



We gratefully recognize our donors who gave in fiscal year 2017 in support of traumatized youth in our care. Visit www.youthhomes.org to review donors who gave between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

YOUR DOLLARS DO GOOD

1168 donations propelled our mission forward.

14 foster youth participated specialized innovative programming funded by philanthropic donations such as horse therapy, photography, and our summer garden program.

STEPPING STONES,

our workforce development program, **100%** funded by philanthropy, provided:

24 workshops and **11** Social Activity Nights for transitional age youth.

78% of transitional age youth participating in Stepping Stones gained employment, beating the national average of **53%** of former foster youth who are employed.

Youth Homes also expresses our deepest gratitude to those that have included us in their will or estate plans. Thank you to these donors, our **LIVING LEGENDS**, for your foresight and commitment to improve the lives of foster youth. Living Legends are also listed on our website.



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Impact Report 2017

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share insights and progress from this past year. Our impact on the community has been meaningful and broad and is a result of the staggering support from all of you! I am both grateful and humbled by your support for Youth Homes and the community that we serve.

As the state of California continues to make changes to its child welfare services program as mandated by the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), Youth Homes, as required by CCR, has made progress to transition our group homes into Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP). This new framework ensures youth spend a minimum of time in residential care and move quickly into a stable family environment.

A decade ago, Youth Homes had the foresight to see that these changes were on the horizon; therefore, we took steps to lay groundwork to be ready once CCR was rolled out. We began by securing a mental health contract which allows us to deliver mental health services that our youth and families need as part of a continuum of care. We then became nationally accredited. Achieving these milestones allowed for Youth Homes to become one of the first agencies in Contra Costa County to begin the transition to STRTPs.

STRTP YEAH, YOU KNOW ME

Youth Homes will continue to be the leading residential care provider in Contra Costa County, currently serving

24%
FOSTER YOUTH IN
RESIDENTIAL CARE.

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Thank You!

CCR has also impacted our Foster Family Agency, which was re-envisioned as a Resource Family Program (RFP) that focuses on recruiting foster parents, relative caregivers, and pre-adoptive families—all of whom are willing to open their homes and hearts to our youth. Critical to RFP is the building of adult connections to help expand a youth's options for potential resource families and lifelong connections.

As our own continuum of care grew, we saw the need to improve the coordination of care and efficiency of the services we provide. This, along with the importance of protecting our clients' data, led us to implement an Electronic Health Record. Over the past year we have made significant strides on this project that will ultimately empower our clients to be more involved in their care by having greater accessibility.

I am proud and impressed with the agility demonstrated by the Youth Homes team as they embraced and acted upon these changes—our team is truly remarkable! All of us are grateful for you, our community of supporters and ambassadors of hope. It is your commitment to our youth that has helped us to remain focused and strong.

It is with deep personal gratitude that I say, thank you for your willingness to ride the waves of change with us.

Candy Espino
Candy Espino, CEO

resource = THE NEW FOSTER

4000
RESOURCE FAMILIES
ARE NEEDED
IN CALIFORNIA.

Youth Homes is actively expanding our Resource Family Program, literally pounding the pavement outreaching to the community to recruit families.

WHO CAN BE A
RESOURCE PARENT?
YOU CAN!

12 employees trained
in Family Finding,
a technique and theory to build a
foster youth's network of support.

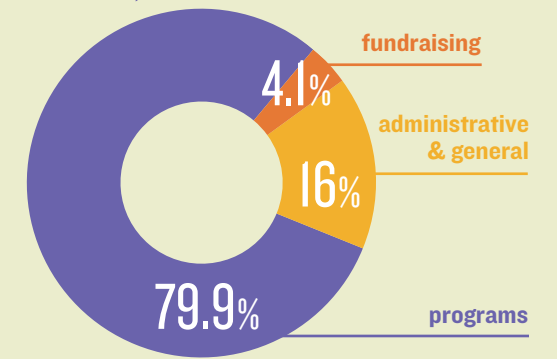
FROM PAPER TO THE CLOUD

14,300 mental health sessions provided to traumatized youth last year—that's a ton of paperwork! Implementing an Electronic Health Record frees our employees to spend more time providing therapeutic services to our youth.

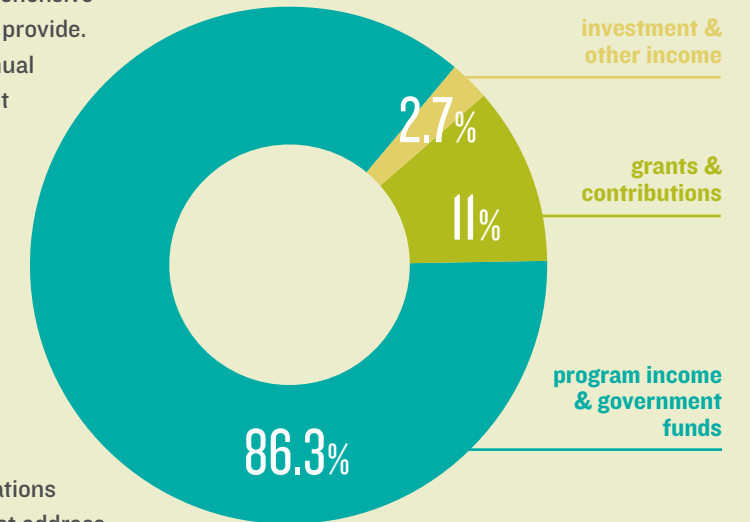
expenses

OUR FISCAL YEAR

As Youth Homes' expenses have increased over the years, we are now experiencing a period in which our cost of doing business has exceeded the reimbursement rates that have been in place for many years. This has caused concern for us, as well as our peer organizations. Although this is a consistent flow of critical revenue, it has not adjusted for the increase in expenses related to the comprehensive therapeutic care we provide. Additionally, the annual rate increases do not account for regular inflation rates and the ever-growing increases of the cost of implementing quality and/or evidence-based services. Youth Homes is actively engaged in conversations regarding how to best address these concerns while also assessing our own service delivery models.



revenue



FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017)

REVENUE		
Program Income and Gov't Funds		\$6,455,715
Grants and Contributions		820,090
Investment and Other Income		204,998
Total Revenue		\$ 7,480,803
EXPENSES		
Programs		\$ 6,307,261
Administration and General		1,264,424
Fundraising		321,376
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 7,893,062
Net Surplus/(Loss)		\$ (412,259)