RISE

We had over 800 crisis calls in 2022 and because of YOU, every youth was able to be assisted.

1,078
YOUTH SERVED

2,994
NIGHTS OF SHELTER

4,249
INSTANCES OF SUPPORT

10,423
VOLUNTEER HOURS

100%
of youth in our educational programs graduated high school.

99%
of youth in our housing programs remained stably housed passed 12 month check in.
Heaven found StandUp for Kids while experiencing homelessness and needing urgent support. Unfortunately, her parents could not help her, as they were going through hardships. Heaven took matters into her own hands and began researching where she could get help. Her homelessness took place during the start of Covid, which made it challenging for her to find somewhere to live and to find a job to support herself. Realizing she could not do it alone, she reached out to StandUp for Kids.

Following contact with our Director of Housing and Mentoring Programs, Heaven met Leslie Stern, her soon-to-be mentor, who would help her directly. At first, Heaven was a little skeptical about bringing a mentor into her life. As she grew alongside her mentor over the years, she has come to appreciate the presence, advice, and guidance Leslie has brought to her life.

Heaven recalled: "I first talked to Denise, and she told me about the programs at StandUp for Kids. Then she told me I would have a mentor. . . What does that even mean?! But Leslie truly is amazing, and she is someone that has really been here for me. [Leslie's] helped me get my driver's license, even after five [attempts]... and she is so much more than a mentor. She is a friend and maternal figure. She's very supportive and with anything I tell her. She gives me excellent direct advice and listens to [what I have to say]. I genuinely think she wants better for me and wants me to succeed at anything I want to do."

Heaven's story and time here at StandUp for Kids - Orange County is one that we look back on with joy. Leslie's impact on her life has helped Heaven overcome her previous life challenges, especially when she was experiencing homelessness. Heaven just recently signed an apartment lease for a whole year! We are so proud of Heaven and everything she has accomplished in the past couple of years.

5 STAGES TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY:

Basic needs & emergency shelter  
Employment Readiness  
Employment Sustainability  
Financial Awareness  
Permanent Housing

MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR SUPPORT
In 2022, LoveSac provided over $50,000 worth of couches to our youth who had recently moved in to their new homes. Thank you LoveSac for working alongside us to provide comfort to youth in need.

StandUp for Kids was lucky enough to be chosen as the beneficiary of ISS’s Annual Golf Tournament which raised over $48,000 for youth experiencing homelessness. Their impact in our community is truly remarkable!

24 Carrots Catering & Events made our 2022 Annual Gala possible by donating their fantastic catering services and a gorgeous venue. Because of their support, the event raised $200,000.

For over 10 years, eVisions has been an invaluable supporter of StandUp for Kids. Through their support, thousands of lives have been changed. In 2022, they gifted $25,000 and have encouraged employees to become volunteer mentors.
In 2022, we served more than DOUBLE the youth served in 2021. While our hotline is ringing more and more, we count on our monthly donors more than ever. Being a monthly donor means you’re providing sustainability and ensuring we can continue to answer the phone.

Can we count on you?

Scan the QR code below to sign up today!