



**Drop-In Center 10th Anniversary  
& FY 2022-23 Impact Report**



**FROM THE STREETS  
TO SUSTAINABILITY**

**10 Years of Service at  
our Youth Drop-In Center**



**WE COMBINE  
COMPASSION WITH  
CLINICAL EXPERTISE  
TO DELIVER  
TRAUMA-INFORMED,  
CULTURALLY  
AFFIRMING SERVICES.**

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Dear Friends,

We are proud to present this special impact report to commemorate the 10th anniversary of our Drop-In Center for Youth Services and to share updates on The Village’s overall impact.

Celebrating our anniversary milestone is bittersweet. Although we’ve helped more than 10,000 youth over the decade, the demand for services for unhoused youth has reached unprecedented levels.

**Here at The Village, we’re addressing the crisis of unhoused youth with renewed energy, compassion, and innovation.** We’re focused on delivering positive models of care designed specifically for young people because we know their needs are vastly different from solutions designed for adults.

With the support of our dedicated Board of Directors and staff, **we are expanding our youth services and launching a campaign, “United to End Youth Homelessness.”** Our events will bring together community supporters for a 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Drop-In Center and a Youth Summit in the fall.

Across our agency, we continue to model the delivery of evidence-based, culturally affirming services to children and families. In the past year, **we have launched a major expansion of Village foster care services in Southeast Los Angeles** with the start of an exciting new program providing family reunification and trauma-informed care for unaccompanied migrant children and youth in collaboration with the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. **We have also increased our bilingual, bicultural Clinical Internship Program to help address the local and national mental health staffing crisis.**

On the following pages, we invite you to learn more about our programs and plans and how The Village is a positive force for change in so many lives today.

With hope and inspiration,

Hugo C. Villa, LMFT  
Chief Executive Officer

# YOUNG. UNHOUSED. ALONE. YOUTH HOMELESSNESS HAS REACHED CRISIS LEVELS.

## **California has more unhoused youth than any other state in the nation.**

A recent count conducted by Los Angeles County estimates that 2,822 youth in our region experience homelessness on any given night.

From couch surfing to sleeping on the streets or in a shelter, the vast majority of youth do not become homeless by choice. The causes are complex.

For many, instability at home forces them onto the streets before they become adults due to child abuse or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance use, or family conflict related to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. They are kicked out or leave home because staying is too dangerous.

## **Research has shown that some youth are at higher risk for homelessness:**

- Black youth face an 83% increased risk compared to other races.
- Hispanic youth face a 33% increased risk than non-Hispanic young people.
- LGBTQ+ youth are more than twice as likely to have experienced homelessness.
- Youth with experiences of foster care, juvenile detention, jail, or prison.
- Youth struggling with mental health or substance use issues.
- Youth who do not complete high school are 3.5 times more likely to experience homelessness than peers who completed a high school diploma.

*Source: Chaplin Hall at the University of Chicago & National Network for Youth*



**CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTS  
FOR 49% OF ALL  
UNSHELTERED YOUTH  
IN THE NATION.**

*– Source: HUD, 2023 Report*

**A 2023 STUDY REVEALED  
THAT NEARLY HALF  
OF CALIFORNIA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENTS ARE FOOD  
INSECURE, ALMOST 3  
OUT OF 5 ARE HOUSING  
INSECURE, AND ABOUT  
1 IN 4 ARE HOMELESS.**





**“I WAS HOMELESS. WHEN I CAME TO THE VILLAGE, MY ENTIRE LIFE CHANGED. THEY WERE THERE WHENEVER I NEEDED THEM.”**

**– DIA**

## **CONFRONTING THE CRISIS**

# **LEADING THE WAY IN MODELS OF CARE FOR UNHOUSED YOUTH**

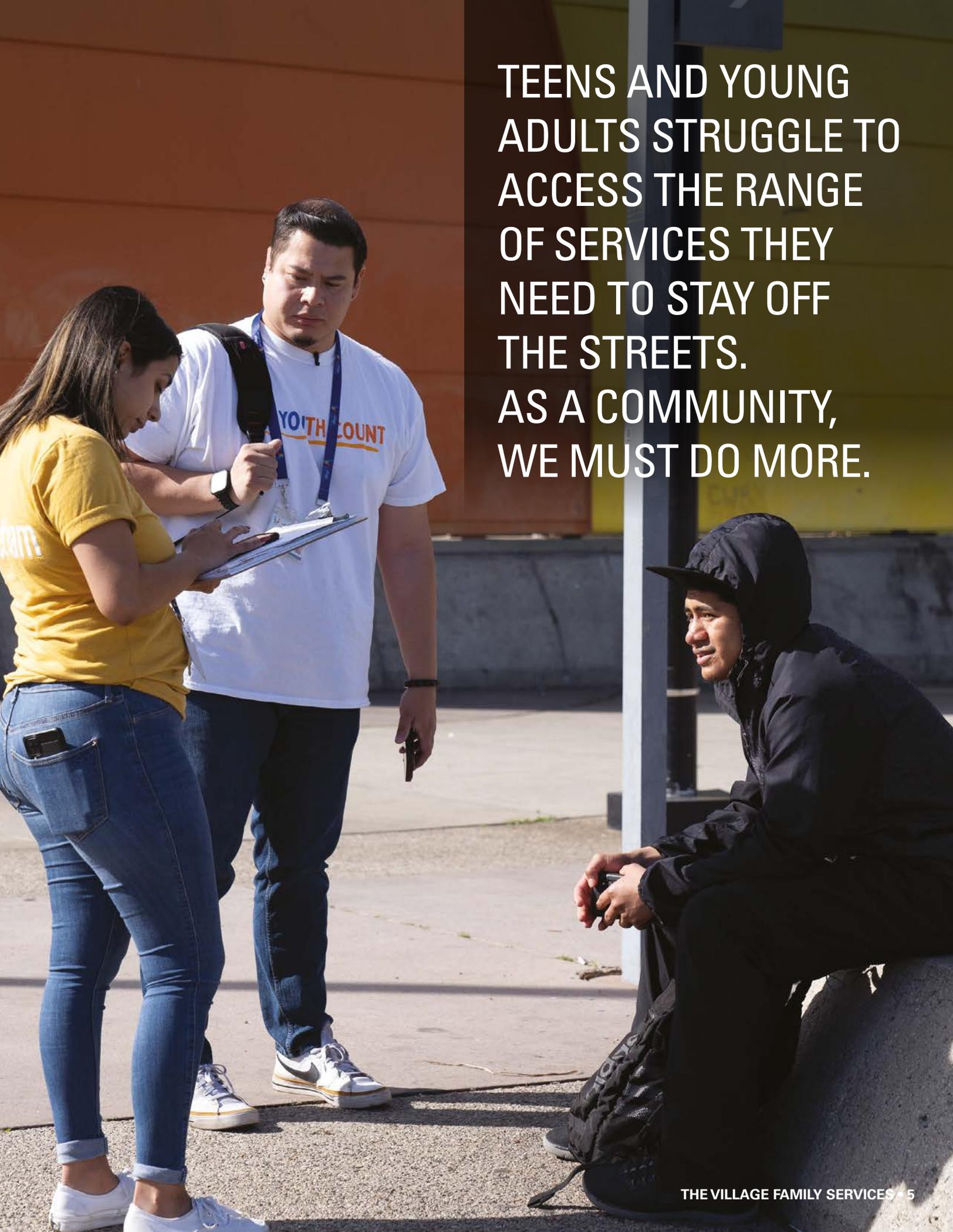
**As homelessness tops the list of community concerns, young people who are unhoused continue to fall between the cracks. Often, when services are available, they miss the mark because there aren't enough of them, and they were designed for adults.**

**At The Village, we recognize the necessity for diverse approaches for young people, and we've created a unique strategy.** Our innovative approach empowers youth and young people to spend less energy worrying about basic needs and more energy pursuing education and full, productive, healthy lives.

The Village is redefining how youth are served in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley regions (SPA 2) by:

- Expanding youth housing solutions
- Helping youth pursue their education and find jobs
- Providing specialized services for LGBTQ+ youth
- Mobilizing a trained and compassionate street outreach team
- Providing safe, accessible services at our Drop-In Center
- Partnering with colleges and universities

**As the Lead Agency for the Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES) for SPA 2,** we facilitate and coordinate regional partnerships to ensure that the rising service demand is met in seamless, timely, and quality ways. YCES is a decentralized, “no-wrong-door” method for helping unhoused youth by connecting them to organizations that provide shelter, housing, and services in a fair, systematic, and efficient manner.



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A SHOWER, A MEAL,  
AND SUPPORTIVE  
SERVICES: THE VILLAGE'S  
DROP-IN CENTER  
HELPS THOUSANDS  
OF UNHOUSED YOUTH.



**“I WAS SLEEPING IN CARS, WAS ADDICTED TO DRUGS, AND WAS IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP. I’M SO GRATEFUL TO THE VILLAGE FOR GIVING ME THE SUPPORT I NEEDED TO GET MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER AND MOVE FORWARD.”**

**– ALISSE**

## THE VILLAGE'S DROP-IN CENTER

# HELP FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN

**The Village's healing pathway for youth begins at our Drop-In Center**, which anchors our multidisciplinary approach to integrating mental health, foster care, housing, health, and educational support and services and facilitating positive peer connections.

When youth visit our Drop-In Center, they find a peaceful place to relax, peers who can relate to what they're going through, and a dedicated team ready to help. We place a high value on respect and ensuring that everyone feels safe and welcome, including members of the transgender, LGBTQ+, and foster care communities.

**We address needs early and quickly.** Our clinical and supportive services are geared to each youth's developmental stages and educational and employment needs. Trained peers lead weekly groups and help create a comfortable and welcoming environment.

10 YEARS  
OF YOUTH-  
CENTERED  
SERVICES



**10,832**

total youth served

### Service Encounters

Our work with each young person involves multiple service encounters over weeks and months.



**22,222**

Case Management Services



**10,788**

Mental Health Services



**9,368**

Housing Referrals



**9,022**

Employment Assistance



**2,460**

Education Assistance



**27,556**

Meals



**55,228**

Articles of Clothing



**14,858**

Hygiene Kits/Products



**10,664**

Showers



**4,806**

Laundry

## WALKING OUR TALK

# ON THE FRONT LINES OF PREVENTING AND ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



### Street Outreach Team

The Village's team conducts street outreach across the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas (SPA 2). Our trained, compassionate professionals meet unhoused youth where they are, offering meals, hygiene kits, and other items to meet immediate needs and connecting them to The Village's Drop-In Center's services.

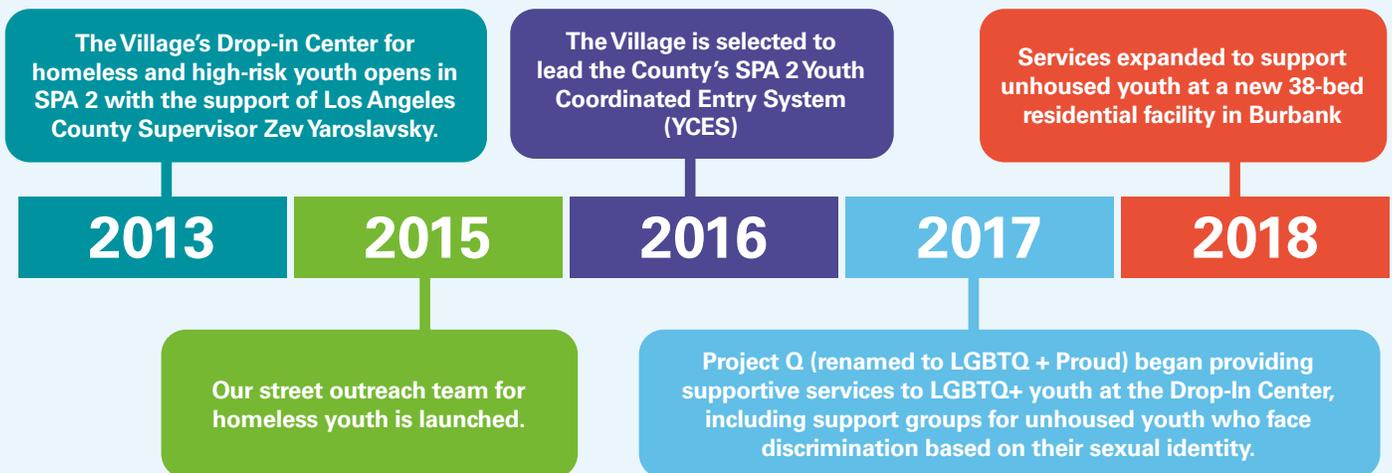


### Los Angeles Homeless Youth Count

As a deployment site for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's youth count, The Village trains community service providers, hosts statewide focus groups and coalition meetings, and convenes community impact gatherings with law enforcement and community stakeholders.

## THE VILLAGE'S YOUTH SERVICES

# A DECADE OF GAME-CHANGING MILESTONES





### The Village's Youth Council

Funded by a county grant, The Village's Youth Council is a committed and energetic group of young people with lived experience whose purpose is to inform our programs and provide feedback to government officials and service providers on how best to help and address the needs of unhoused youth.



### Youth Night Out

The Village's first-ever *Youth Night Out* took place at The Village's Drop-In Center and drew more than 300 participants, most of whom were new to The Village and were previously unaware of the services provided at our Drop-In Center. Attendees enjoyed a resource fair, live entertainment, free burgers and ice cream, and a show presented by local drag queens.



**DROP-IN CENTER FOR YOUTH SERVICES**

**10 YEARS**  
**10,000**  
YOUTH SERVED

Partnership established with Connectopod to produce podcasts amplifying the voices of unhoused youth via storytelling

Our new bridge and transitional housing facility opens in Chatsworth, providing 38 beds for youth ages 18-24.

**2020**

**2021**

**2022**

**2023**

An array of virtual and other services launched to support youth through the pandemic

Awarded funding from the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to increase our rapid rehousing and street outreach efforts, which connect unhoused youth to services at our Drop-In Center



**Living on the streets can be a frightening, overwhelming experience for any adult. Anthony found himself in this situation while barely into his teens.**

Anthony's childhood was marked by parental neglect and abandonment. "I never really knew my dad," he says, "and my mother was always out doing her thing, whatever that was."

The youngest of seven children, Anthony was raised by his grandmother. His early years were difficult. In 2018 at age 14, he fled from what he describes as "a very bad situation."

**For the next three years, Anthony found shelter wherever he could — in tents, under freeways, in parks, and occasionally at a friend's home.** Living without a home meant staying alert and wary at all times. "You can't trust everybody you meet on the streets," he says. "Most of the encounters I had were suspicious and just not right."

### ANTHONY'S STORY

# "I WAS LOST. NOW I HAVE A FUTURE."

Throughout his ordeal, he held onto the hope that an opportunity would come along and help him change the uncertain trajectory of his life.

**That opportunity finally arrived when he was 17, and a friend told him about The Village.**

At The Village, his two case managers helped Anthony obtain food and clothing, and he was placed in transitional housing. When he turned 18, they helped him find a job and an apartment.

Today, at age 20, Anthony is well on his way toward achieving the life he once only dreamed of. He is currently enrolled at a vocational college and is studying to be a medical assistant. His long-term goal is to "stay out of poverty and do something big." He advises other young people in his former situation to stay focused and seek help.

"I was lost," he concedes. "But going to The Village worked. Now I have a future."

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### JACARA'S STORY

# "I PLANNED ON FINISHING BEAUTY SCHOOL, BUT LIFE HAPPENS."

**Jacara grew up in the Midwest, largely in Indianapolis, Indiana. She and her parents were homeless for a time. Throughout her childhood, her father was physically abusive.**

Leaving high school during her senior year, Jacara worked full-time and purchased a car, planning to leave home and move with a friend to Los Angeles. When those plans derailed, she eventually graduated from high school and started beauty school.

"I planned on finishing," she notes, "but life happens." She lost her car after her father confiscated it. "I had some money, and my friend had a car, so we hit the road."

**Arriving in Los Angeles, 19-year-old Jacara and her friend initially called the car home.**

Jacara had previously experienced displacement and knew how to look for help, so she contacted several local organizations for temporary shelter and support. Then she found The Village.



With vital assistance from her Village caseworker, Jacara was connected to the Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES), a network of services providing housing and other youth resources. Jacara was assigned housing, and she found a job.

A year later, she went back to Indianapolis to care for her mother, and in early 2023, she returned to Los Angeles with her life partner, Alonso. Now pregnant, Jacara lived in a hotel with Alonso until their baby daughter, Queen, was born. The Village helped the young family find permanent housing.

**Today, the couple is working to build a stable foundation for their family.** Jacara is a member of The Village's Youth Council, a group of formerly unhoused youth who advise and work closely with The Village to resolve issues that help sustain youth after they are placed in housing.

Jacara is firm in her belief in The Village. "Out of all the organizations I went to for help, The Village has done the most for me."



**Appointed in 2021 to The Village's Board of Directors, Matthew Inouye has a uniquely personal understanding of the challenges facing unhoused youth. A few years ago, he was one of them.**

While in college, Matthew became estranged from his parents and financially strapped. He spent his days in class and walking the streets and his nights sleeping on friends' sofas.

"Couch-surfing is a form of homelessness," he states. "I knew nothing about finances or housing or getting a job. I needed help."

**Matthew learned about The Village and its Drop-In Center through school. First, he came for a meal. Then, he began to help develop strategies to reach LGBTQ+ youth like himself.**

The Village helped him stay in school, find a job, and access housing and other resources.

As Matthew spent more time at the Drop-In Center, he immersed himself in The Village's efforts to reach youth in great need.

**MATTHEW INOUYE**

## BRINGING LIVED EXPERIENCE TO THE VILLAGE'S BOARD

In addition to his work on the Board, he is the Public Policy and Community Engagement Coordinator at the TransLatin@ Coalition, a group that advocates for the nation's TGI community. (TGI is an umbrella term that encompasses a range of identities such as transgender, transsexual, gender-diverse, and intersex.)

**The Village appointed Matthew as Youth Representative to its Board of Directors to acknowledge his dedication and efforts.**

He enjoys working closely with other Board members and staff to develop effective ways to connect with vulnerable youth in Los Angeles's historically under-resourced San Fernando Valley.

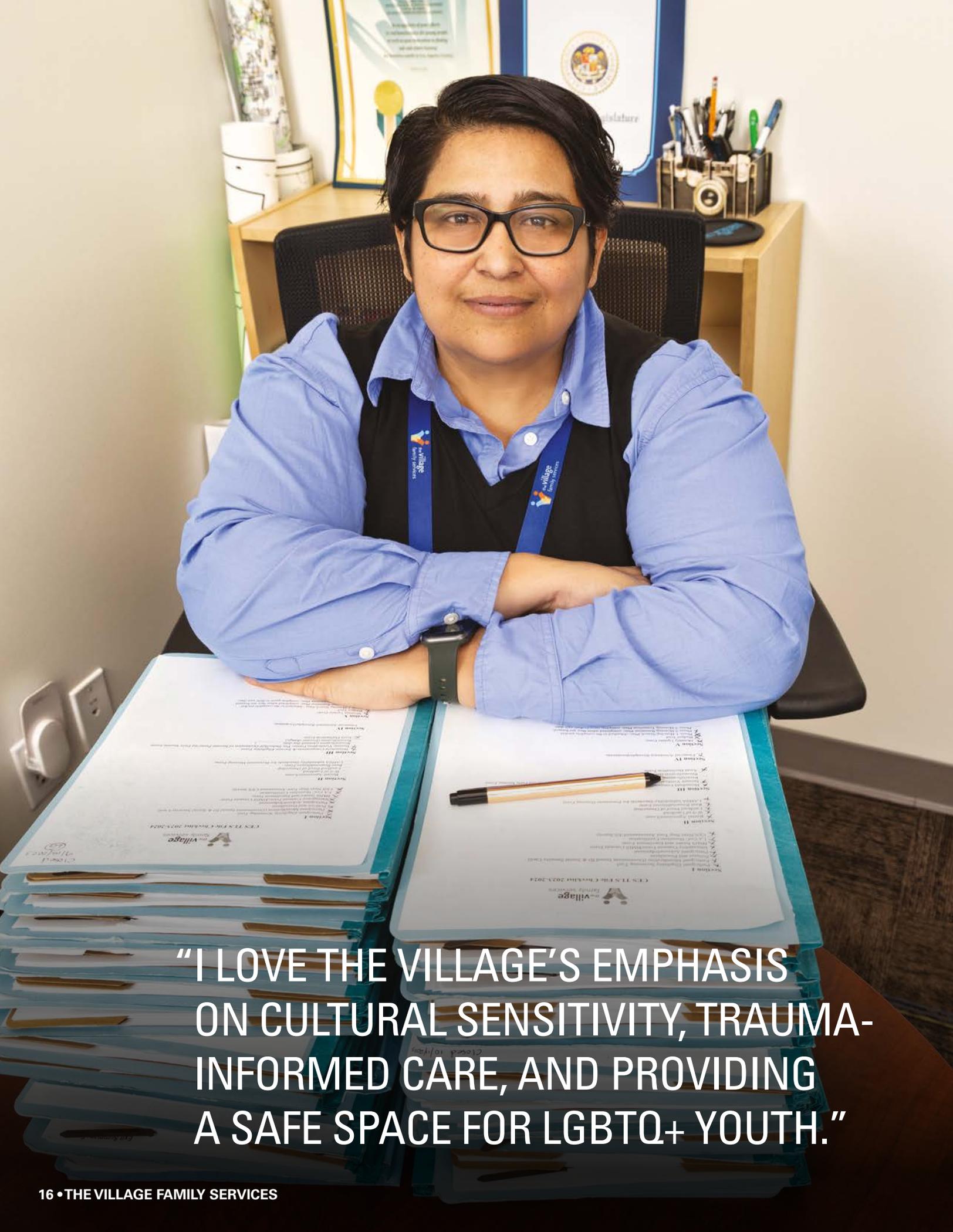
"I've walked these streets and have a relationship with the people," he says. "I feel privileged to work with The Village, and I'm proud to be a member of the Board. Together, we are making positive change."



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THE VILLAGE  
FAMILY SERVICE  
**DROP-IN  
CENTER**



**"I LOVE THE VILLAGE'S EMPHASIS ON CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, AND PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH."**

**OLGA FLORES**  
**RESOURCE NAVIGATOR, MANAGER, MENTOR**

# “THE VILLAGE IS WHERE I REALLY WANT TO BE”

**Although she didn't plan it that way, Olga Flores would spend her early working years acquiring the knowledge and skills to help others succeed. This is especially true in her current role as The Village's Director of Housing Services.**

**“I honestly feel like my career chose me,” says Olga, who has served in several key capacities since joining The Village in 2016.**

A native Angeleno, Olga grew up in East Los Angeles, miles from the San Fernando Valley but in an area whose youth had similar needs. In college, she enrolled in a youth mentorship program and performed administrative tasks at a community multicultural center. Under the guidance of the center's executive director, Olga excelled.

She landed a position at Volunteers of America as a family advocate for the agency's Head Start program. Later, she worked with older youth, mentoring them at local high schools and taking them on field trips. She found the work highly rewarding.

Eventually, though, Olga felt it was time to challenge herself or, in her words, “to get out of my comfort zone.” She interviewed with three



organizations, declined offers from two, and chose The Village.

“I love The Village's emphasis on cultural sensitivity, trauma-informed care, and providing a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth,” Olga says.

She started as a regional coordinator for the Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES), a newer addition to existing entry systems for families and adults. She helped to define the youth component and get it running smoothly.

**With YCES on a firm footing, Olga was asked to envision and manage The Village's Drop-In Center for Youth.** She has played a significant role in the Center's success. When The Village was awarded a contract for rapid rehousing, Olga's experience helping to house youth, families, and veterans made her an ideal choice to direct The Village's Office of Housing Services.

Olga is augmenting her practical experience by pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration/Organizational Leadership and Management.

“The Village is where I really want to be,” Olga asserts. Here, I can continue to grow.”

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

# INVESTING IN YOUTH IS AN INVESTMENT IN A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR ALL OF US.

### This report underscores a stark reality:

Through no fault of their own, too many teens and young adults have no family support and are forced to live in danger on our streets. Black and Hispanic/Latino youth, LGBTQ+ youth, former foster youth, immigrant youth, and youth escaping abusive situations are all more vulnerable to becoming homeless.

**We're committed to doing more and invite you to join us.** We're launching a campaign to help thousands of unhoused youth move from the streets to safety, secure housing, and hopeful, productive futures.

### Our three major goals:

1. Double the number of youth served through our Drop-In Center.
2. Expand housing and other essential resources for unhoused youth in the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and North Hollywood.
3. Continue to play a leadership role in educating our community and advocating for the needs of unhoused youth.

As we mark our anniversary, we're excited to announce a Youth Summit slated for fall 2024. This summit will bring together Los Angeles providers, policymakers, and funders to gain insights into the unique needs of youth facing homelessness and learn about the positive solutions that work.

## UNITED TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

### HOW EVERYONE CAN JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN

- > **Individual Supporters** – Make a tax-deductible donation, large or small, online at [thevillagefs.org](http://thevillagefs.org) or via your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), IRA, or gift of stock.
- > **Business and Civic Partners** – Sponsor events, contribute goods and services, and make program grants to help support Drop-In Center programs year-round.
- > **Foundation Supporters** – Sponsor events and ongoing programs at the Drop-In Center, such as shelter, housing navigation, college assistance, job counseling, mental health, and positive peer groups for youth.

**For more information on how to participate in the United to End Youth Homelessness Campaign, please contact:** Lauren Hall, Vice President, Development & Communications, [lhall@thevillagefs.org](mailto:lhall@thevillagefs.org), 818.755.8786

# FY 2022 -2023 AGENCY-WIDE IMPACT



## MEETING URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS

# A YEAR OF EXPANSION AND GROWTH

**Our mission is to protect children from abuse, preserve families, and build a stronger, safer community.**

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to evidence-based, trauma-informed programs guided by data-driven decision making and centered on actively listening to the needs of the children, youth, and families we are privileged to serve.

**Over the past year, The Village expanded to meet urgent needs in our core service areas.**

### INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & FOSTER CARE

- **Southeast Los Angeles (SPA 7) Foster Care Expansion:** With federal support, we launched a major new trauma-informed, culturally responsive foster care program for unaccompanied migrant children and youth.
- **Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC):** We continue to serve as Los Angeles County's largest provider of ISFC, providing trauma-informed care for children and youth with the most complex and challenging health and behavioral health care needs in warm and supportive family settings.
- **Clinical Internship Training:** To address the local and national crisis in the mental health workforce, we built a formal Clinical Internship Program for social work students from USC.

### PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITION AGE AND UNHOUSED YOUTH

- **Street Outreach:** We launched our Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) outreach program, which enables staff to provide services to youth living on the streets and in cars.
- **Support for LGBTQ Youth:** With funding from the Providence Medical System, we added a full-time LGBTQ+ engagement specialist at our Drop-In Center.
- **Youth Cohort:** We created a cohort of youth with lived experience to provide government officials and service providers with feedback on how to best help and address the needs of unhoused youth.
- **YCES Leadership:** The County again designated The Village to lead the coalition of 30+ agencies in Service Planning Area 2.



### New Facilities Serving Vulnerable Children and Youth

We refurbished and opened two new service sites:

- Our Family Resource Center in Huntington Park was transformed into an educational and service site serving children of all ages and their families in the Unaccompanied Children Transitional Foster Care Program.
- Our new bridge and transitional housing facility in Chatsworth was refurbished to welcome 38 youth.



# SERVICES SNAPSHOT: FY 2022-2023

**3,965**  
children, youth, and families  
served across all programs

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**52%**  
of those we serve  
are Hispanic or Latino

**23%**  
are White or Caucasian

**20%**  
are Black or African American

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Asian 2% • Other 2% • Declined to state >1%  
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander >1%  
American Indian or Alaska Native >1%

**TRAUMA-INFORMED  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**525**  
individuals served

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**74%**  
are children and youth  
aged 17 and under

**37%** ages 12 and under      **37%** ages 13-17

**12%** ages 18-24      **14%** ages 25+

**YOUTH SERVED THROUGH  
THE DROP-IN CENTER**

**609** youth served

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 **363** received employment services

 **346** received housing services

 **292** received mental health linkage

 **239** received education services

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**21%** of youth served  
identify as  
LGBTQ+

**10,312** total Service  
Encounters, including meals,  
personal, and other services.

**24.5** average Number of  
Service Encounters Per Youth

**BILINGUAL, BICULTURAL FOSTER  
CARE & ADOPTION SERVICES**

**391**  
children, youth, and  
families served

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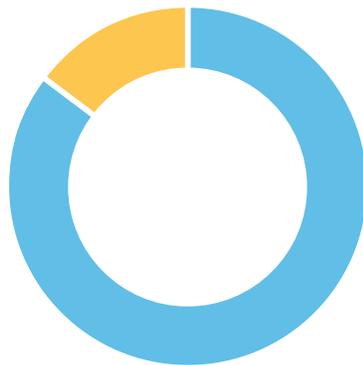
**83%**  
Hispanic or Latino

**26**  
adoptions  
completed



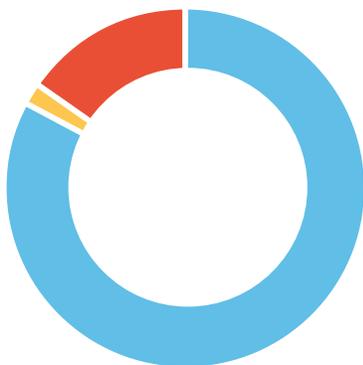
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Village Family Services is primarily funded by private donations and program service contracts. Our financial statements are audited annually. The condensed financial statement was extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements. Complete audited consolidated financial statements are available upon request.



## Revenue 2022/23

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Program Contracts</b>               | \$ 16,000,874        |
| <b>Other Revenue and Contributions</b> | \$ 2,727,500         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 18,728,374</b> |



## Expenditures 2022/23

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Program</b>                      | \$ 16,453,594        |
| <b>Fundraising</b>                  | \$ 383,540           |
| <b>General &amp; Administration</b> | \$ 3,024,043         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 19,861,177</b> |

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS.**

# YOUR SUPPORT HELPS MAKE OUR IMPACT POSSIBLE.



## **\$10,000 & Above**

Ballmer Group  
California Community Foundation  
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Hugo Villa

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## STRENGTH IN UNITY

# TOGETHER IS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD.



Our continued dedication remains essential as we confront ongoing crises and challenges.

**Underfunded youth programs increase the risk that thousands of youth will become homeless.**

**The Village remains steadfast in our commitment to providing safe housing and vital resources for unhoused youth.** Guided by the invaluable insights of those with lived experiences, particularly LGBTQ+ and former foster care youth, we are expanding our services to double our impact. Our dedication extends beyond immediate aid; we're actively advocating for systemic change to tackle the root causes of youth homelessness.

**Children who need foster care face a crisis – a lack of trained family foster homes.**

**The Village is re-imagining a positive foster care model.**

The current shortage of trained family foster homes causes too many high-need children to languish in government systems or be returned early to ill-prepared families. Our multidisciplinary approach delivers intensive trauma-informed behavioral health services, builds positive family ties through kinship care and family reunification, and supports new foster families with ongoing training and 24/7 response.



### **A Strong Advocate for Family-Based Services**

The Village's CEO, Hugo Villa, is a long-time board member of the Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA), a national advocate for serving vulnerable children and youth in family-based care models. For several years, national policy has been to close group homes and place children who need care with families. However, resources for families have not kept up with this policy. Hugo and the FFTA advocate at the state and federal levels for additional funding support to train families and professionals and increase the supply of family-based care.



## OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

**We are excited to continue this journey with you.** In the year ahead, The Village's major strategic initiatives include:

- Launching the "United to End Youth Homelessness" campaign to double the number of young people we serve and increase awareness, community engagement, and support for unhoused youth.
- Expanding foster care and behavioral health services for migrant children and youth participating in our Unaccompanied Youth Program in Southeast Los Angeles.
- Growing our multicultural Clinical Internship Program.
- Developing our Village Youth Council Program.
- Hosting a Youth Summit with renowned expert Dr. Dan Siegel from UCLA and featuring providers and youth participants from local programs.
- Continuing to strengthen our organizational data and technology infrastructure.

As our name conveys, we wholeheartedly embrace the notion that making a substantive difference requires a community's collective effort and support. **We are truly honored to have you as part of our Village.**



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**Our commitment to quality is evidenced throughout our agency.**  
The Village is proud to be accredited by the International Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for its Adoption, Foster Care, Mental Health, Wraparound, and Drop-In Center services.