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Join us in congratulating Danny Wuerffel on being named the 2021 Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup Award professional recipient, an award given to the most outstanding role models among athletes by the Athletes for a Better World

SAVE THE DATE!
Oct 28-29th at Sea Island

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT
Is there a matching gift program at work?
Tap into it to maximize your impact!
Call us at 678-681-3979 for help with getting a match set up.

THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING US WITH YOUR GIFTS!
Your gifts provided direct support for our leaders as you helped us surround them with encouragement, Emotional Wellness Support and opportunities to disconnect from the pressures of ministry and connect with peers and their families.

In a year where we were forced to be socially distant, thank you for helping us champion leaders, as many of our partners had to shift the way they served their neighborhoods to meet the needs and hurdles that COVID-19 presented for their neighbors.

For more information and resources visit www.desirestreet.org
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THE INTERSECTION
ROOTED IN PRAYER
By Danny Wuerffel, Executive Director

My right shoulder hurts and doesn’t work like it used to. Maybe it’s slightly related to overuse or trauma—like throwing a football hundreds of thousands of times or getting repeatedly slammed to the turf for the first 30 years of my life. Or maybe it’s simply age catching up with me.

Regardless of the cause, I’ve become an anatomy student of the shoulder, and have come to realize the most important part of the joint is the rotator cuff—a group of small muscles that stabilize the entire unit through multiple ranges of motions.

Unlike the bigger deltoids, the rotator cuff muscles are small, deep inside and can’t be seen. Most people don’t stretch or strengthen their rotator cuff, and a slight injury can leave even the strongest of athletes unable to lift their arm.

We spend so much energy tending to the things that are seen, and we often neglect the deeper things, things that are often meant to be our source of stability, our foundation. A tree can only be as strong as its roots.

This quarter, to build deeper and healthier roots, we will put our focus on one of the best spiritual exercises we have—prayer. And, in particular, how your prayers can actually help strengthen the foundation for the work (and workers) in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Many of you pray for us. It’s humbling. I get cards, emails, and voicemails from many of you—keeping us in your prayers. Thank you.

One of our leaders just told me how he literally felt carried through one of the worst times of his life knowing that so many in the extended Desire Street family were actively praying for him. Your prayers matter. They matter to us, our leaders and the countless kids and families living in under-resourced neighborhoods.

While there are many other things we can and should do to love and serve our neighbors, let’s not forget that our prayers are the roots, the rotator cuff that helps stabilize it all.

ANNUAL REPORT 2020
The global pandemic has affected everyone. The health risks have created varying degrees of anxiety, loss, pain, and uncertainty.

Our ministry partners are already familiar with these types of circumstances. Living and serving in under-resourced communities puts them in close contact to health risks, death, unknowns, and obstacles. Adversity and uncertainty are twin realities that our partners face on a regular basis. Covid-19 emerged as a new adversary amongst the many encountered already.

Ben Sciacca
DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As we see in Philippians 4:6, all of us have access to our Heavenly Father who is standing and ready to hear our prayers, absorb our anxiety, and offer us His peace. He is the constant in the chaos.

Partner Charles Lee and Students

He is the immovable and unflinching strength amidst the uncertainty. Thankfully, we all have ongoing access to His mercy, grace, and peace.

The intersection of lives, leaders and neighborhoods

YEAR IN REVIEW

Our partners are familiar with dealing with uncertainty, and while this last year presented unique challenges for all of us, we are inspired by the way our partners responded within their communities.

We couldn’t support these amazing leaders without YOU! Follow our partners on social media to stay connected with the work God is doing in their neighborhoods.