

ENDING THE CYCLE OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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FINALLY, HOME SWEET HOME.

Annual Report 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of StandUp for Kids Orange County,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication you—our donors, volunteers, and community partners—have shown. Thanks to your generosity, this year has been marked by meaningful impact and transformative successes.

Empowering More Youth

This year, we served 1,784 youth, an 8% increase from last year. Each number represents a young life touched by hope and opportunity. Additionally, we supported 377 children of the youth we serve, a remarkable 35% increase. These figures highlight our growing capacity to break cycles of homelessness and provide brighter futures for families.

Deepening Our Impact

In 2024, we delivered over 11,800 points of service—a staggering 89% increase from 2023. From mentorship and counseling to essential supplies and career readiness workshops, these interactions embody our holistic approach to empowering homeless and at-risk youth. While the number of shelter nights provided saw a slight decrease, this reflects our strategic focus on long-term housing solutions and stability.

Community in Action

Our community partnerships and grassroots initiatives have been instrumental in these achievements. Together, we launched programs that equipped youth with life skills, increased access to education, and fostered emotional resilience. We also held impactful events that raised awareness and vital funds to sustain our mission.

Looking Ahead

While we celebrate these milestones, we know our work is far from done. In 2025, we aim to expand our services further, deepen partnerships, and address the evolving needs of the youth we serve. With your continued support, we will create even greater opportunities for transformation and hope.

To every donor, volunteer, and advocate who has stood by us this year – thank you. You are the heart of our mission. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of young people who need us most.

With gratitude and hope,



JUSTINE PALMORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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HOW STANDUP FOR KIDS HELPS - OUR PROGRAMS



Housing Support

A safe, stable place to call home is essential for a successful future. That's why we support not only unhoused youth but also youth living in motels, cars, shelters, and overcrowded dwellings, helping them find safe and sustainable housing. We prioritize providing emergency shelter and connecting youth to long-term housing solutions that set the foundation for stability and success.



Food Security and Basic Needs

No child should have to face hunger or go without the essentials. Our programs ensure youth have access to food year-round, whether through our food pantry or the volunteer-run **WeDeliver program**, which reaches youth without reliable transportation. We also provide clothing, hygiene products, and other essential supplies, enabling young people to focus on their education and goals.



Road Map to Success (RMTS)

Designed for youth ages 12–18, RMTS provides a holistic support system to help students graduate high school prepared for their next steps. We partner with 31 schools across 10 school districts, as well as 13 Access schools, to reach and support youth in need. In addition to housing, food, and essential resources, RMTS offers tutoring, advocacy, and mentoring. The program empowers youth to plan for their futures, whether entering the workforce or pursuing higher education.



Journey to Self-Sufficiency (JTS)

For young adults ages 18–24, JTS delivers crucial support during the transition to independence. This includes assistance with housing, food, and mentorship, as well as employment readiness and financial literacy training via our **Work Activation Readiness Program (WARP)**. We also work with youth pursuing higher education, helping them navigate challenges and stay on the path to graduation.

Learn more about StandUp for Kids' Programs



OUR IMPACT IN 2024



11,833

TOTAL POINTS OF SERVICE

UP 88% OVER 2023



1,784

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

UP 8% OVER 2023



3,998

MEALS + GROCERIES PROVIDED

UP 35% OVER 2023



1,142

GROCERIES PROVIDED BY
WE DELIVER VOLUNTEERS



2,237

NIGHTS OF SHELTER
FOR YOUTH



97%

YOUTH WHO REMAINED IN SECURE
HOUSING AFTER ONE YEAR



237

YOUTH AGES 12-18 ENROLLED IN
ROADMAP TO SUCCESS (RMTS) PROGRAM



100%

GRADUATION RATE FOR STANDUP
YOUTH CLASS OF 2024



344

YOUTH AGES 18-24 ENROLLED IN
JOURNEY TO SUCCESS (JTS) PROGRAM



965

YOUTH HELPED WITH VOCATIONAL +
HIGHER EDUCATION

WHERE WE SERVE

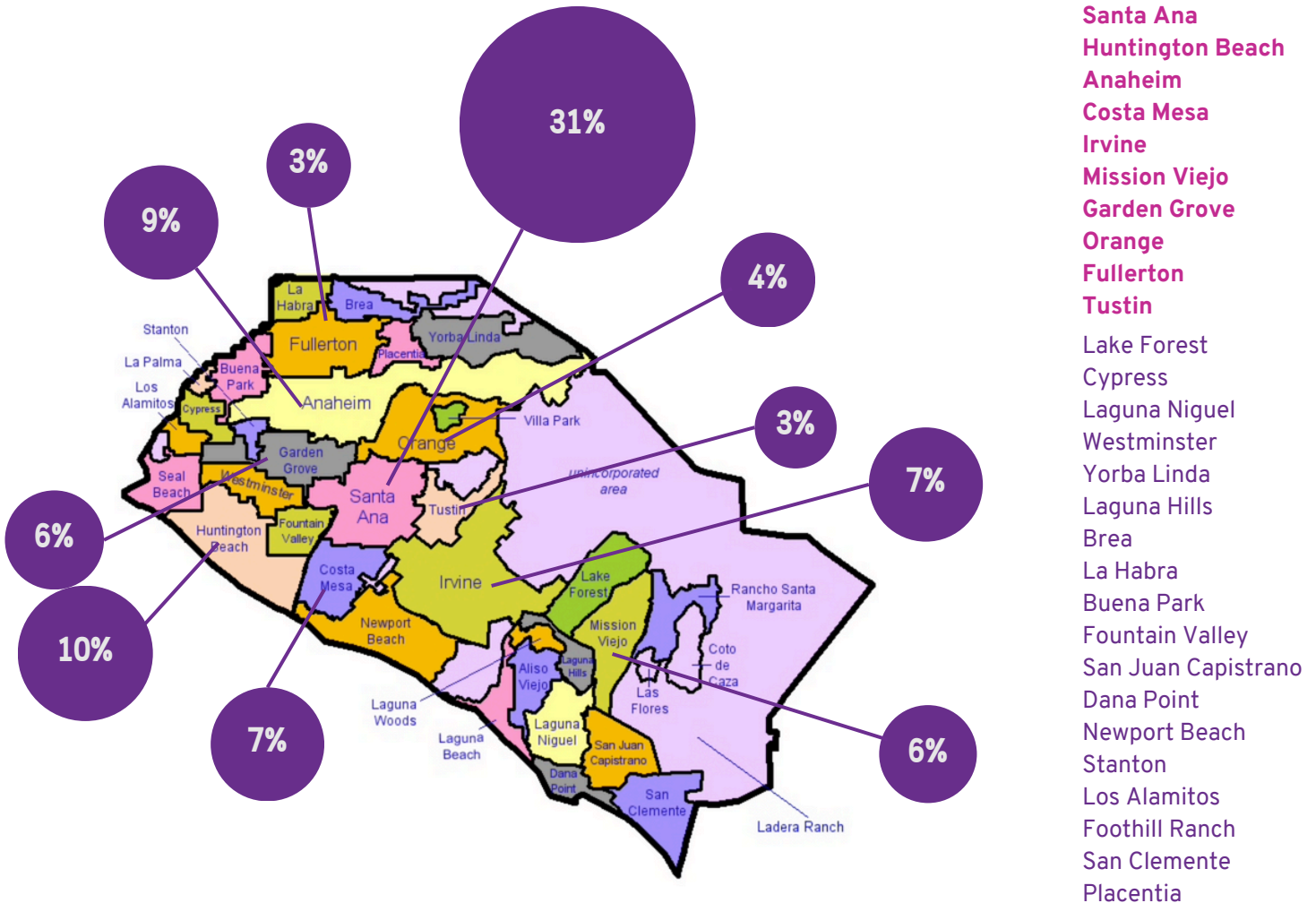
YOUTH HOMELESSNESS: A CRISIS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Youth homelessness remains one of the most pressing issues in Orange County, where over 30,000 youth are currently without stable housing. (per 2023 OC Grand Jury report).

In our schools, nearly 6% of all K-12 students are at risk or experiencing homelessness, significantly impacting their ability to learn and thrive. For college students, the situation is equally dire, with one in five (20%) facing housing insecurity during the academic year.

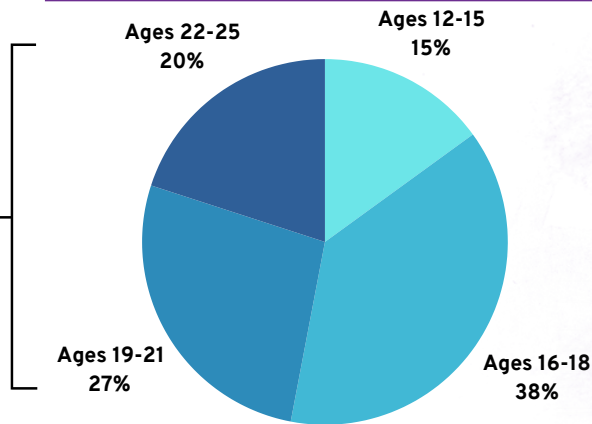
At StandUp for Kids Orange County, we confront the challenges of youth homelessness head-on, working to break the cycle and empower young people to achieve stability and independence. Our programs provide critical support, from meeting immediate needs to building pathways for long-term success.

In 2024, StandUp for Kids served youth in 28 cities across Orange County
86% of the Youth we served came from ten cities.

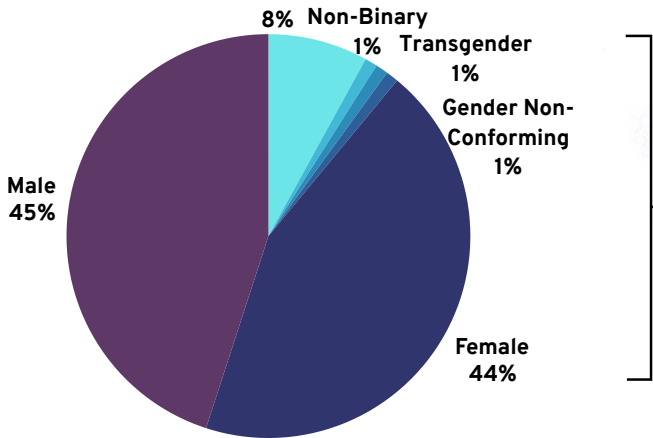


ABOUT THE YOUTH WE SERVE

AGE



GENDER IDENTITY



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38%

Reported Mental Health Challenges

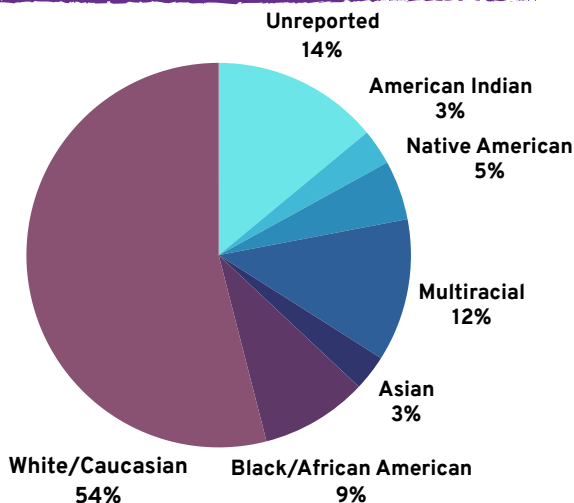
26%

Have Experienced Domestic Violence

14%

Reported Alcohol and Substance Abuse

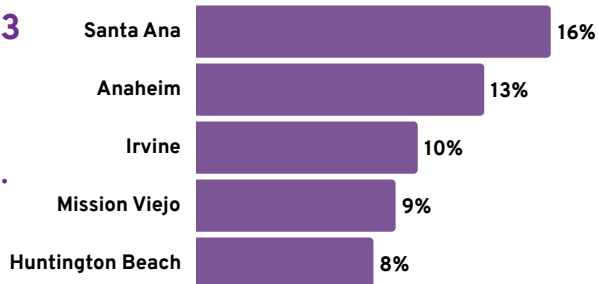
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888 CRISIS HOTLINE

Our 24/7, toll-free **888-365-4543** hotline operates year-round, responding to distress calls from Youth from across Orange County. In 2024, we received **977** calls, **DOUBLE** the number from 2023.

Over half of all calls came from five cities:

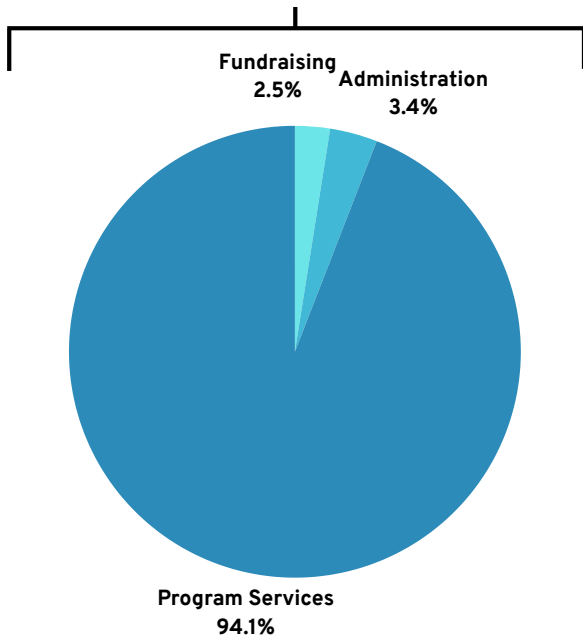


OUR FINANCIALS

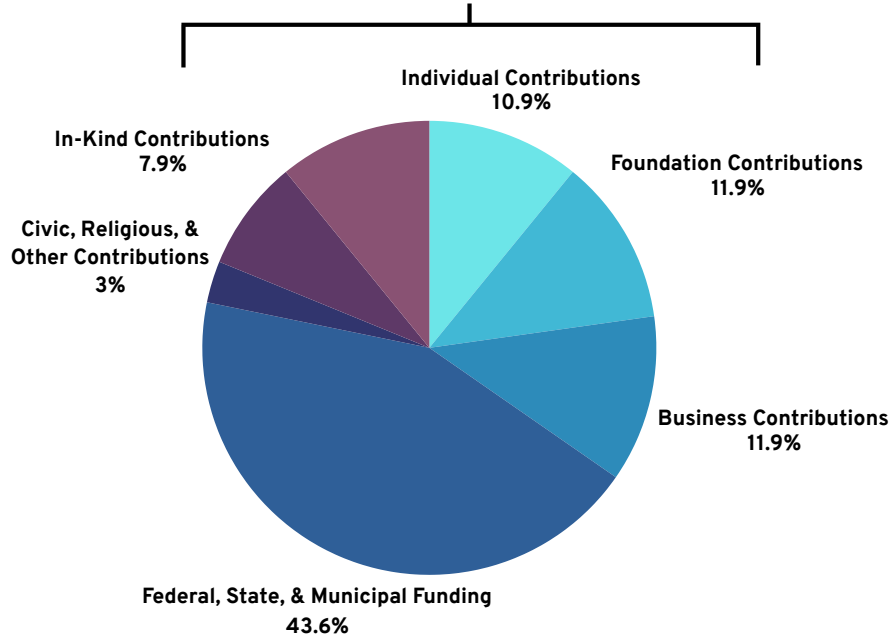
These figures represent our initial, non audited 2024 figures

Your Program Dollars At Work

Expense Breakdown By Category



Revenue Sources by Category



7,216 Hours of Impact: Our Volunteers Create Change



In 2024, our incredible team of volunteers contributed over 7,216 hours to Stand Up for Kids, making it possible for us to support homeless and at-risk youth. From delivering food through our We Deliver program to providing tutoring for academic

success, life skills coaching, and mentorship, their dedication helps young people build brighter futures.

We simply couldn't do what we do without them!

If you want to make a meaningful impact in the lives of vulnerable youth, we'd love to have you, your colleagues and friends join our volunteer team. Scan here to learn more:



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