

ANNUAL REPORT  
AT A GLANCE



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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November 2020

Dear Friends,

COVID-19 has upended our daily routines as we know it. We are such social creatures that the thought of not being around our colleagues or socializing has created room for introspection and creativity. The pandemic takes a toll on all of us, especially our most vulnerable communities, who will assist them in their greatest time of need? How will the children continue learning? What about food access?

As Bresee, we diligently took measures to protect our staff and the families we serve. There was no hesitation; these times called for us to amplify our mission by responding to our community's great need in Central and South Los Angeles. We diligently moved most of our youth services to virtual and telephonic assistance. Our team went gone as far as creating resource videos and scheduling tutoring sessions over the phone or virtual platform. The academic support did not cease, nor did the socio-emotional support throughout the most challenging lockdown months.

Throughout the first five months of the pandemic, our FamilySource Center triaged hundreds of requests from food to rent to basic supplies. In addition, we partnered with the Mayor's office to assist in the distribution of funds for the Angeleno campaign and grocery cards. Taking precautions every step of the way as the teams helped over 100 families daily.

By the same token, the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) program found ways to connect with clients and their families. Having virtual check-ins and phone conversations have led to a continued reassurance that what we are going through is temporary. Sometimes a call for help is more than a financial need, but a desire to connect with those who have touched our lives.

As part of our response, as a whole organization, we coordinated grab-n-go lunches feeding over 100 families within 30 minutes daily; to further assist our aging population and vulnerable families, Bresee developed a drop-n-go program delivering groceries to over 90 families on a bi-weekly basis, at no charge. We thank our partners and sponsors for believing us and trusting our work.

We miss our clients and the laughter our kids bring. We miss being able to connect on a more personal level and being around all of our staff. Despite the chaos, we are grateful that we have developed trust and relationships with those we serve, that even social distancing has not ceased our contact.

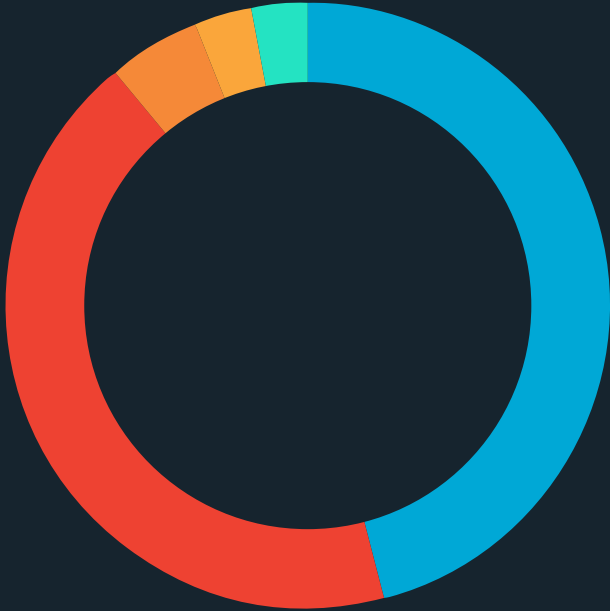
We look forward to the day that our daily lives are restored, but for now – we welcome the pause and the ability to serve creatively.

Peace,



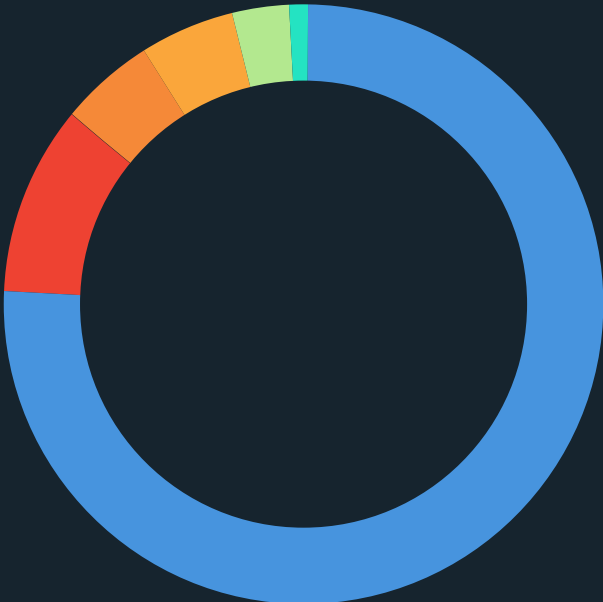
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*Executive Director*

FINANCIAL  
OVERVIEW



**Income: \$3,372,540**

- 46% Government
- 43% Foundation
- 5% Corporate
- 3% Events
- 3% Individuals



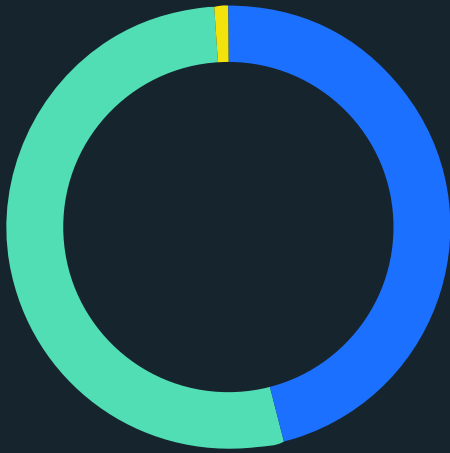
**Expense: \$3,409,473**

- 76% Payroll
- 10% Operations
- 5% Community Emergency Funds
- 5% Scholarships
- 3% Depreciation
- 1% Events

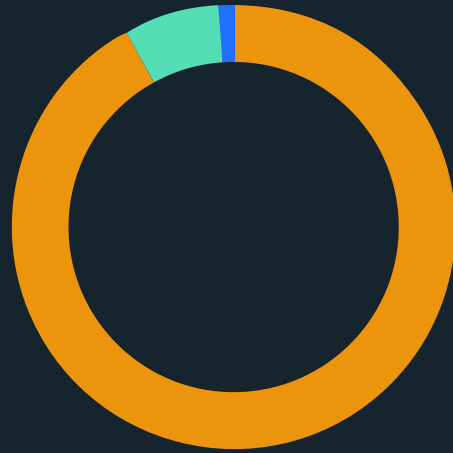
# CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

FAMILIES: 4,925  
YOUTH: 1,361

TOTAL: **6,286**



■ 46% Female  
■ 53% Male  
■ 1% Non-Binary



■ 92% Latino  
■ 7% Asian/Pacific Islander  
■ 1% Black



■ 100% At or below the FPL

# IMPACT



## FamilySource Center

**530** Families case managed

**\$5,274** in increased aggregate income per family

**25** enrolled in English courses

**35** enrolled in Computer Literacy

**25** coached in Financial Education

## Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD)

**94%** Program Graduation Rate

**100%** Family Involvement

**1614** hours of family and individual counseling

## Bresee Academy for Middle Schoolers (BAM)

**162** students enrolled in BAM

**85%** Attended and completed program

**25%** increase in GPA in Math and English

**100%** promoted to High School

## Education & Career Exploration

**19** new scholarships awarded

**98%** College Access Students Enrolled in College

**77%** College Persistence

**48** students exploring STEAM through TTC

**19** Paid Internships exploring careers in STEAM

**78** students completed financial literacy workshops

## Sport Leadership

**100%** of Youth Leaders enrolled in College

Served over **349** elementary and middle school students

**100%** increase in Socio-Emotional Learning

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## MEET GUADALUPE



*Sophia is now actively engaged with the High School and Career Exploration program at Bresee; Guadalupe's husband is now working and the family continues to thrive despite the many obstacles.*

Migrating from El Salvador in the early 80s, Guadalupe made a life for herself in Los Angeles. Now a family of four, Guadalupe and her husband have been able to sustain their families, until the pandemic disrupted their livelihood and put them at the brink of homelessness and mental despair.

Since the lockdown took effect, her daughters, especially Sophia, experienced negative behavioral changes. "She didn't want to go out. She would throw tantrums. She would sleep in all day and lose her appetite. It was worrying me. That is when Boris, our case manager from GRYD, started counseling Sophia," commented Guadalupe. Seeking help, Guadalupe turned to Bresee's GRYD program to intervene with the behavioral obstacles that her daughter, Sophia, was experiencing. Hindered by the limitations set by the pandemic, Boris, Sophia, and the rest of her family began weekly video conferencing and phone calls. Eventually, Guadalupe started seeing the positive change in her daughter's behavior.

In addition to the emotional and mental support, Guadalupe was assisted by Bresee's FamilySource Center and the City of Los Angeles' Angeleno campaign. This brought much needed financial support to her, "It helped us a lot. To be honest, we did not have anything left. We were behind on bills, rent, and if they cut our internet, she wouldn't have been able to continue her schooling," commented Guadalupe. Boris was instrumental in providing Guadalupe with the necessary resources and support required to keep her moving forward financially. Through this support, Guadalupe received \$1,100 from the Angeleno Campaign. Between the coaching and counseling sessions her daughter, Sophia was receiving from Boris (GRYD), and the resources being introduced to Guadalupe from Boris, her family was able to alleviate some of the burden placed on them from the pandemic.

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COVID  
EFFORTS

HOUSING & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

2,372  
FAMILIES



FOOD SECURITY



GRAB N GO  
115 daily lunches



DROP N GO  
(Groceries delivered to families)  
195 Families (over 700 individuals)

SUMMARY



OVER 2800  
Families Served



\$132,000  
Food Assistance



\$2,339,680.08  
Emergency Rental/Financial Asst.

TOTAL  
ASSISTANCE  
DISBURSED

\$2,471,680 USD

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