

FAMILIES FORWARD

UNTIL EVERY FAMILY HAS A HOME



**IMPACT
REPORT
2022**

HELLO FRIENDS,

Finding a permanent place to call home and raise a family is increasingly difficult due to record inflation, economic uncertainty, and a severe lack of affordable housing. Last year alone, 43% more people right here in our community experienced homelessness.

Yet, with your generous support, we made the seemingly impossible, possible. We helped 679 families in various stages of keeping or finding a home to call their own. Hundreds of families have a front door to lock, lights to turn on, beds to tuck their children in at night, and the immeasurable pride that comes with housing stability.

After expanding our impact with a new satellite office in Santa Ana, we worked closely with city and school-district officials to distribute emergency rental assistance, and with your help, provided essentials through our food pantry. As we closed out the year, our remarkable Bungalows community was completed.

Our work isn't finished yet. With your continued support, we look forward to fostering more impactful partnerships and providing more home stability until every family in Orange County has a place to call home.



Madelynn Hirneise
MADELYNN HIRNEISE
Chief Executive Officer



Karin Pearson
KARIN PEARSON
Board Chairperson





“When I found Families Forward, I felt like I was in a safe haven. They provided unwavering support to my family and saved my life.”

—Bernice, Families Forward client



FINDING HOPE IN A HOME

Securing homes for families in our community is at the heart of what we do, and last year, with your support, we helped hundreds of families keep their homes or find places to call home.



12,045

individuals benefited from
Families Forward's services

679

families served
in our Housing
Programs

219

retained their
homes with
eviction prevention
services

97%

of families
remained stably
housed one year
after completing
our program

176

families
experiencing
homelessness
found homes

BEYOND HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is often a symptom of underlying challenges. Last year, 33% of our families had a family member with a disability and 44% had at least one family member who is a domestic violence survivor. We help restore dignity and stability in every way possible.



CAREER COACHING

112 people received
one-on-one career coaching
and life skills training



FOOD PANTRY

Nearly 33,000 meals
were provided to
families in need



MENTAL HEALTH

99 children and parents
participated in mental
health counseling sessions



THE BUNGALOWS

With your generous help, we completed this multi-home, affordable housing community in Costa Mesa. Eight families, recently faced with homelessness, will soon have homes.

A BRIGHT NIGHT

Our annual “Light Up the Night” Gala, held in person for the first time since the pandemic, was an incredible success. Thanks to supporters like you, we raised \$430,000 to address family homelessness.

A SATELLITE HUB

In 2022, we secured a second home for our organization with the opening of our new office in Santa Ana. Families Forward now lives in the heart of central Orange County and is increasing access to services for even more families.

2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIALS

TOTAL ASSETS

\$26,875,000

\$6,935,000
Current Assets

19,940,000
Home &
Other LT Assets

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

\$26,875,000

\$3,384,000
Liabilities

\$23,491,000
Net Assets

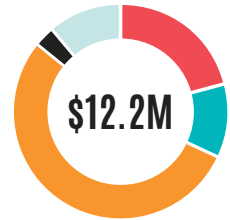
EXPENSES

- **90%**
Program
- **5%**
Fundraising
- **5%**
Admin



REVENUE & CONTRIBUTIONS

- **21%**
Contributions
& Private Grants
- **11%**
In-Kind Contributions
- **54%**
Government Grants
- **3%**
Annual Gala
- **11%**
Other



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2022

Candid.



Top left: New offices in Santa Ana; Middle: New Bungalows Community in Costa Mesa; Right (left to right): Nancy Chase, Families Forward CEO Madelynn Hirneise, Meg English, Trish Scarborough at Light Up the Night Gala



OUR STORY

What started out in 1984 as a humble effort to house families experiencing homelessness in two farmhouses and five rented apartments, has since grown into one of Orange County's most impactful nonprofits. Tackling the pervasive issue of homelessness for families with children, last year Families Forward improved the lives of more than 12,000 people. From providing **housing**, food assistance, career coaching, mental health counseling, to financial literacy education, we're as committed to strengthening overall wellbeing as we are to ensuring everyone has a place to call home.

MISSION

To prevent and end family homelessness by providing access to housing and resources that create lasting stability

VISION

We see an Orange County where every family has a home and the opportunity to thrive

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