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safe place for youth

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Annual Report
Our mission is to inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time.
Dear Friends,

We are beyond grateful to you, our funders, partners and amazing volunteers who join us in championing the needs of young adults currently experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in our community. It is an honor to work beside you.

The 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count showed a 61% increase in unhoused youth, making up nearly 10% of the total street based population across the county. This catastrophic epidemic is clearly about numbers, but individual stories can get lost in numbers. This is why “one young person at a time” is key to Safe Place for Youth’s mission statement. We know it was individual circumstances that brought the over 1,000 homeless young people to our Drop-in Center door this year. There, they were welcomed to programs and people who encouraged their trust and hope—because that is where the real work begins.

This annual report outlines our programs and highlights our current successes. This year we were asked to take a seat at the table to ensure that youth and young adults are included in the funding allocations of Measure H. We shared our lens of understanding—a lens schooled daily by the resilient young people we serve. We were chosen as the lead agency for the new homeless Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES) in West LA. We’ve moved upstream in our approach to housing, adding housing readiness and retention services and expanding partnerships with housing developers and providers. While reflection is important, our pause is brief as we are already focused on broadening and deepening the impact of these programs for our members. In collaboration with our Board and staff, we have recently completed an ambitious three-year strategic plan to substantially increase opportunities for housing, education, employment, health and wellness.

Big picture solutions are achievable if they are informed by the lived experience of the young adults who currently call the streets their home. Regardless of the circumstances that brought them there, we’ve witnessed the profound impact of a caring connection. Perhaps, best relayed by a 21-year-old single mom who came to Safe Place for Youth needing food, clothing, a shower and diapers for her son. She said she didn’t expect to also find “the puzzle pieces she needed” to leave her abusive relationship and to lead her to a place of stability. Her life has been about learning what pieces to leave behind and which ones to keep. “When you find the pieces that fit your puzzle, a complete picture of your future and purpose can come together.”

It is our honor to help young people find the right pieces to their unique puzzles. It is not easy work, however, even the difficult moments are insignificant compared to the privilege of supporting the promise of a young person’s future. And so, we double down.

Thank you for showing up and rolling up your sleeves with us.

Alison Hurst              Barbara St. Thomas
Founder, Executive Director     Board President
The Problem

Los Angeles is in the midst of a housing crisis, hosting the highest number of homeless individuals in the country, with numbers steadily rising. While the overall homeless count rose by 23% in 2017, youth homelessness grew disproportionately by 61%.

The young people we serve at SPY find themselves homeless or at-risk of homelessness through no fault of their own. Of those surveyed, 69% reported being kicked out by a parent or care giver or running away from unbearable home environments that include physical and/or sexual abuse, homophobia, parental mental illness, or substance abuse.

This vulnerable population of unhoused youth is extremely underserved, and at risk of becoming chronically homeless without sufficient resources and support.

SPY Youth Surveyed:

Where did you sleep last night?

- 70% place not meant for human habitation
- 14% friend or family member’s
- 6% own room or apartment
- 5% motel
- 3% shelter
- 2% other

23% of youth report having experienced domestic violence

26% of youth state they are a current or former foster youth

16% of youth state they were or are a part of the Juvenile Justice System

Gender

- 69% Male
- 29% Female
- 0.6% Trans
- 1.4% N/A

Ethnicity

- 45% White
- 26% Black/AA
- 11% Latinx
- 1% Native American
- 0.7% Pacific Islander
- 5.4% Mixed Race
- 4.6% Other
- 1% Asian
- 5.3% N/A

Age

- 70% 21 - 25
- 24% 18 - 20
- 2% 12 - 17
- 4% N/A
In fiscal year 2017, **1,171 individuals received support through SPY’s programs** that offer a holistic approach to addressing the unique needs of homeless and at-risk youth.

**ACCESS TO CRITICAL RESOURCES**

Safe Place for Youth’s goal is to provide a caring connection to critical resources and empower young people to take control of their lives. We do this through a robust continuum of care that includes street outreach, low-barrier drop-in services, health and wellness programming, case management, and education/employment support.

**SPY’s Drop-In Center** serves as a “one-stop-shop” for access to all of the supportive services that a young person needs in addition to housing to exit homelessness. While onsite at SPY, our team of professional staff, dedicated volunteers, and partner agencies engage with each individual youth, meeting them where they are at in their journey to stability.

Additionally, in 2016, the Youth Coordinated Entry System (CES) was established in Los Angeles to ensure that homeless youth have increased access to all available housing resources. SPY was awarded the role of the lead agency for Youth CES in Service Planning Area 5 (SPA 5), which encompasses the whole of West Los Angeles.

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**

At Safe Place for Youth, we believe that the solution to ending youth homelessness is community collaboration, and we incorporate this into every aspect of our programming. Working together with public and private service providers, systems representatives, policymakers, researchers, funders, coalitions, community members, local businesses and volunteers, SPY is committed to sustaining and increasing our impact on the homeless youth of Los Angeles.

**“NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US”**

The “youth voice” is an essential component of SPY’s program design. We believe that in order to best meet the needs of the young people who walk through our doors, we must include their voice in every aspect of our continuum of care.

Accordingly, in 2016 SPY launched a youth advocacy group, “SPY Squad”, which provides guidance and leadership to the board and staff at Safe Place for Youth and other agencies that serve young people experiencing homelessness in our community. They help ensure that programs, policies, and procedures are most accessible and useful to the young people they are designed to serve. SPY Squad guides itself by the mantra “small voices united are heard.”
SPY is a home away from home that I never had.

~ Lisa
SPY is a safe place where you can just be comfortable asking for the help that you need.

~ Tim
Outreach & Engagement

Street outreach is often a young person’s first connection to SPY’s continuum of care. Specifically focusing on the Westside of Los Angeles, our outreach team goes out five times a week and establish a visible and reassuring presence where homeless youth sleep and congregate. In non-intrusive ways, teams of Outreach and Engagement Case Managers and trained volunteers develop rapport with young people, distribute survival items, assist youth in accessing emergency shelter, and provide a vital connection to SPY’s on-site programs. Additionally, our outreach team responds to reports from community members about new street-based youth in the area.

Once a young person arrives at SPY’s Drop-In Center, they are welcomed by familiar faces from their own environment. Gaining the trust of street-based youth can be very difficult given the amount of trauma they have experienced, which makes this interaction a crucial piece in delivering services. Regardless of a young person’s ability to take the next steps towards greater stability, our Outreach and Engagement team makes sure that no one falls through the cracks. They continue to engage and build a relationship with each youth, so that when they are ready, we’ll be there to connect them to our Housing Case Management, Education and Employment, and Health programs.

1,069 connections made by SPY outreach teams
401 Individual youth engaged through street outreach
Our Drop-In Center is located on Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, just blocks away from the beach, where a majority of West LA’s homeless youth gather. Open five days a week, the Drop-In Center offers a comprehensive range of low-barrier services that are essential to exiting homelessness, including case management, housing assistance, education and employment programs, health and wellness care, legal support, and basic survival needs of food, clothing and showers. Services including healing arts workshops, animal care, and access to computers, mail and phones are also available onsite at SPY.
Health & Wellness

Youth experiencing homelessness often have significantly poorer health outcomes than the general public. Our partners at Venice Family Clinic provide weekly on-site comprehensive health clinics, information and referrals. Dental care, HIV testing, harm reduction interventions, and health education workshops are also offered through this partnership. Additionally, in collaboration with LA County Department of Mental Health and the Exceptional Children's Foundation, mental health support is provided to youth through counseling, crisis interventions and low barrier approaches to relationship and trust building.

374 Medical visits
162 HIV tests provided
159 Counseling sessions
The Healing Arts Program at SPY gives youth experiencing homelessness a safe environment for creative expression. The young people we serve come from a variety of traumatic backgrounds, and when given the chance to create art and express themselves in a safe, non-judgmental space, the process of healing from their trauma can begin. Creative self-expression is a core component to an individual’s social and mental health, both because of the skills that are learned, and the healing that takes place. A recent USC study found that youth who participate in the Healing Arts program at SPY are more likely to pursue other programming, making it a gateway to therapy and supportive services, medical care, education and employment opportunities, case management and permanent housing.

Facilitated by our Healing Arts Coordinator, and led by professional volunteers, workshops in creative writing, painting and drawing, jewelry making, mindfulness, yoga, music and clay modeling are offered three days a week.
My son and I are blessed to have SPY’s resources and to be on the road to our own permanent housing.

~ Mahalia
SPY has helped me so much. I got a job after coming to SPY - if you need help with anything you can come here.

~ Key
Safe Place for Youth understands that for youth to exit the streets, achieve personal change and improve their future prospects, they need ready access to individualized case management. Our team of Case Managers works with each young person to develop a care plan that addresses short and long term goals towards greater stability. Services include housing assistance to enter emergency shelter, transitional or permanent supportive housing, applying for identification documents, receiving access to health services, extended guidance in decisions on stable housing, family reunification and drug rehabilitation.
In partnership with Westside Children’s Center, SPY offers comprehensive Pregnant and Parenting Case Management for young women and men. For young pregnant women, we assist with case plans in preparation for their baby, including prenatal/OBGYN referrals and follow up doctor appointments. Facilitated by experts, we offer educational classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd trimesters, and explore birthing options that are available. The Pregnant and Parenting Case Manager also gives referrals to maternity shelters and housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities, and the Department of Social Services for Cal Works, Cal Fresh, Medi-cal sign ups, and other financial services. Young parents can also receive diapers, clothes, cribs, formula, baby food, and books while enrolled in SPY’s Pregnant and Parenting program.

The parenting portion of our program includes comprehensive case planning for young men and women. One of the goals of the program, when possible, is to include and validate the role of the father. We offer father groups, including movie showings that depict positive modeling of good fathering. Our trained Case Manager provides parenting classes for both mothers and fathers.
Lack of education and/or employment is a significant barrier for homeless youth trying to exit the streets and gain stability. SPY’s Education and Employment program provides job readiness and workforce training, life skills workshops, youth internship program, onsite high school completion courses in partnership with The Five Keys Charter School, and networking opportunities through a welcoming, non-judgmental approach. We also offer pre-employment exploration workshops in our Digital Arts Lab and Food for the Soul Garden for youth to learn new skills and build self-esteem. After a young person successfully obtains a job or acceptance into a school, our staff continues to support each individual throughout their journey to stability.
Youth Internship Program
The Youth Internship Program at SPY is a six-month, supportive employment opportunity designed to empower 8 individuals a year to develop their professional background and skills. This is a valuable intermediate step for youth who are not quite ready to enter the workforce; and may need work experience to build their resume or more focused attention to address gaps in professional soft skills or motivation.

During their work hours, Youth Interns at SPY play an integral role in preparing and maintaining the Drop-In Center space for the provision of essential daily services. Outside of work hours, Youth Interns participate in a professional development workshop once a month to provide education and support with soft skills including, but not limited to professional communication with colleagues and time management. Finally, all Youth Interns work with SPY’s Education & Employment Specialist to update their resume and create an individualized plan for their personal education or career following their internship at SPY.

Digital Arts Lab
SPY’s Digital Arts Lab offers young people an opportunity to build motivation and learn cutting edge technology skills that are relevant in today’s workplace. Music production and graphic design workshops led by professional instructors are held twice a week, in addition to open lab hours for creative expression. By providing access to technology with a therapeutic approach, we are working to address the barriers that keep homeless and at-risk youth from pursuing meaningful employment, gaining economic stability and fully exiting the streets.

Food for the Soul Garden
Funded through Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, SPY’s Food for the Soul Garden shows youth the principles of building community and food security while cultivating, distributing and preparing fresh fruits and vegetables from our onsite garden. In partnership with local urban farmers, youth are engaged in weekly workshops at SPY’s Drop-In Center to learn about growing and maintaining the fruits and vegetables. Additionally, this program promotes overall mental and physical health and wellbeing, and has resulted in meaningful work opportunities and internships with local garden businesses.
Housing

In September 2016, the Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES) was rolled out across Los Angeles County, in order to create an efficient and equitable way for young people experiencing homelessness to access housing. Funded by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority in Spring 2016, SPY was named the lead agency for YCES in Service Planning Area 5, responsible for coordinating all homeless youth service providers in West LA. This countywide shift created massive changes in how people talk and think about youth homelessness, and more importantly, led to huge increases in the number of young people being assessed for housing and ultimately exiting the streets.

Homeless youth exited the streets and moved into safe and stable housing.

SPY is proud to be at the forefront of YCES implementation and rollout to enhance the following innovations and partnerships along the way:

**Housing Case Management**
Due to the creation of central access points through YCES, young people from across LA County were directed to SPY for services, and as a result of changes in the system as a whole, youth who may have been previously resistant to case management began to see the benefits it could offer.

**Family Reconnection**
The Family Reconnection and Reunification program is a part of our Case Management program, providing an opportunity for youth experiencing homelessness to return home to a safe, supportive environment. Our team works one-on-one with individual youth and their family or a supportive adult to establish safe and appropriate reunification. Once the reconnection has been made, we determine a course of action, including travel logistics, resources within the community they are returning to, and a follow up plan once the young person is reunified with their family or supportive adult.

**Rapid Rehousing**
Thanks to incredible partnerships with PATH and St. Joseph Center, SPY assists youth in moving into apartments through Rapid Rehousing, a short-term rental subsidy designed to help individuals find housing that is integrated in the community, and learn to sustain it independently over time. Our HOMIE! program was also launched to pair volunteers with young people as housing mentors to support them during the housing search.

**Pregnant and Parenting Youth Housing**
On February 14, 2017, thanks to an introduction made by the Department of Mental Health, SPY helped 3 young families move into a beautiful home owned by Westwood Presbyterian Church, with rental support through the St. Joseph Center Rapid Rehousing program. The “Roots 2 Grow” house (as the housemates voted to name it) receive ongoing wrap-around support in the form of weekly house meetings, goal setting and life skills support, legal assistance, education and employment support, mental health referrals, and child development support to ensure that all 7 housemates thrive.
At Safe Place for Youth, advocacy infuses everything we do, as we know the power it has to make positive change for the homeless youth of our community. This year, we saw community advocacy efforts lead to critical connections for the young people we serve, including jobs, service linkages, and housing opportunities.

**SPY Squad**

In September 2016, SPY launched our Youth Advocacy Panel, the self-named “SPY Squad,” to guide, inform, and direct internal programming and to allow young people to represent themselves in community forums and bodies. Over the year, 68 members participated in 34 meetings, electing cabinet members to lead the group and creating vision and mission statements for their work, such as “Small Voices United Are Heard.” SPY Squad members also spoke at functions including meetings, panels, and symposiums in forums such as UCLA, the Venice Neighborhood Council, and City Hall. A SPY Squad member now also sits on the Homeless Youth Forum of Los Angeles (HYFLA) and two were nominated and selected to be a part of the National Network for Youth, National Coalition.

**Coalition Participation**

Serving young people experiencing homelessness requires a commitment to staying current to political and legal changes, emerging and redefined social work best practices, shifts in funding, and the dynamic interests of young people. Being a smaller agency, we see active participation in local and national coalitions regarding youth homelessness as integral to sharing and defining best practices. Listed below are a few key groups in which we actively participate:

- Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures Workgroup: Member
- Department of Mental Health Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC 5): Participant and Steering Committee
- Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership (HHYP): Partner Agency
- Los Angeles Coalition to End Youth Homelessness (LACEYH): Tri-Chair and Steering Committee Member
- National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness: Presenter
- Regional Homeless Advisory Council: Member
- Service Planning Area (SPA) 5 Adult Coordinated Entry System: Participant
- Venice/Marina del Rey Health Neighborhood: Participant
- WDB Taskforce on Underrepresented Populations: Presenter
- West Coast Convening: Presenter
- Westside Coalition: Board Member
- Westside Homeless Youth Providers (WHYP): Convener
Before finding SPY I felt stuck in my life with things I didn’t want or didn’t like to do. When I started going to SPY, it was at the same time they started a music program and it immediately became my main motivation. That program helped me set goals and now I’m achieving them. It gave me a network and the structure I need to succeed, and eventually a job and housing followed.

~ Raymar
SPY is a place where light shines and there is hope. A place where all small voices become a roar.

~ Artemio
Volunteering

Drop-In Center Support
Volunteers are an integral part of the operations at our Drop-In Center. Hours and dates are flexible and opportunities include: managing the clothing closet, serving meals, monitoring the showers and job readiness support. Volunteers with backgrounds in music, arts and exercise classes also lead youth workshops in our Healing Arts program.

Meals
100% of the meals provided at SPY are donation-based and served to our youth by caring volunteers. Each week, six healthy meals are given to an average of 75 young people.

Street Outreach
A key component of our Street Outreach program, volunteers engage with street-based youth out in the community alongside SPY’s Outreach and Engagement Case Managers. These dedicated volunteers assist in providing access to survival resources and SPY’s onsite programs.

HOMIE! Program
Launched in November 2016, the Housing Opportunity Mentor, In Effect! (HOMIE!) program is a mentorship program designed to connect our youth seeking housing with caring individuals who can support them through the process. This volunteer opportunity includes helping youth find secure housing, mentoring on independent living life skills and building a meaningful, supportive connection.

7,300+ hours donated
145 dedicated volunteers
We believe that collaboration is the solution to ending youth homelessness, and we incorporate this into every program at Safe Place for Youth. We work closely with partners in the community to carry out SPY’s mission of providing immediate and lasting solutions to homeless and at-risk youth ages 12-25.

Thank you to the following partners who played a central role in the services we provided at SPY in fiscal year 2017:

1736 Crisis Shelter
Abbot Kinney Merchant’s Committee
Alcott Center
Alliance for Children’s Rights
Animal Wellness Center
Baby 2 Baby
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Department of Child and Family Services
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Insight LA
Karma Rescue
Kiss the Ground
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LA LGBT Center
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RAND
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UCLA Arts & Healing
UCLA Creative Minds
UCLA YouthSource Center
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Upward Bound House
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USC School of Social Work
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Venice Family Clinic
Venice Neighborhood Council
Westchester Rotary Club
Westside Children’s Center
Westside Family Health Center
Westside Food Bank
Westside Infant-Family Network
Westwood Presbyterian Church
Wonder Music Co.
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SPY is an amazing place. People greet you with smiles and open arms. I believe it’s a safe place to bring my family for services. I am happy to be working towards my high school diploma at SPY, and utilize their great resources for housing support, which is very important to my family and me.

~ Lorenzo

SPY has helped my family with resources, when we seemed to run into many barriers on our own.

~ Victoria
Events

Safe Place for Youth hosts a variety of annual events to engage in the community and raise funds for our youth programs. In fiscal year 2017, we raised a total of $250,000 from three fundraisers: Carnival, 100 Pieces and our second annual Gala. We also launched our ‘Family Connect Day’ event series, offering an opportunity for families to come and volunteer their time with projects onsite at SPY’s Drop-In Center.

2016 Carnival

Over 200 attendees came together to support our unhoused youth, and help raise nearly $40,000 for SPY’s life-saving programs at our 4th annual Carnival. This family-friendly event, generously hosted by SPY Board Member Peter Micelli and his wife Jennifer, is always filled with fun carnival games, face painting, delicious food and more!

Family Connect Day

On this annual day of service, volunteers and supporters are able to bring their families and friends to SPY’s Drop-In Center and participate in tasks ranging from scarf making to donation sorting. Attendees are encouraged to bring items for donation. This is a free event open to the public and all ages!
2nd Annual Gala

Each year, our Gala is a chance for us to recognize those individuals and partner organizations who have had profound impact on SPY by honoring them at our largest fundraiser event. Our 2nd annual “Heroes” Gala, honoring Amy & Pete Favat and the Westchester Rotary Club, was held in May and raised $150,000 for SPY’s programs.

2016 100 Pieces Art Show

Our annual 100 Pieces fundraiser is hosted by SPY Board Member Amy Favat, Pete Favat, Melissa Ross, and Chris Buzzell. A total $60,000 was raised for SPY programs at the second annual 100 Pieces art show held at Buzzell Studios in Santa Monica. The show was filled with amazing artwork donated by creators in the local advertising community, along with artists from near and far. It was incredible to see so many people come together in support of SPY’s mission.
## Fiscal Year 2017

### Revenue

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Total Revenue: $1,383,793.04

### Expenses

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Total Expenses: $1,134,559.49

### Pie Charts

- 25% Foundation Grants
- 16% Events
- 16% Individual Contributions
- 11% Subcontract Revenue
- 9% Government Grants
- 17% Corporate & Business Contributions
- 7% In-Kind Revenue
- 13% Operations & Administration

- 87% Programs
- 13% Operations & Administration
Advisory Board of Directors

Barbara St. Thomas - President
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Dorit Reichental - Secretary
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Simon Costello
Sutton Fannon
Amy Favat
Chelsea Gray
Peter Micelli
Matt Nelson
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Sophia Frontino - Director of Programs
Rachel Pedowitz - Director of Housing Advocacy
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Ben Perkins - Housing Case Manager
Rebecca McGuire - Pregnant and Parenting Case Manager
Rob Hanna - Outreach and Engagement Case Manager
Amanda Orozco - Drop-In Case Manager
Chris Leonard - Health and Wellness Case Manager
Michelle DiBattiste - Drop-In Manager
Sarah Boehmke - Healing Arts Program Manager
Mel Kim - Education and Employment Program Manager
Melissa Gonzalez - Education and Employment Specialist
Sheila Siegel - Staff Clinical Supervisor
Cody Metzger - Development Associate
Fatine Ait-Haddou - Volunteer Coordinator
Gary Tyler - Outreach and Engagement Support Worker
Michal David - Host Homes Coordinator
Ely Sepulveda - Youth CES Regional Coordinator
Allie Haber - Youth CES Matcher
Erika Herod - YCES Peer Navigator
Ronald Harris - Drop-In Case Manager Intern