



free from homelessness and family violence

# 2017-2018

# ANNUAL REPORT

## WORKING WITH HOMELESS RESIDENTS TO BUILD NEW FUTURES

### Street Outreach, Warming Shelter Change Lives

**L**ife on the street, in a park, or abandoned building is not a scenario anyone chooses. Building Futures' street outreach and Winter Warming Shelter provide unsheltered people with a strong array of services. Our street outreach team connects with people living on the streets through regular laundry days and through our partners at April Showers and the cities of San Leandro and Alameda and their police departments. Depending on the person's needs, Building Futures' staff members then connect them with a range of supports including the Winter Warming Shelter and case management to connect them with medical care and ultimately to housing. Last year, Building Futures' Winter Warming Shelter served an average of 21 guests each of the 59 nights it was open. The Winter Warming Shelter will open again on Thanksgiving. For further information, please call the Winter Warming Shelter line after October 1, 2018 at 510-924-3787. To volunteer at April Showers, contact Moira Fry at 510-917-5078 or MoiraFry@gmail.com. **Building Futures needs items for our unsheltered clients. If you can donate new shoes, sleeping bags or men's and women's socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatpants or sweatpants, call Building Futures' donation line at 510-357-0205, ext 205.**



*San Leandro resident "Kathy" and Precious with Building Futures Homeless Outreach Case Manager Ana Maria Garcia*

"Building Futures was the perfect place for help to get off the street. Not only with finding housing, but with other things, like people to talk to when I need to."

—"CHARLES," NEWLY HOUSED OUTREACH CLIENT

## SPANISH LANGUAGE SERVICES HELP SURVIVORS BUILD BETTER FUTURES

Building Futures has strengthened our efforts to address the need for bilingual services for Latinx survivors of domestic

violence. Our outreach team provides safety planning, case management, one-on-one counseling, support groups, court accompaniment, and parent advocacy support in both English and Spanish. Our outreach team also provides "DV 101" presentations in order to increase domestic violence awareness. Last October, domestic violence advocate Daisy Porres, Psy.D, helmed a citywide Spanish language outreach campaign to help spread the word that help is available. Funds from the City of San Leandro and the Alameda County District Attorney supported the expansion of these crucial services. All domestic violence survivors deserve healthy alternatives for themselves and their families. Building Futures is proud to make these services a reality! Building Futures' 24-hour domestic violence hotline is 1-866-A-WAY-OUT (1-866-292-9688).

**¡YA BASTA LA VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA!**

**Seguridad. Esperanza. Empoderamiento.  
¡PORQUE USTED LO VALE!**





## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**H**appy Fall! I hope you enjoy reading about the successes you helped make possible in the past twelve months. As the numbers on the facing page attest, Building Futures is making positive change a reality for many in mid-Alameda County!

Looking ahead, the staff and I are busily planning activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Among other actions, November will see the opening of Building Futures' Winter Warming Shelter, a San Leandro tradition at First United Methodist Church since 2014. And we're already laying the groundwork for Building Futures 31st annual holiday gift drive, which has brought warmth, joy, and a feeling of community to those we serve since our founding in 1988.

Happy reading,

Liz Varela

*Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for Domestic Violence Awareness activities and how to help throughout the year.*



### OUR MISSION

*To build communities with underserved individuals and families where they are safely and supportively housed, free from homelessness and family violence.*

## PRESENTING BUILDING FUTURES' 40-HOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELOR TRAINING

**B**uilding Futures is highly respected for our 40-hour Domestic Violence Training. Each training equips about 25 community members to serve as Domestic Violence counselors. It's a great way for interested people including prospective volunteers to join new Building Futures' staff members and staff representing other service providers to receive training under the State of California's requirements. Building Futures' Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Jessica Rogers has managed the training since 2015. Most of the in-depth teachings are delivered by representatives of local specialists in their fields; e.g., legal aid and workplace-related services for domestic violence survivors. Rogers says, "Building Futures is connected to experts in their area of domestic violence. Also, Alameda County is so rich culturally. That adds great resonance and depth to this training." To register for next spring's training or for more information, contact Jessica Rogers at 510-357-0205, ext. 207 or [jrogers@bffc.org](mailto:jrogers@bffc.org).

*Daisy Porres and Jessica Rogers train domestic violence counselors, using California's 40-hour curriculum.*



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# BUILDING FUTURES IN 2017-2018

Building Futures is proud to share the numbers behind the individuals and families we helped between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Every person served is a story of resilience and courage.



calls for shelter, housing and domestic violence assistance

358

homeless adults and children supported in our rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs

232

individuals received domestic violence education, counseling, intervention and safety planning through community support groups or individual services

28,138

nights of shelter provided to 324 at the Midway Shelter, San Leandro Shelter, Sister Me Home and San Leandro Warming Shelter



*Bay Alarm Company donating 50 turkeys for Thanksgiving*



people helped by our street outreach teams in Alameda and San Leandro



gifts of goods and services

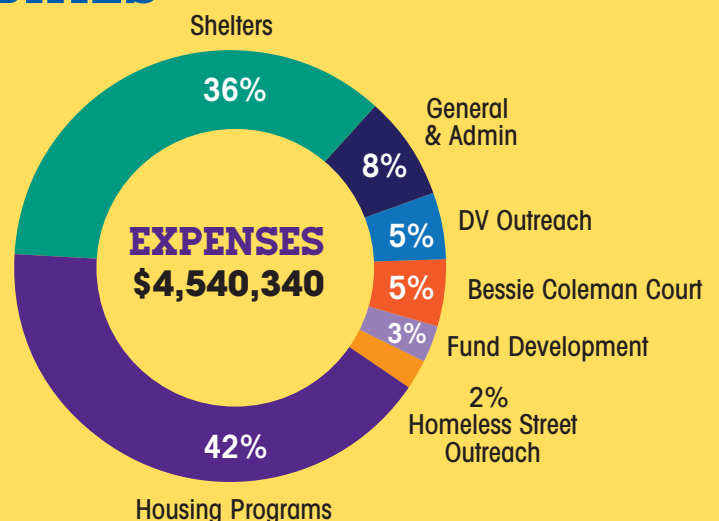
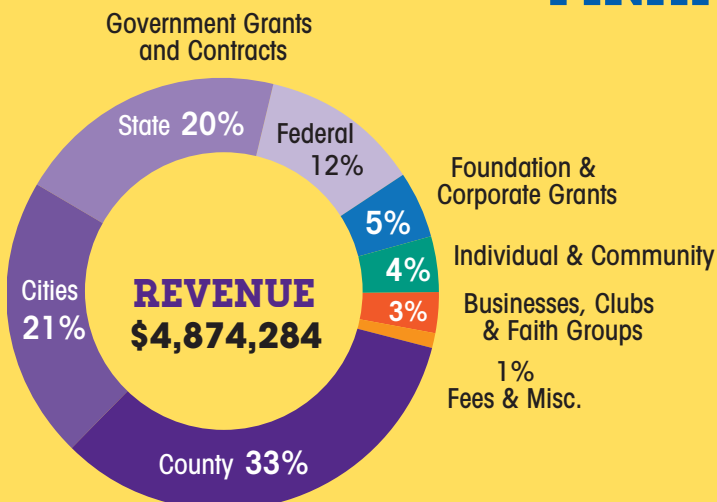
\$150,000

114 business, clubs and faith groups donated to support people rebuilding their lives.



volunteer service hours

## FINANCIALS





## BACK TO SCHOOL—IN STYLE!

**S**chool's in session! Generous community members and local businesses made sure 150 children served across Building Futures' programs began the year equipped (and dressed) for success! We are grateful to all who gave. Donors include countless individuals and families, collection barrel hosts Floresta Dental, Rite-Aid on MacArthur, San Leandro Church of Christ, San Leandro Main Library, San Leandro Marina Branch Library, San Leandro Marina Community Center, San Leandro Senior Community Center, and Zocalo Coffeehouse. We are also deeply grateful to our friends at My New Red Shoes for once more providing school-aged children with brand new shoes and gift cards for new school outfits. **School supplies are always accepted, as our shelters welcome students throughout the year.** Backpacks are especially needed. Please contact Building Futures' development team at 510-357-0205 x205 or [development@bffc.org](mailto:development@bffc.org) if you wish to donate.

## RACES FUND MIDWAY SHELTER

**Y**ou may have heard about the Fourth of July 5K that precedes Alameda's famed parade. Or the even older Midway 5K Run/Walk on Bay Farm Island.

"Back in the '90s, we lived in Alameda and did 'fun runs' around the Bay Area," says Mark Hovermale, who today operates both charity 5Ks with his wife, Cindy. "We read about the Midway Run in the local paper. The Midway Run sounded great, since it was so close to home. Cindy (pictured second from left) came in second when she was three months pregnant with our son, Andrew!"

When Midway 5K founder Bob DeCelle passed away, Mark called Tony DeSimone, Chairman of the Alameda Homeless Network. "I asked who'd be putting on the race," Mark remembers. Tony said, "Why don't you and Cindy do it?" The two have been organizing the Midway Shelter Run ever since. Each year, the run takes place on the first Saturday in December.



*Run/walk organizers and AHN board members Cindy and Mark Hovermale with daughter, Christine and son, Andrew.*



Before the 2000 Fourth of July Parade Mark and Cindy noticed that conditions were ideal to hold a second 5K before the parade and raise more money for Midway. "The first year drew about 65 runners. In 2011, we broke 500, and in 2018 we hosted 1,018!" Mark says.

Over five years, The Midway Race and Fourth of July R.A.C.E have raised over \$100,000 to support Midway's services for women and children. Boy Scouts Troop 2, Ed Jay Photography, and Building Futures have provided volunteer services. "On the day of every race, I'm struck by the feeling of unity. I love the way the 5Ks bring the community together for a good cause!" Cindy says.

The next Midway Race is set for Saturday, December 1st. Visit [AlamedaRace.com/Midway/](http://AlamedaRace.com/Midway/) to register or learn more.

