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**IMPACT
REPORT
2023**



**FAMILIES
F[🏠]ORWARD**



“

I wish I would have recorded the look on my kids' faces when they stepped into their new home. Thank you for helping my family and I get out of homelessness.”

FAMILIES FORWARD PARENT

Hello Friends,

FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING MORE THAN EVER TO FIND HOUSING IN ORANGE COUNTY.

We are facing a housing crisis like never before. In 2023, renters had to earn an astounding \$51.39 an hour just to afford the average rent in our county. The soaring costs of basic and essential needs have made it nearly impossible for many families to keep a roof over their heads.

But your unwavering support has brought hope. Last year, you helped us provide safety-net services to 14,325 people. For hundreds of families, our assistance meant more than just housing—it brought the priceless gifts of pride, security and stability.

The need for housing solutions is relentless and urgent. Although our innovative approaches are making a difference, we have much more to do. With your continued generosity, we can move closer to a future where every family in Orange County has a safe, stable place to call home.

Your support changes lives. Let's continue making an impact, together.



Madelynn Hirneise

MADELYNN HIRNEISE
Chief Executive Officer



Karin Pearson

KARIN PEARSON
Board Chairperson

Last year,
Families
Forward
improved
the lives of

14



HOUSING

Housing stability is priceless. With your commitment, we helped **724 families** find hope in a home.



MEALS

Homelessness and hunger often go hand in hand. Thanks to your kindness, our food pantry served hundreds of families.



SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Seasonal activities are financial stressors. Your support alleviated the strain for housing insecure families.

7,325 people

2,502

children and their parents stayed
in their homes or found housing

93%

of graduating families remained
stably housed one year after
completing our program

2,930

requests of help responded
to for families in urgent need

44,180

meals

6,194

food insecure OC residents served

1,074

children received new school supplies

933

families were provided with the
fixings to make a Thanksgiving meal

2,049

children received gifts through
our Holiday Wish program





TUSTIN HERITAGE

A new affordable housing community is coming to Tustin! We have partnered with CalOptima Health and the City of Tustin, who generously awarded Families Forward \$2.5 million and \$2 million, respectively, to purchase a parcel of land to build up to eight units for families.



VALENCIA GARDEN

We had the opportunity to expand Families Forward's impact in the City of Orange, becoming the wraparound service provider for all 62 families in the Valencia Garden community built by C&C Development. This community will serve the most vulnerable families battling housing insecurity.

2022-23 AUDITED FINANCIALS

TOTAL ASSETS

\$28,790,000

\$6,531,000

Current Assets

\$22,259,000

Home & Other LT Assets

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

\$28,790,000

\$4,079,000

Liabilities

\$24,711,000

Net Assets

EXPENSES

● 90% Program

● 5% Fundraising

● 5% Admin



REVENUE & CONTRIBUTIONS

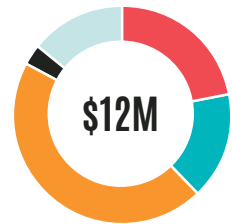
● 22% Contributions & Private Grants

● 16% In-Kind Contributions

● 45% Government Grants

● 3% Annual Gala

● 14% Other



Visit our website for donor honor roll

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Held at the Great Park, our annual "Light Up the Night" gala was a night to remember, raising over \$460,000 for families experiencing homelessness thanks to supporters like you.



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 14,000 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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