25 Years of Harvesting Hope for Families

2017 annual report
UPWARD BOUND HOUSE was founded in 1990 for the specific purpose of helping homeless families with minor children obtain permanent housing and the means to support themselves.

We are proud to celebrate over 25 years of community service and harvesting hope for homeless children and their families. Since our inception, we’ve helped more than 1400 families, including 2,600 children, make the transition from living on the streets, in parks or in their cars to living in a home of their own.

In 2017, we opened two new emergency housing facilities in South L.A. serving up to 18 families and their children at a time with housing and supportive services. As the homelessness crisis continues to grow, we plan to expand our services to meet the needs of these families.

We strive to uplift homeless children and empower their families to thrive in a lasting and stable home.
Aftercare Support

Our staff play a central role in aftercare services to ensure that families and their children can successfully transition to stability, manage stressors and problems when they arise, and connect to community services and resources for ongoing support.

Financial and Employment Sustainability

We ensure that each adult family member receives job-seeking coaching and training, as well as access to certification programs, employment fairs, employer recruitment, and job placement services. UBH also provides support related to personal financial management including budgeting, financial literacy, banking and responsible credit use.

Health & Wellness

Nutritious meals and food are supplied through our on-site pantries and wellness program that promotes healthy living. Our Urban Farm in Santa Monica also provides integrated life skills and vocational training for families in nursery, landscaping and culinary professions.

Housing Placement

Case managers cultivate relationships with landlords, property owners, and management companies to help families identify and transition into safe, permanent housing. They also assist in navigating through rental barriers common among homeless families, such as dealing with poor credit, and lack of rental and employment histories.

Intensive Case Management

Case managers conduct an extensive assessment of parents & children to ascertain family needs and strengths. Then they develop a goal-oriented housing stability plan in conjunction with the family.

A model that works

Our goal is to empower every homeless family, regardless of their particular age and barriers, to achieve self-sufficiency and lead productive, fulfilling lives. We seek to accomplish this goal through a comprehensive range of services tailored to the individual needs of each family.
Barbara’s Family

As a family of five children surviving on my husband’s single income, we constantly struggled to find affordable housing. Once we lost our one-bedroom apartment, we were forced to move in with my mother-in-law for some time. When she passed away, we found ourselves homeless. The Compton Unified School District stepped in and put us in a motel, while connecting us to a Family Solutions Center, which allowed us to continue staying in temporary housing until we could find a permanent home.

Through Upward Bound House’s program, we were able to locate affordable housing in less than a month. They helped with our security deposit and rent, and made sure we found a home with enough bedrooms for us all. In fact, this is the first time our children have their own bedroom. We can now afford to buy them school supplies and clothes. My eldest daughter is getting ready for high school and looking forward to playing softball next year. We are so grateful that our children now enjoy coming home from school!
financial information

With increased revenue & support, our operating budget has grown 65% since 2014. This has allowed us to continue expanding our programs and services for homeless families in Los Angeles.
it’s a community effort

donate
Together, we are uplifting homeless children & families

volunteer
Your time and resources can enrich the lives of our families

partner
Supporting a good cause is good for business

2,600 children have found stable homes through our programs

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