fundraising event, and our single largest source of operating revenue. We could not pursue our mission—Making MidTown EVEN Better—without this vital community support.







Bo Bartlett generously donated a commissioned painting for the event which was sold in a live auction



MidTown Mingle Committee (Beginning in the back L-R) Reynolds Cheney, Kathleen Gallops, Jessica Ferriter, Jennifer Walker, Sara Carver, Julio Portillo, Amanda Baker, Tracy Courville, Jennie Hannay, Sarah Rumph, Emily Brannan, Hallie Fivecoat, Crystal Trawick, Margot Schley (Chair), Erica Womack, Angela Springer, Bitsy Dedwylder, Kelley Watts Not pictured: Cam Addison, Jamie Harris, Len Kilgore, Ellen Lane











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Teresa and Trip Tomlinson
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VSA Security Systems
Wildwood Rugs
Rebecca and Sidney H. Yarbrough

# 2020 UNMINGLED

Unable to host the Mingle due to coronavirus, the 2020 Mingle Committee quickly shifted gears and organized an online auction.

UnMingled 2020 raised \$39,582 in total revenues (cash and in-kind), netting \$34,061 to support MidTown projects, programs and operations.

















# PARTNER SPONSORS

Country's Barbeque

Elizabeth Fry and Dupont Kirven Foundation, Inc.

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The Bottle Shop Brasfield & Gorrie Daniel Appliance Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker Garrett Dr. and Mrs. Scott Hannay Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schladensky Mr. and Mrs. John Tuggle Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wade, III

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David Benefield at Highland Hall Hinson Galleries MidTown Coffee House Ritch Electric Company, Inc. Storage Xxtra Two Sisters Gallery Mary Varner Real Estate Group Kristi Watkins, Realtor

# **AUCTION SPONSORS**

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The Bottle Shop
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VSA Security Systems
Mary Varner
Wright Way Fitness
The Wynn House

Ride on Bikes

#### MADE IN MIDTOWN





#### **Made in MidTown Participants**

Steve Anthony Ceil Bone Julianne David Bitsy Dedwylder Carson DeMars Libba Dillon Caroline Fields Tim Gregory Mary Harrell/Two Sisters Gallery Robin Harrell Jack Jenkins Helen Johnson Matt and Ellen Lane William Morgan Cathryn Pease Stuart Rayfield John Schley Angela Springer Judy Tucker Kristine White Carley Wood











# 2019 Statement of Financial Position

# **ASSETS**

Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 570,882.23
Contributions receivable	\$ 20,890.00
Fixed Assets	\$ 1,173.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 592,945.40
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Payroll liabilities	\$ 5,422.51
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 216,256.40
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 491,657.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 592,945.40

Contact our office for a complete copy of financial statements reviewed by Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C.

# 2020 Statement of Financial Position

# **ASSETS**

Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 508,606.45
Contributions receivable	\$ 18,688.00
Fixed Assets	\$ 1,173.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 528,466.72
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Payroll liabilities	\$ 4,366.66
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 95,865.89
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ 491,657.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 528,466.72

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#### **LEGACY**

An anonymous donor who loves MidTown\*

A three-year matching grant, 2017-2019

# ADVOCATES (\$10,000 and up)

The Knight Fund\*

**TSYS** 

Emily Fletcher Williams

## **BUILDERS (\$5,000 - \$9,999)**

Mr. Alan F. Rothschild, through the Fort Trustee Fund, CFCV

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The Knight Foundation

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\*at the Community Foundation of the Chattachoochee Valley, Inc.

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\*\*\*In Honor of the Staff and Board

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In Memory of Frank S. Etheridge, III

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. King

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wade, III

In Memory of Moselle Worsley Fletcher Emily Fletcher Williams

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information found in this report is true and accurate. Please inform us of any errors or omissions and accept our sincere apology.

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Aflac

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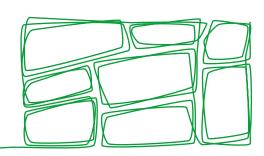
### **GIFTS IN HONOR**

In Honor of the Staff and Board Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. King

In Honor of Bitsy Dedwylder Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mize, Jr.

In Honor of Georgia Ann Russell Ms. Eugenia Taylor

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information found in this report is true and accurate. Please inform us of any errors or omissions and accept our sincere apology.





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MidTown staff 2020



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Unity Classic 2020



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**Kelley Watts** – Finance Director (part time)

**Len B. Kilgore** – Office Manager (January 2018-March 2019 Part time)

**Hallie Fivecoat** – Development Manager (January 2019-December 2020)

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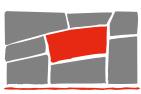






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# Come H ME to MidTown!

Scattered throughout this annual report are green sketched logos to honor Ed Burdeshaw, a founding member and president emeritus, who retired from the board at the end of 2020. Ed created our brilliantly versatile logo in 2005, and the success we have had in branding and promoting the area and events in MidTown is in large part thanks to this design.

