

# 2021

# ANNUAL

# REPORT



**HOPE | RESILIENCE | EMPOWERMENT**



**ORANGE COUNTY**

## Our Mission

Ending the cycle of youth homelessness. We do this in cities across Orange County, one youth at a time.

## Our Vision

We strive to build communities where all youth know care, feel loved and have a support system to help them move quickly from surviving to thriving.

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## A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Every day at StandUp for Kids, we ask our youth and their families who are experiencing homelessness to have hope. We tell them that they will have a brighter future full of possibilities with a bit of work and persistence. We use evidence-based programs and services, but it's the trust built through personal relationships that makes the difference for our youth.

Hope and belief have been essential for StandUp for Kids over the last two years as the pandemic challenged us. StandUp for Kids held on tight to our Mission to end the cycle of youth homelessness. The strength and resilience of our staff, volunteers, and the youth we serve inspired us.

**The results have been exceptional.**

In 2021, with the help of our volunteers, staff, and board, we helped 474 youth and families from across Orange County. Over the last year, 96% of the youth we served in our programs remained stably housed and found long-term success.

In this report, you'll meet some of those who put their belief in themselves and us this year. Their successes inspire us to keep going and keep expanding our reach, especially when the circumstances around us are uncertain.

We know that our results could not be possible without the commitment of our supporters, volunteers, donors, and partners. Thank you for your continued support of our Mission on behalf of the youth and staff.

**Together we will end youth homelessness.**

With gratitude,

*Justine Palmore*

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Executive Director



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## Your Impact

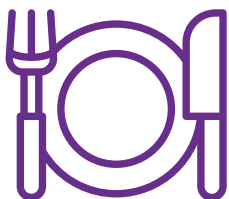
# 96%

of the youth we housed transitioned from crisis to self-sufficiency and still remain in stable housing.



## 4,596

Meals Provided



## 474

Youth Supported



## 1,559

Nights of Shelter



## 16,343

Volunteer Hours



## 5,133

Touchpoints



## \$816,000

Funds Raised



We give youth a sense of **safety**, **hope**, and **belonging** through street outreach, success centers, mentoring, housing support, and relationships with trusted, caring adults.



# YOUTH SPOTLIGHTS

## Dina



"I honestly think StandUp for Kids are lifesavers because they've helped me in every aspect that you can think of. Whoever it is, they're going to be there for you."

Senior year, Dina was diagnosed with an illness that gave her headaches and severely weakened her ability to use her arms and legs. The severity and significance of this illness would make it challenging for Dina to ever find her footing in high school.

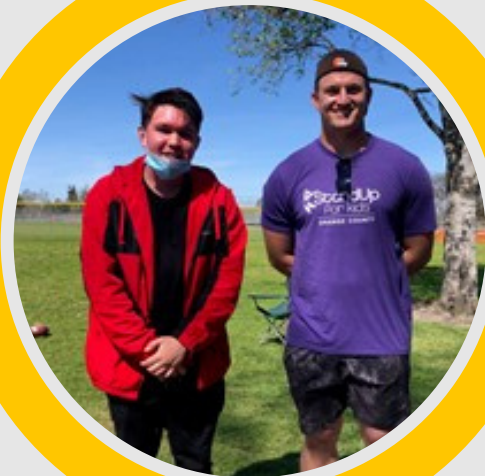
Because of your support... Dina was able to receive mentoring, tutoring, groceries and essentials, school supplies, and help navigating college after she graduated high school.

## Dylan



"There are people out there who care about you. Even if you don't know it."

## Chief



"StandUp for Kids gave me hope again. I feel more positive and I just feel better. I'm super thankful and happy to be in this program."

# DEMOGRAPHICS




## WHO YOU'RE HELPING



80% of the youth we served in 2021 were People of Color.




77% Non-LGBTQ+  
16% LGBTQ+  
7% Unknown

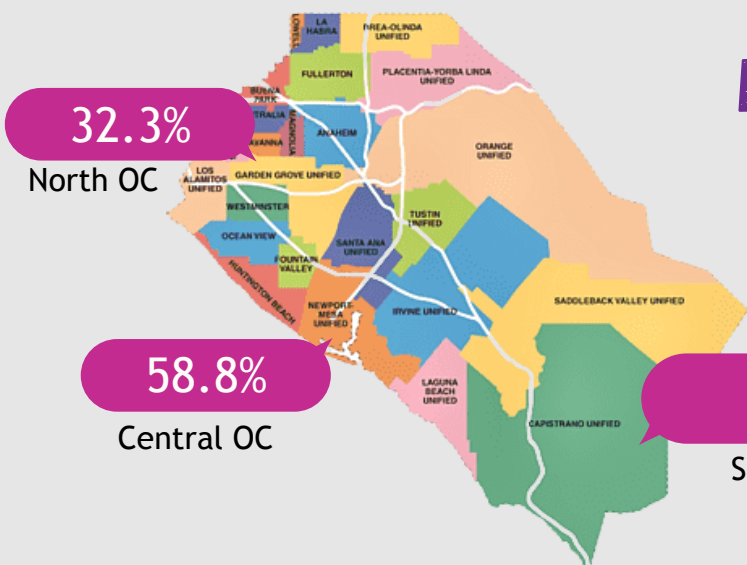
### Gender:

-  49.8% Male
-  47.2% Female
-  3% Non-binary



### Age Range:

-  11% 12-17
-  42% 18-21
-  47% 22-24

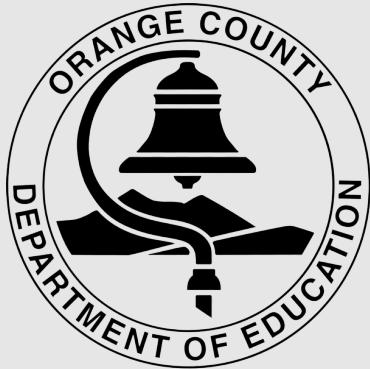


**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT...  
CITIES YOUTH COME TO  
US FROM.**

# COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERING UP TO BOTH PREVENT CRISIS AND INTERVENE

## OCDE Contract for ACCESS Schools



In 2021, StandUp for Kids received a contract with the Orange County Department of Education to serve ACCESS (Alternative Community and Correctional Education Schools and Services) schools county-wide. Our case managers work to encourage student attendance, offer tutoring, mentoring, and making sure basic needs are met. With support from their case managers, youth have a fighting chance to graduate high school and move on to higher education.

## City of Garden Grove Contract for WARP

The Workforce Activation & Readiness Program (WARP), is an employment development program that provides youth with the tools and skills they need to secure and maintain gainful employment. By partnering up with the City of Garden Grove, we're able to offer youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness with paid internships from local businesses.



Scan with your phone's camera to learn more about WARP!

## City of Anaheim Contract for Housing

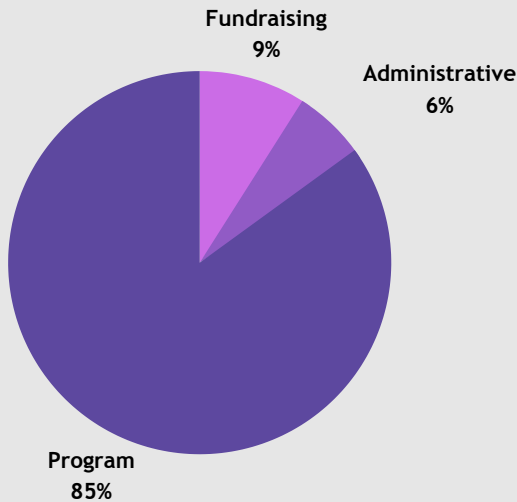


Through our partnership with the City of Anaheim, our case managers are able to assist youth currently experiencing homelessness with housing vouchers. This assistance includes, helping our youth find affordable rentals by building relationships with local landlords and ensuring they have the tools they need to maintain stable housing.

# 2021 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

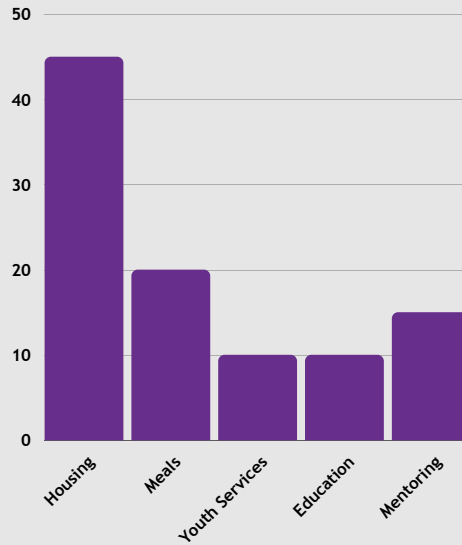
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### Revenue by sources

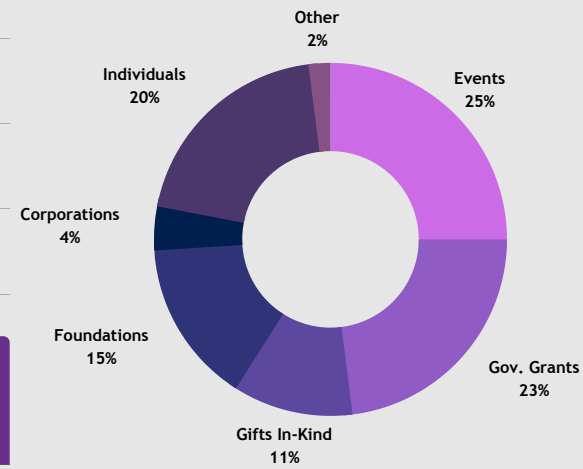


**\$816,000**

### Your dollars at work

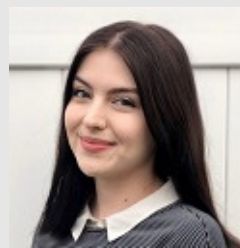
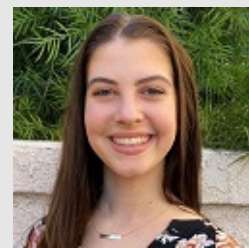
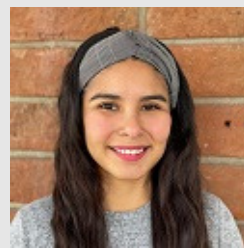
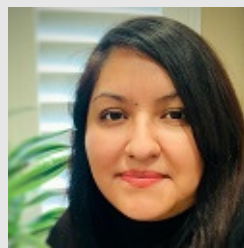


### Expenses by function



**\$747,000**

## ★ OC LEADERSHIP ★



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Ending homelessness for all starts with ending youth homelessness. Your support is integral to making our mission into a reality.



JOIN THE  
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END YOUTH  
HOMELESSNESS



## HOW YOU CAN HELP...

### GIVE.

Every dollar counts. Become a monthly donor or make a one time donation online by scanning the code above or going to our website. You can also send a check to our PO Box.

### LEAVE A LEGACY.

A bequest is one of the most important types of gifts for building StandUp for Kids' future and ensuring generations to come do not experience homelessness.

### MATCH.

Many employers match their employee's donations or offer incentives for their volunteers. Double or triple your impact!

### SPONSOR.

Corporate sponsorships are vital for the success of our events and offer meaningful marketing opportunities.

### VOLUNTEER.

We need you! Whether you prefer to work behind the scenes or hands on with the youth, we have a volunteer opportunity for you!



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