



free from homelessness and family violence

2022-2023 Annual Report



“It feels good to hold the keys to a place my son and I can call home.”

HOUSING SUCCESS!

Building Futures is housing more families and individuals than ever! Last year, we dramatically expanded our housing program to meet the need. We connected 116 new households with a place to live.

Raven Reed’s is one. She and her son faced complex obstacles to being housed. This not unusual for people we serve, who may need domestic violence services, connection to medical or mental health care, credit repair, or legal help, as well as housing. At Building Futures, we work with patience, and tailor services to each participant’s needs. Temporary rental subsidies are just part of the solution as we walk beside those we serve to a better future.

It took time, but Raven and her case manager Frances Buchanan worked hard. Raven told Frances she was motivated by her son’s wish to have a home before the start of school.

Building Futures counts on our community to help meet the needs that government funding doesn’t cover. Like our effective array of services, a diverse mix of funding helps families like Raven’s to succeed!

MOVE-IN-KITS Donors Help Make a House a Home

Imagine starting a new home without a broom, bedding, or kitchen basics! Last year, Building Futures and our community partnered to provide Move-In Kits for newly housed individuals and families. What a way to show your neighbors you care!

“I take great pride in shopping for Move-In Kits for families transitioning into permanent housing,” says longtime volunteer and donor, Al Filart. “It is a truly rewarding way to touch the lives of people in need.”

Our Move-In Kits focus on essential items a household cannot do without. Want to help? Visit bfwc.org/moveinkit. Cover all or part of a Move-In Kit—or simply request that Building Futures direct your gift where it is needed most. Together, we can help more families!



Girl Scout Troop #33428 shopped for and delivered supplies for Move-In Kits!

LETTER from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope Building Futures' annual report finds you and your loved ones well as we look ahead to fall.

Building Futures is connecting more people than ever to housing! One reason is last September's opening of our Family Housing Resource Center. Located in Oakland, this one-stop hub is where all the agency's family housing programs take place. There, the recently launched Family Challenge Grant provides workforce support and mental health services. These services are designed to help ensure participants are well-equipped to maintain their housing.

I'm also delighted to share that Jazz it Up, our main benefit event, was back in-person after three years. Thank you to all who helped support life-changing programs and services!

Enjoy reading in these pages about some of the many great things you helped make possible last year. As always, I invite you to visit bffc.org to learn more. And remember, your support is much needed—and deeply appreciated.

Warmly,




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Jazz it Up Marks 35 Years, Raises \$135,000!

Thank you! The SOLD-OUT evening at Nido's Backyard Oakland featured delectable food and drinks and live music. The event raised \$135,000! Two hundred and fifty community members gathered to celebrate Building Futures service to the community, and support life-changing programs and services.

Our community supporters met a \$10,000 challenge match, enjoyed a celebratory evening of great jazz and food, and gathered in person for the first time in three years!



Treva Reid, Oakland City Councilmember District 7, spoke on the importance of housing.

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WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU THIS YEAR!

Many pieces make up the "big picture" that is Building Futures' response to homelessness and domestic violence. Here are some highlights illustrating ways the community supported Building Futures and our participants this year:



Move it! Thank you to our friends at Making Waves Studios in Oakland, who during October raised \$2,015 from a Zumba class, through donations from students, and a percentage of all classes.

Circle of Strength donors provide \$2,600 every month to support Building Futures' programs and services. With as little as \$10 a month, you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Contact development@bfwc.org to join!



Leadership Alameda, part of the Alameda Chamber, raised over \$8,020 for Move-In Kits AND chose Building Futures as their volunteer service project, going on to shop and deliver a bonanza of household items with money raised.



Eight every month! Since 2001, that's how many meals for 25 women and children St. Joseph's Basilica's "Midway Shelter Cooks Ministry" prepares and delivers to our Midway Shelter in Alameda. Cooking is love made visible!



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! We raised awareness and provided resources and education through a series of community-building activities. All year long we answer crisis calls at 866-A-WAY-OUT.

For more than two decades, the women and children at our San Leandro Shelter have enjoyed delicious dinners prepared and donated monthly by members of Bethel Church. Want to learn more about being a dinner donor for the San Leandro or Midway Shelters? Email volunteer@bfwc.org.



Students and families at San Leandro's Assumption School collected a total of \$4,500 to be used for Move-In Kits! The funds were raised through the school's annual Saint Nick's Boutique and the sale of Phuong Hathaway's beautiful succulent arrangements.



We honor the memory of George Dini, founding volunteer handyman at the San Leandro Shelter. Building Futures was a grateful recipient of George's hard work and humor in his retirement years. In lieu of flowers, those who loved George may send a donation in his memory.

"I love meeting with the families we serve and making their day positive!"

Frances Buchanan, Case Manager

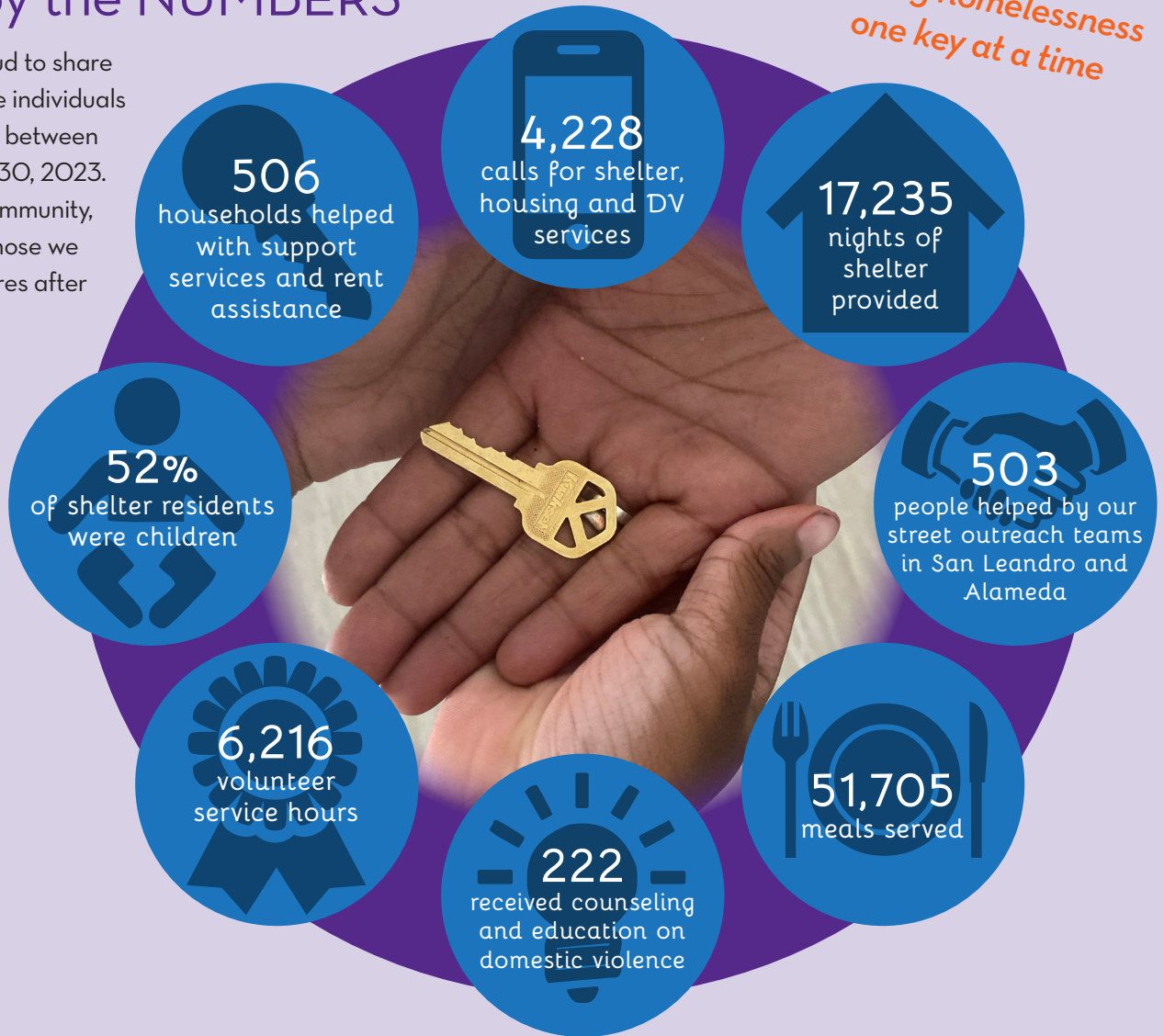
Our dedicated staff members lead with their hearts. If you want to make a difference in this way, check out our openings at bfwc.org/employment!



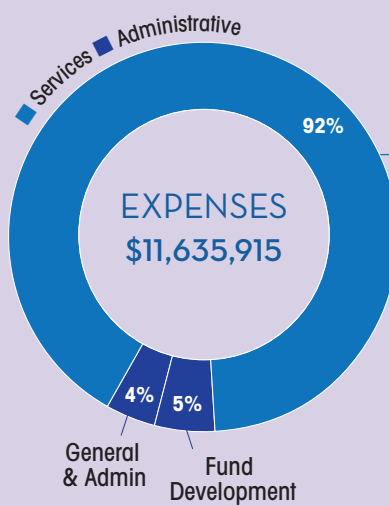
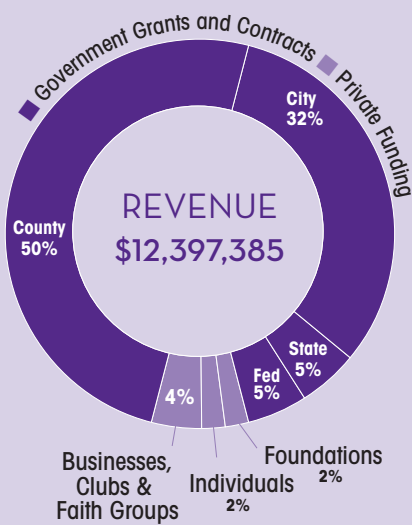
IMPACT by the NUMBERS

Building Futures is proud to share the numbers behind the individuals and families we helped between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. With the help of our community, we continued to help those we serve to build new futures after homelessness and domestic violence.

*Ending homelessness
one key at a time*



FINANCIALS



HOMELESS SERVICES At the Midway and San Leandro Shelters, women and children receive lodging, meals, and case management which prioritizes housing. Our housing resource centers and street outreach services assess and support Alameda County residents in need of housing and other resources.

HOUSING SERVICES Our Housing Programs are designed to help families and individuals to secure and retain housing. We provide both short-term and long-term rental subsidies and tailored wraparound services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES In addition to Sister Me Home safe house, our domestic violence services include outreach, education, counseling, referrals, housing services, and a 24-hour crisis line.

BUILDING FUTURES: Alameda • Oakland • San Leandro

Our Mission: To build communities with underserved individuals and families, where they are safely and supportively housed, free from homelessness and domestic violence.