



Annual Report

STANDUP FOR KIDS
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TAX ID NUMBER 33-0414855

2023

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on the impact of StandUp for Kids Orange County in 2023, I am thrilled to share the tremendous strides we have made in our mission to support and empower youth experiencing homelessness in our community. Through our unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts, we have achieved significant milestones that have positively transformed the lives of those we serve.



In the past year, StandUp for Kids Orange County proudly provided wrap-around services to nearly 1400 youth, addressing their unique needs and challenges. Our dedication to creating a holistic support system was further solidified through a groundbreaking \$250,000 contract with the Orange County Department of Education. This contract enables us to prioritize Access Schools for youth experiencing homelessness, ensuring they have the resources and support necessary to thrive academically.

Expanding our reach, we successfully integrated into two additional schools within the Santa Ana Unified School District, amplifying our impact on a broader scale. Our partnerships with educational institutions underscore our commitment to breaking down barriers and creating pathways for success for every youth in need.

Financial support from CalOptima, amounting to a \$200,000 grant, has been instrumental in advancing our homeless services and housing navigation programs. Additionally, our collaboration with the City of Irvine, marked by a generous grant, has allowed us to extend mentoring, case management, and housing navigation services to residents, further strengthening our community ties.

In a landmark achievement, StandUp for Kids Orange County secured its first Tenant-Based Rental Assistance grant with the City of Costa Mesa. This milestone, coupled with our strategic partnership with Saddleback College for onsite services in Mission Viejo, underscores our commitment to providing comprehensive solutions to the complex challenges faced by youth who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Celebrating the academic achievements of our youth, I am delighted to announce a 100% graduation rate for our high school seniors, with each graduate successfully transitioning to full-time employment, trade school, or college. Furthermore, our commitment to housing stability has resulted in 98% of the youth we housed remaining stably housed at their 12-month check-in.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited about the prospect of partnering with the Huntington Beach Union High School District to extend wrap-around services to three high schools. Additionally, discussions for expansion with the Garden Grove Unified School District are underway, reflecting our continuous efforts to reach and support every youth in need within Orange County.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our community, partners, and dedicated team members. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of youth who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, providing them with the tools and resources they need to build a brighter future.

Thank you for standing with us in our mission to make a difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justine Palmore'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

JUSTINE PALMORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





ORANGE COUNTY NAMED CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2023

Celebrating 20 years on the Streets!

There is much for our Orange County chapter to celebrate, including a history of success and perseverance that has seen so many lives rebuilt, families strengthened, and genuine relationships fostered. Starting in 2003 with just a handful of volunteers, the chapter has grown in both scope and quality of care provided into a dedicated team of 14 employees and 100 volunteers now serving 1400 youth at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness ages 12-24.

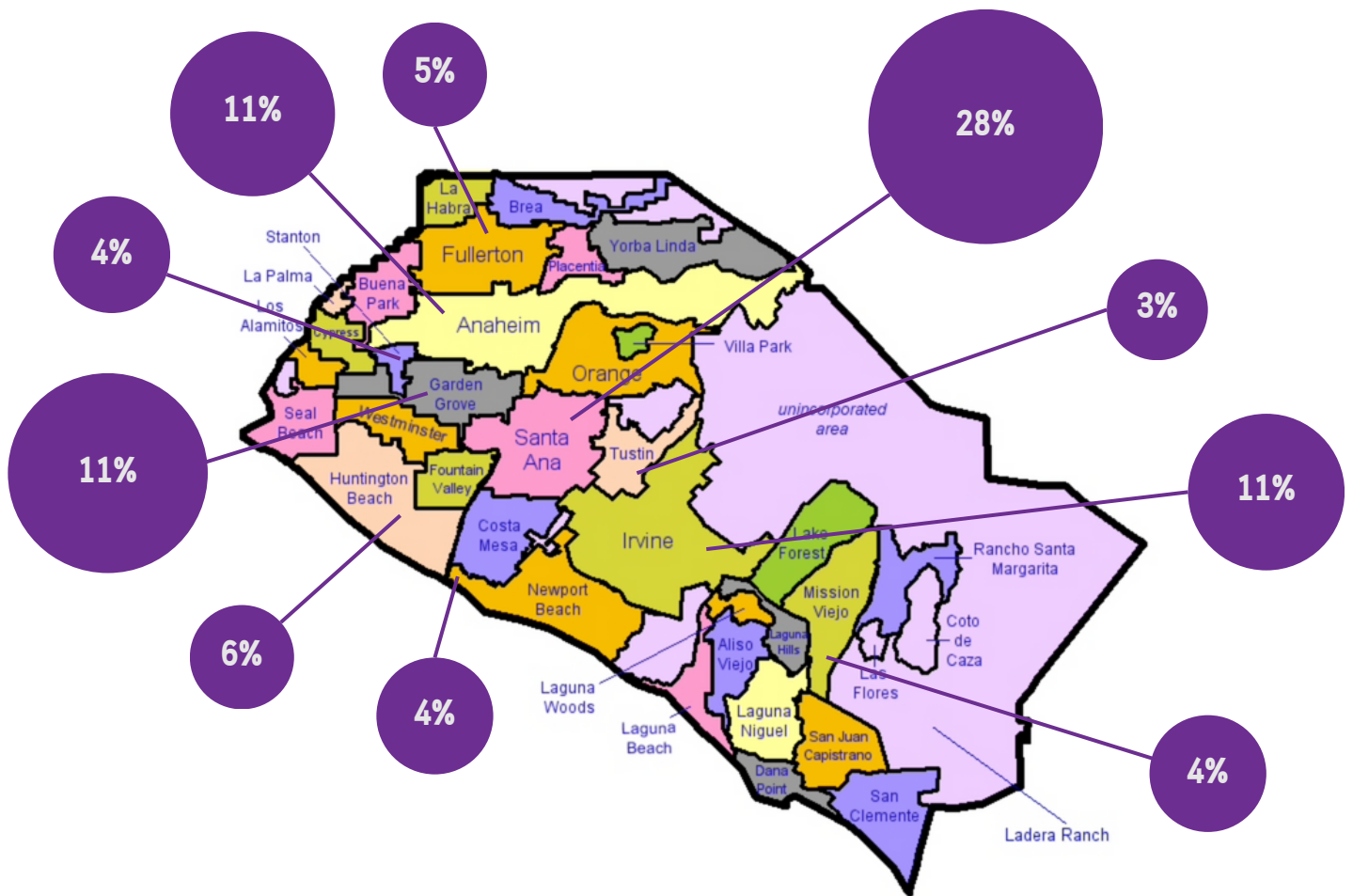
Some highlights:

- 2014: First outreach center opened in Anaheim
- 2016-2023: 100% of high school seniors in our programs graduated
- 2020: "We Deliver" food and supply program launched
- 2023: 98% of youth housed still stable at 12-month check-in

A Big Thank You to Executive Director Justine Palmore, her passionate staff, and volunteers for giving these youth so much care and love. Learn how our Orange County chapter StandsUp every day.

- 1,363 youth supported
- 2,747 nights of shelter
- 98% of our youth remained housed at their 12 mos check-in
- 7,493 volunteer hours
- 6,272 points of service
- 2,896 meals provided
- 100% of our high school seniors graduated

“Our Mission is to End the Cycle of Youth Homelessness.”



Map of Orange County

Youth served in 2023 included cities of:

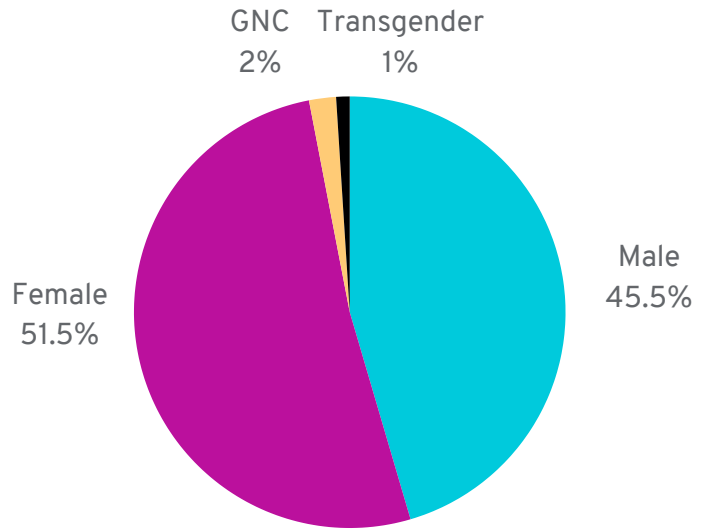
**ORANGE COUNTY
SERVICE MAP**

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|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Huntington Beach | Cypress | Westminster | Mission Viejo |
| San Juan Capistrano | Costa Mesa | La Habra | Lake Forest |
| Fountain Valley | Stanton | Santa Ana | Irvine |
| Garden Grove | Buena Park | Tustin | |
| Dana Point | Anaheim | Orange | |
| Fullerton | Yorba Linda | Brea | |

- 30% of our youth are ages 15, 16 and 17.
- Preventive Programming serves youth in schools aged 12 to 18
- Our Preventive Program is designed to serve youth with support in
 - Shelter and other housing supportive services
 - Mentoring
 - Tutoring
 - Providing basic needs



Learn more about our Road Map to Success program by visiting our website.

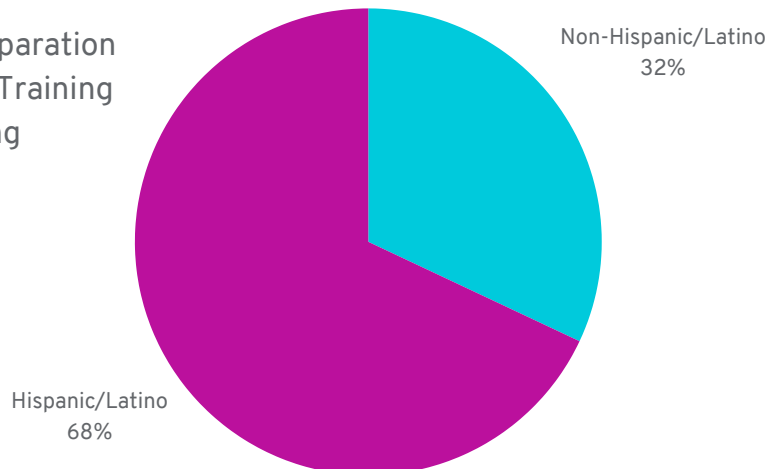


Youth served by Gender in categories listed above

- 61% of youth are between ages 18 years of age to 25 years of age
- This age group is placed in our Crisis Programming
- Our Crisis Programming consist of a five stage Journey to Self-Sufficiency program
 - Housing
 - Basic Needs Support
 - Employment Readiness Preparation
 - Employment Sustainability Training
 - Financial Awareness Training



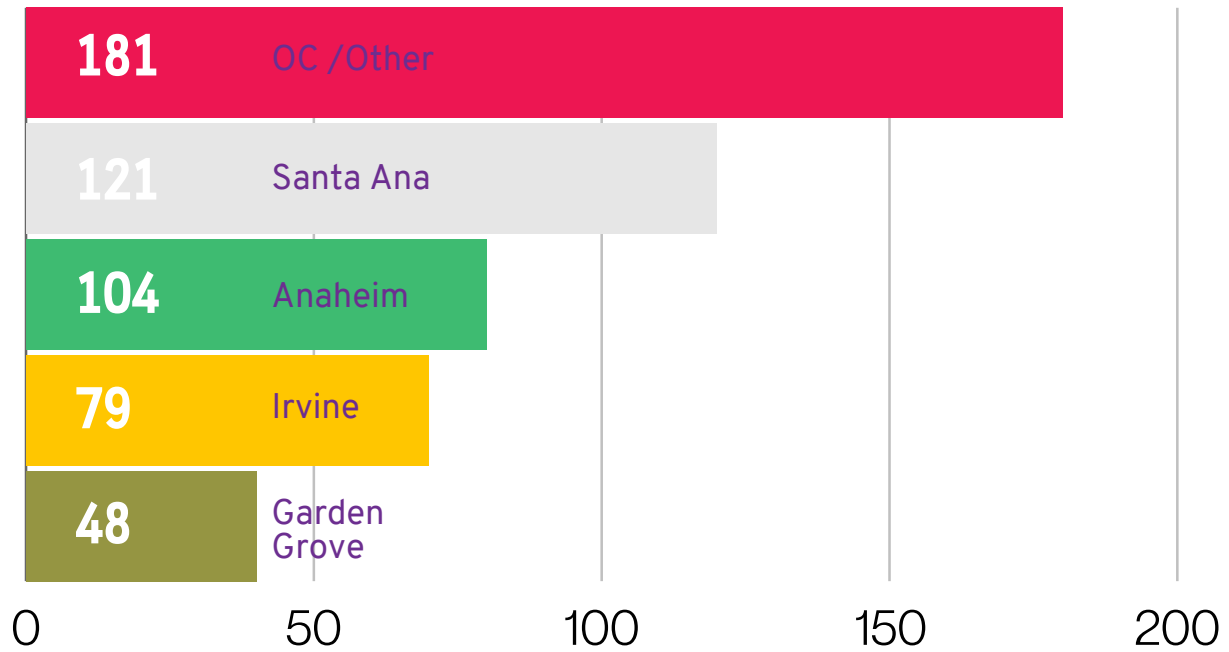
Learn more about our Journey to Self-Sufficiency program by visiting our website.



Youth served by Ethnicity in categories listed above

800 CRISIS LINE

Our 800 Crisis Line operates year-round, responding to distress calls from across Orange County. The image reflects the cities with the highest call volume in 2023.



55%
Are people of color

**18-24
YEAR OLDS**

24%
Are LGBTQ+

36%
Reported Mental Health Challenges

10%
Admitted to Drug Use

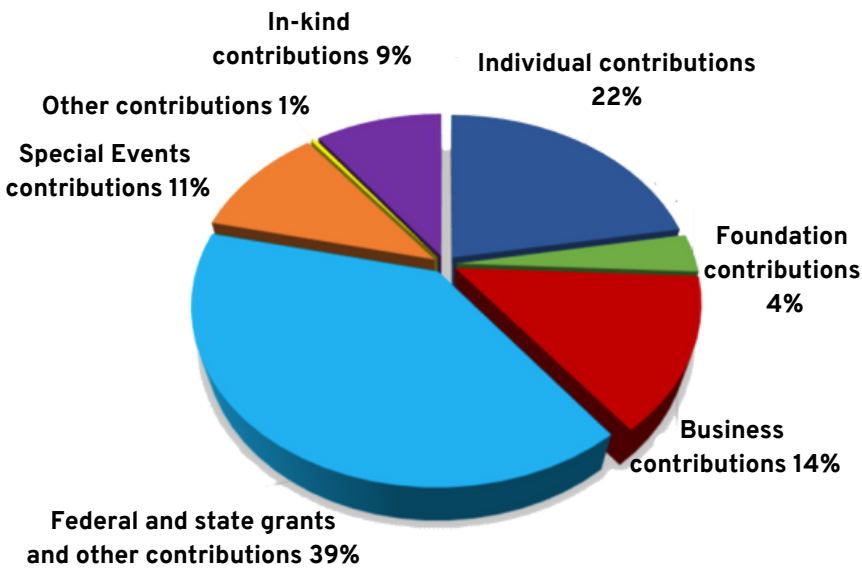
29%
Experienced Domestic Violence

2%
Reported Alcohol Abuse

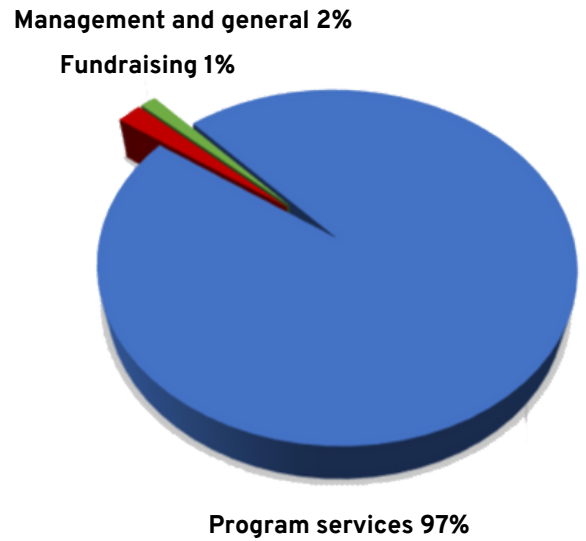


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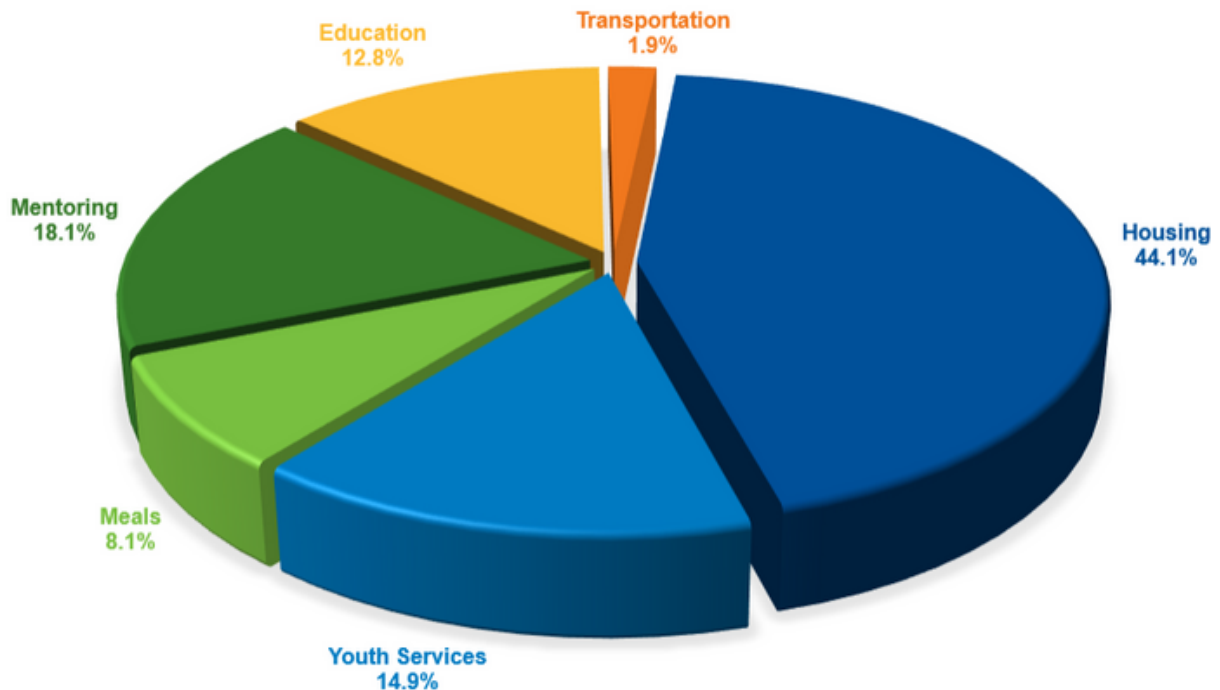
Revenue by Sources



Expenses by Function



Your Program Dollars At Work

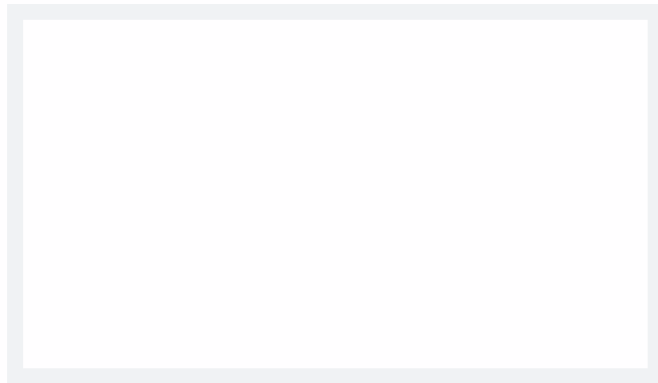








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If you are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness in the Orange County area and are between the ages of 12 and 24, please call our hotline at (714) 356-5437
For more information contact us at orangecounty@standupforkids.org

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