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ABOUT US

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that designs and builds small-scale community projects across Chicago. We founded Human Scale in 2018 as a group of architecture students and young professionals with the goal of using our skills to positively impact people’s lives.

Human Scale originated out of a common passion for community service. We all met at the University of Illinois at Chicago where we studied architecture. Having volunteered on many projects before, we decided to create our own group because we realized the impact that a single project has on another person’s life. We knew that we could make a realistic difference in the world by using our skills to build small-scale projects. Our goal is to incorporate the community needs in order to create meaningful, long-lasting projects.

“Extremely passionate, mission driven organization!”
Sam Snodgrass, CEO, Sustained Revenue

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<td>We aim to make a positive impact in communities by designing and building small-scale projects for those communities that deliver a mutual civic benefit to their members.</td>
<td>Our focus is on increasing accessibility to architecture by building small-scale projects because they are affordable, efficient, and deliver a personal experience to the users of the space.</td>
<td>Our goal is to build at least one project every year. We normally plan and design during the fall and winter months, and use the spring and summer months to build them.</td>
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APPROACH

We execute community initiatives with the goal of creating social impact not monetary profits. Our approach focuses on incorporating the users of the space in the design process which results in more meaningful projects.

human to human relationships

INITIATE

Our first step is to come up with possibilities for the space. We propose various iterations of possible structures and elements that can be built in order to gauge the community members’ interests.

COLLABORATE

We work closely with community members and organizations by listening to their input and feedback which results in increased ownership of the space.

FUNDRAISE

We find ways to fund our projects by applying for grants, creating crowdfunding campaigns, or requesting donations from individuals or businesses. We also work with organizations that have already secured funding for the projects.

CREATE

There are many ways in which we build our projects. We can build them ourselves, use volunteers, or subcontract certain phases. Sometimes we do a combination of all three to make sure that we deliver high quality spaces.
THE TEAM
CO-FOUNDERS

HSU MYAT AUNG
Board Director
Hsu is a Board Director of Human Scale where she focuses on project development, and she is an architectural designer at a residential and commercial firm.

JORGE LUIS MAYORGA
Board Director
Jorge is a Board Director of Human Scale where he manages projects, and he is an architect in training at a small residential firm.

AYLEN PACHECO
Board Director
Aylen is a Board Director of Human Scale where she manages projects, and she is studying architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

KASIA PILAT
Board Director
Kasia is a Board Director of Human Scale where she focuses on the design and research process of our projects, she is studying architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

WALMER SAAVEDRA
Board Chair
Walmer is the Board Chair of Human Scale where he oversees and implements the long-term goals and strategies of the organization, and he is a Project Engineer at a construction management firm.
“Architecture inevitably impacts people’s lives through the built environment. As a result, architects have a responsibility to implement conscientious design initiatives that aim to make people’s lives better.”
Dear friends,

We are delighted to provide you with this annual report detailing Human Scale’s accomplishments and financial performance in 2019.

Our first year as an official nonprofit was nerve-racking but exciting. We successfully completed our biggest project to date, launched a new website, and secured two projects for the summer of 2020. We could not be happier with our results and are confident in our approach to continue delivering high quality meaningful spaces.

The majority of our time and resources were consumed by The Hive. In September of 2018, we were approached by the garden directors of El Paseo Community Garden with their vision for an outdoor classroom, cafe stand, and a storage shed. Our primary focus was on creating a space where kids could gather to learn about healthy food options and gardening techniques during their weekly Kid Garden Days. This project would not have been possible without the grants that were secured by El Paseo, material donations we received from local companies, or the involvement of the garden directors. We received many positive comments from the children who attend class and from people who visit and use the garden. It is always pleasant to see how our ideas, once turned into reality, create a social impact in communities.

Shortly after completing The Hive, we secured two more projects for the summer of 2020. The first one will be at El Paseo, we are going to build a social space that will include benches, pergolas, raised planter beds, outdoor kitchen, and a Day of the Dead altar. Our other project is to develop a new ADA accessible community garden in the Austin neighborhood by building a pergola, arbors, signage, and benches.

Our future looks bright, we are gaining more projects and attention. This is the first time that we will be working on two projects at the same time, something that will be challenging but very rewarding once we successfully complete them. We want to eventually work on more than two projects at a time, so we will use 2020 to learn how to multitask efficiently. Another goal of ours is to reach out to news media in order to promote our mission and gain more resources and support.

We are gratified with the moral support we have received from friends, family, and community members this past year. We are also thankful to our donors who have pooled their resources together in order for us to create projects that are positively impacting people's lives across Chicago. We made great progress in 2019 and are looking forward to what 2020 has in store for us.

Walmer Saavedra, Board Chair
IMPACT

VAMOS Design Charrette
We were invited as guest speakers at their annual summer camp. We used this opportunity to speak about our nonprofit, and to also challenge the students to come up with ideas for our El Paseo 2020 project. We held a brief design charrette that day, and asked the students to come up with sketches and drawings for how they envision the space.

Innovate a Better Chicago Design Challenge
We were invited to be guest speakers at Chicago Latinx Scholars’ Innovate a Better Chicago Design Challenge. This was a design thinking challenge where we spoke to high school students about our reasons for creating a nonprofit, the type of work that we do, and about our experiences in college and the workplace.
THE HIVE

DESCRIPTION
The Hive is an expansion to a community garden that includes an outdoor classroom, cafe stand, storage shed, benches, tables, cubbies, and chalkboard. It was designed for children in the Pilsen community. It resembles a scaled-up version of a langstroth hive. The outdoor classroom reveals the typical frame that is found inside langstroth hives, and the hexagonal pattern shows the honeycomb structure created by bees.

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“Human Scale did a wonderful job incorporating all the ideas we brainstormed during the design process into the final product.”

Antonio Acevedo, Director, El Paseo Community Garden

CONSTRUCTION

The community garden subcontracted the shed construction, so we managed the construction activities by setting up a construction schedule, creating construction documents, and by working alongside the contractors. We managed and built the outdoor classroom elements ourselves.
Our design was inspired by the beehives that are found at the garden. Every year, El Paseo harvests honey by using langstroth styled beehives so we decided to create a human scaled version of it.

**DESIGN PROCESS**

We replicated the hexagonal structure of honeycomb to create benches and storage spaces similar to the way honey bees use their nests to contain larvae, honey, and pollen.

Our shed is a scaled up version of a langstroth hive. A langstroth hive contains vertically hung frames, a bottom board with entrance for the bees, boxes containing frames for brood and honey, and an inner cover and top cap to provide weather protection.

We were interested in showing the hung frames found inside a typical langstroth hive, so we slid two frames away from the shed and used them as the support walls for the pergola. You can see the hexagonal honeycomb structure found inside the beehive.

Another feature in our project that resemble a beehive is the corner box joint. We wanted to reveal the structure of the beehive box by creating a checkered box pattern on each corner of the storage shed.
GALLERY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE

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DONORS / PARTNERSHIPS

INDIVIDUALS
Jocelynn Ruiz
Mark Blustein
Xochilt Castel

ORGANIZATIONS
El Paseo Community Garden
Hermitage Community Garden
Englewood’s Veterans Garden
VAMOS Community Organization
Chicago Latinx Scholars

COMPANIES
Ism Furniture
Nunez Construction
National Roofing Corporation
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SUMMARY
This report illustrates the impact, accomplishments, and financial performance of the nonprofit during the 2018-2019 year. It specifically highlights the annual design build project called The Hive.

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