# **SINDACT REPORT** youth homes

# **COHESION** IN COMMUNITY

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As each new year brings new celebrations and challenges to Youth Homes, our young people remain at the center of everything we do. Their tremendous growth and independence impress us every day. We know that they are capable, exceptional, and deserving of our whole support. Through COVID-19 challenges and perpetual change, Youth Homes continues to uplift each other and our youth as they rise in healing.

#### LETTER FROM TIM

Dear friends,

Hear me out: I have the best job in the world. I get to work with some of the most compassionate and talented people I've ever known, in an organization that helps young people every day. The work we do isn't easy, particularly in this era of larger social change and increased need. But even in the midst of global and organizational changes, I am so proud of this team and the young people we serve. This last year we completed a 3-year mission-centered Strategic Plan that will continue to strengthen and expand our impact in the community.

Our homes provide therapeutic care for our youth that far exceeds what has been provided in the past. Our community mental health programs (Therapeutic Behavioral Services [TBS], Family Pathways and Transition-Aged Youth [TAY] programs) are experiencing a high rate of referrals. Recruitment remains a sector-wide challenge, but we know there are plenty of mental health service providers with much needed skills and a desire to work for mission-driven organizations like ours that support growth.

In June we celebrated the return to in-person fun together by holding our first in-person fundraiser (Picnic in the Park) since the start of the pandemic. The generosity of this community allowed us to establish our first ever Support Families Now fund, to connect families with critical funds in times of need.

One generous family foundation funded an action grant to support the dreams and independence of transition-aged youth for the second year in a row.

We continue to see signs of stability as we prepare to re-open our second home and client services are in greater demand, even with signs of the recession. We remain in integrity with our core values of service and optimism and enter 2023 more adaptable and grounded in this community's generosity than ever.

In gratitude, Tim

J-Byn



# **SUCCESS** STORIES



## SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

- A 13-year-old client has been active in guitar lessons and jiu jitsu, connected with Rainbow Center for support around gender identity, and reduced aggressive behaviors.
- A 15-year-old client reduced substance use, went to homecoming, and has been going to the gym with staff.



#### **FAMILY PATHWAYS**

- The Support Families Now fund covered the following:
  - Several months of one family's overdue rent to help avoid eviction, repairs for one family's car after a break-in, new car fund help for one family, and a graduation gift for a client and her new baby who moved into transitional housing.
- Two clients progressed from running away and angry outbursts to getting straight As and being elected class president.
- One client told our provider that she "taught her the meaning of life" which included "being around others who care about you".

# SUCCESS STORIES





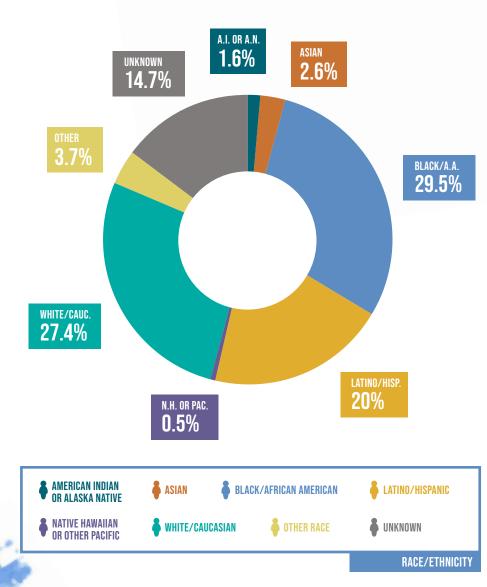
#### THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES -

- One young client has overcome daily self-harm thoughts and attempts; they became a peer advocate.
- One young person has progressively become more comfortable with therapeutic support, has gone out with our provider in the community, and even took BART for the first time.

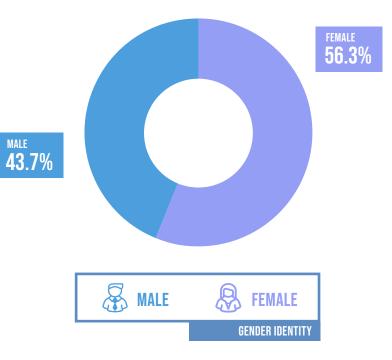
#### **TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH**

- A client took her first trip on an airplane to visit up a college orientation and ended up moving to the east coast to start her new life.
- One client was the first graduate of Family Harvest Farm to complete two years of apprenticeship and was hired back on a paid internship; they now attend community college.

# **CLIENT** DATA **& Demographics**



TOTAL CLIENTS		190
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TBS	- 48	£83



# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

#### FAMILY PATHWAYS

The **Family Pathways** team has stayed motivated this year by collaborating with each other and admiring their youth's significant progress. Despite COVID-19 developments changing the landscape of their workflow, providers seamlessly adjusted back to in-person meetings, keeping a steady upward trajectory with their clients.

#### THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

The Therapeutic Behavioral Services team has supported each other personally and professionally this year, frequently coming together in celebration and sharing intervention techniques to help their fellow team members build new skills. They took the lead in turning our Antioch office into an inviting space to work with youth, do administrative work, and hold team meetings and gatherings. Thanks to White Pony Express and grants from our community partners, providers were able to connect their clients with food, funds, supplies, and extracurricular activities that they may not otherwise have accessed.

#### SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

The Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program team made mindful shifts this year toward becoming a more therapeutic cohort, including training on trauma-informed interventions and strength-based programming. Thanks to a grant from Danville Children's Guild, residential foster youth have spent this year participating in many enrichment activities, as well as building their community engagement and independent living skills. We finished extensive renovations at Cherry Lane and created a beautiful new experience for residents there (see Welcome Home update!) and Andersen House will soon have a newly landscaped backyard by the generosity of Alice Robertson, long-time donor and friend of Youth Homes.

#### **TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH**

The Transition-Age Youth team has proudly managed and shown resilience through a variety of changes, from staff shifts to developing new program processes and beyond. They have intentionally spent this year reevaluating how they measure engagement and success to better serve their transitioning clients. While operating a critical therapeutic program, the team has still prioritized finding time for connection, hosting staff celebrations, and supporting each other in all their hard work.

# THE YOUTH HOMES THRIFT SHOP A COMMUNITY HUB THAT CARES



Ringing in a new season - an opportunity to gather with friends and celebrate the amazing work of Youth Homes.



A ribbon cutting following our store's complete makeover filled with volunteer appreciation and partnership from Marsh McLennan, Pacific Service Credit Union, Pleasant Hill Mayor Michael Harris, and members of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce.

#### **CONNECT**

Our shop is run by a strong group of 50 spectacular volunteers who are supported by many hardworking volunteer groups such as The Ellen's Guild, NCL Rolling Hills, Boys Team Charity, Rotary and Rossmoor Residents. Recently, we've begun hosting special shopping events with the support of community partners that bring everyone a little closer to our mission, and each other.



#### **AWARENESS**

More than just a thrift shop, the store provides a platform to share the Youth Homes mission and vision with the community. Keep up with us and help raise awareness on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.

@yhthriftshop

facebook.com/YouthHomesThriftShop tiktok.com/@yhthriftshop

#### **EMPOWER**

The store provides an inclusive and welcoming space for our youth to volunteer and earn valuable work experience. Outside their therapeutic environment, this helps them feel empowered in having choices, resources, and financial stability.

Besides suporting critical mental health programs for local youth, Youth Homes Thrift Shop promotes a more sustainable world and lower carbon footprint. Shopping secondhand keeps clothing out of landfills and lessens the contribution to manufacturing pollution, leaving us with cleaner air and a cleaner planet.

#### **RESOURCE**

Our youth and their families shop for free at the thrift shop, and staff utilize the store as a resource to gather items for our mental health programs. Since July 2022, over \$2000+ worth of direct impact goods have benefitted our programs, including:





#### Paint makeover of Andersen home

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Church of Jesus Christ of



#### Paint makeover of **Cherry Lane home**

Boys Team Chairty Lamorinda League, Boys Team Charity Alamo-Danville, NCL Rolling Hills, Junior League of Oakland East Bay





#### Welcome Home campaign funds went to work at Cherry Lane home

St. Mary's College athletic students, Grateful Gatherings, Manderley Home



**Picnic in The Park** 

Donors, community supporters, DOZE Home Brew Club, Youth Homes team



Alliance of Therapy Dogs

SEPTEMBER





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#### Thrift Shop remodel

NCL, Thrift Store Volunteers, Barbour Painting



#### Fence tear down, rebuild, and staining at Cherry Lane home

Rebuilding Together East Bay North, Boys Team Charity the Oaks League, SRVHS JV & varsity water polo teams, Community Presbyterian Church

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# VOLUNTEERS

# WELCOME HOME FOLLOWUP

For years, our youth and staff have lived in residential homes with leaky plumbing, broken cooling systems, and even drafty windows. We knew that investing in our homes would mean also investing in our Bay Area young people in need, encouraging them to believe in their own self-worth and potential.

In the fall of 2021, Youth Homes proudly launched the Welcome Home campaign as an initiative to restore the organization's residential foster homes. With an achieved goal of \$350K, our vision was to update, repair, and rejuvenate these structures. Since getting to work in 2022, we've kept tabs on our progress, and we're excited to share the scope of what has been fulfilled!





Despite manufacturing and shipping supply shortages, skyrocketing labor and construction costs, and unexpected repair needs, we have pushed forward to complete as many of the renovations as possible since the beginning of the year – none of which would have been possible without our dedicated community.

We are thankful for the unbelievable generosity of our community regarding our Welcome Home campaign. To our partners, donors, volunteers, and contractors, we want to thank you for your generous donation of time, money, and resources. You've come together as community heroes to bring a sense of strength and stability to the lives of our youth. This is the first time many of them have lived in a safe and secure space.

# FINANCIAL NARRATIVE

Fiscal year 2021-22 was a transitional year for Youth Homes and navigating the unfolding effects of the Covid-19 pandemic proved to be very challenging. Due to ongoing sector-wide staffing shortages, we began the year operating 3 homes serving a total of 9 youths. We made the decision to operate one home as youth transitioned to permanent placements. This provided us with the opportunity to conduct much-needed renovations at our Cherry Lane, Anderson, and East Bay Shelter homes, and availability to hold in-depth training for our team.

We were able to fully utilize Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding to support our team and we did not eliminate any positions that directly served our youth, young adults, and families – this was represented in the surplus of the previous fiscal year.

Additionally, we saw a second year of service reduction in client services due to Covid. This disruption in productivity and the volatility of global financial markets significantly affected our reserve investments and endowment, resulting in the budget deficit this fiscal year.

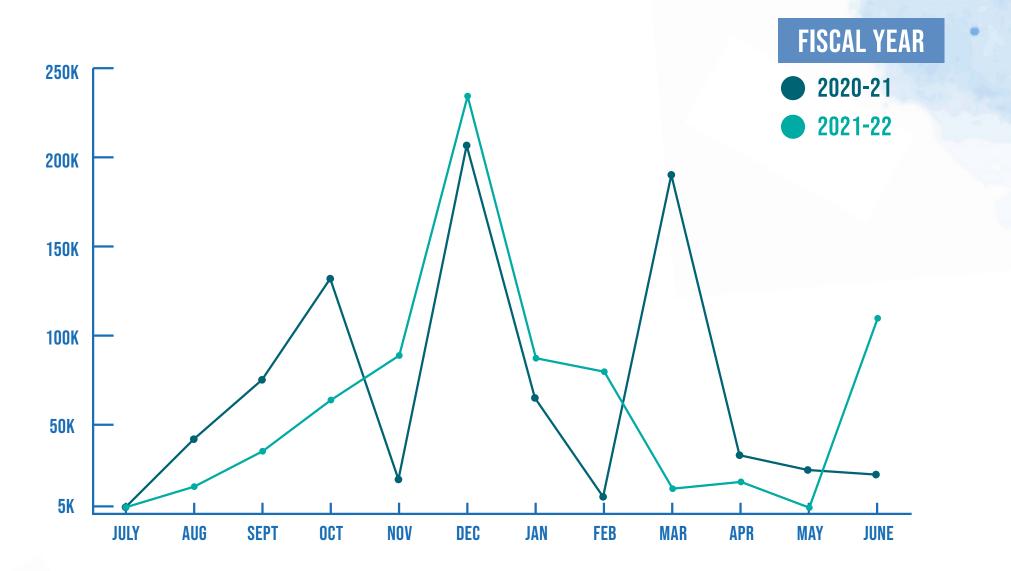
Revenue	2022	2021
Program Income & Govt. Funds	\$ 4,785,918	7,321,590
Grants & Contributions	\$ 761,629	793,669
Bequests & In-Kind	\$ 46,845	20,997
Investment & Other Income	\$ (266,919)	328,317
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 5,327,473	8,464,573

Expenses	2022	2021
Programs	\$ 5,065,083	5,913,773
Administrative & General	\$ 1,750,808	1,796,729
Fundraising	\$ 330,366	319,995
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 7,146,257	8,030,497

Net Surplus/Deficit	\$	(1,818,784)	434,076
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See the revenue graph for 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years on the following page

### **2020-2022 REVENUE**



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# LIVING LEGENDS

"We chose Youth Homes as one of our charitable givings because we have been very impressed with the staff and agency and their dedication and compassion to bettering the lives of abused and traumatized youth. We are hoping that many of the clients will heal enough to be contributing members of society following the support and therapy they receive. Running an agency such as Youth Homes is very costly and if we can contribute to their success then that will please us very much."

- Peggy Fleming, Living Legend

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR LIVING LEGENDS FOR MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE!**

Anonymous (10)
Richard Bittner
Kathy & Rick Bowles
Chris & Elizabeth Chapple

Lorraine Danson*
Peggy & Keith Fleming
Edith Henchey
Corinne Marks

Barbara & Stuart McCullough Gary & Leslie Miller Valerie Ridgers Bud & Phyllis Riggs\* Leigh & Ivy Robinson Joanne Taylor\* Catherine (Tat) Welcome

\* Deceased

# **IN-KIND DONATIONS**

In 2022 this generous community donated goods and services directly amounting to more than **\$30,000** directly in support of our clients and mission. This included nearly **\$24,000** of furnishings, paint, and materials for our Welcome Home house renovations.

