people in the southern state of Karnataka. The city struggles with intense economic inequality. Intermixed with great wealth from a booming tech industry, there are 682 slums in the city.

In 1994 Sam Rajshekhar and his wife Beulah were moved by the poverty in their community, particularly the plight of the children who spent their days rag picking. So they invited a few children off the streets into their home and provided them with education, nutritious food, and a caring environment.

Sam and Beulah’s simple step in response to the need around them drew others into a network of leaders of good faith and good will. Over time the community’s investment grew, serving more and more children and culminating in the opening of YuvaLok High School, which meets these same needs for even more kids.

What does YuvaLok look like now, 25 years later? The work now encompasses five schools, largely serving families in poverty and ensuring access to quality education. Meeting their immediate needs—clean water, healthcare, nutritious meals, transportation, and more—creates a healthy environment and a chance for kids to thrive.

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Then the COVID-19 pandemic changed life as we know it globally.

The impacts reverberated hard in population-dense Bangalore. Poverty swelled as unemployment peaked at 1 in 4 throughout India, growing into a tide of displacement and destabilization. But this didn’t stop YuvaLok’s work, in fact the opposite happened.

“Amid all the misery and despair, we increased our efforts to carry out our mission of reaching men, women, and children at their point of need with greater intensity and vigor. I realized that we cannot be mere spectators of what’s going on, so in faith just plunged into the relief work,” said Sam Rajshekhar, Executive Director.

During the chaos of the pandemic’s growing effects, the YuvaLok Foundation mobilized to expand its efforts to meet the dire needs of the people in Bangalore. YuvaLok began helping cover medical bills, college tuition fees, food grains, and other needs resulting from the pandemic. By covering expenses and distributing grain, 10,000 families in the city and beyond were brought relief and support. This vital relief kept children in school, students in college, and families nourished; the stabilizing effects helped maintain services critical to the community flourishing.

YuvaLok’s determination to persist in the work of changing lives through relationships, meeting needs, and transforming the city under such difficult circumstances demonstrates a robust faith amidst hardship, one that will stand the test of time and adversity.

In loving Bangalore amidst crisis, YuvaLok boldly lives out a theology of place that embodies Leadership Foundations’ hope for cities everywhere, that battlegrounds of poverty and isolation can transform into playgrounds of hope, relationship, and flourishing.

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Thanks to your support, LF has impacted cities throughout the world, building catalytic relationships by *engaging leaders of good faith and good will, building the capacity of others, and developing joint initiatives.*

From housing to healthcare to youth mentoring to justice reform and more, Leadership Foundations tackles the greatest challenges facing cities.

In 2020, the Leadership Foundations network responded rapidly to the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities during the COVID pandemic. Here are a few examples of the impact you’ve made:

- **Over 3 Million** meals delivered
- **Over $11 Million** of supplies, emergency aid, in kind donations and grants activated
- More than **7,543** volunteers activated and managed

**193** joint initiatives

**13,178** volunteers

**679,586** lives directly impacted

**70.3 M** lives touched by Leadership Foundations cities
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2% Dues $82,000
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22% Individuals $747,852
42% Government $1,425,677
7% Community Engagement $216,066
17% General/ Administration $577,834
76% Program: Member Services $2,465,694

EXPENSES: $3,259,594

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