



Casa Teresa
Home with a Heart



A BRIDGE TO HOPE.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION

To provide pregnant women in crisis a loving home to begin their healing journey.

OUR VISION

To break cycles, transform women and help families thrive through effective, caring residential programs.



OUR ETHOS

OUR WHY

At Casa Teresa, pregnant women in crisis can experience total restoration, equipping them to break generational cycles of dysfunction and creating families that thrive.

OUR HOW

We extend unconditional love, build trust, help them to work through their fears, and provide hope to the women and babies we serve.

OUR WHAT

We offer a family and safe home for healing, tools to succeed in education and future careers, and classes to teach parenting skills and life lessons which builds the confidence needed to become self-reliant and re-enter society through our exceptional residential programs.

OUR VALUES

Love, Hope, Compassion, Empowerment.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Amidst all the chaos in our ever more crazy world, it's a joy for Casa Teresa to serve Mothers and Children! To provide a peaceful, loving and safe home away from the turmoil outside our walls. Despite the on-going obstacles, Casa Teresa has made real progress in our commitment to expanding our offerings to those we serve!

One of our key strategic goals is expanding our Bridge Program I mentioned last year. With our early success we are stepping up to proactively stay connected with alumni to ensure long term success and to create an alumni network to "give back" in terms of sharing stories and financial support. We want to make sure the Casa Teresa family is a lifelong experience.

But with all that's new in our world, one thing never changes.

Initiatives such as this are only possible because of our partnership with you. Everyone who shares their precious time and treasure in support of the women and babies at Casa Teresa. That is the shared heart with everyone connected to Casa Teresa! And for that we couldn't be more grateful!

In gratitude,



MIKE BELL
Board Chair



Thank you to our board members rotating off this year: Kristin Bengfort and Kari Moore.

We are excited to welcome the following board members for the 2021 - 2022 Fiscal year: Rebecca Anderson and Drew Bordages.

OUR PEOPLE

Currently, we have 30 dedicated full-time and part-time staff members, as well as 230 volunteers giving more than 2,350 volunteer hours of service. We are grateful for their service teaching classes, babysitting, providing professional support and guidance, tutoring, and landscaping, although much of these interactions were limited this year. In addition, we have three event committees for our Gala, Luncheon and Golf Classic, and two guilds, Central and Founders, all committed to fundraising for Casa Teresa. Together, this team is eager to continue services that empower mothers to reclaim their lives and nurture healthy families

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STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

YASMEEN AND AMIRA: A Parenting Program Story



Coming to Casa Teresa to have my baby has turned out to be quite a blessing. I am grateful for the knowledge, compassion, and community I have experienced here; especially having come from Kenya, Africa.

During my time here at Casa Teresa, I have learned a lot about building my self-worth and understanding healthy relationships. I have learned many different types of parenting styles, understanding the development stages of both children and relationships. I am very excited to apply some of the concepts I have learned in raising my daughters.

I have learned compassion through the people I have met here from all walks of life. I have worked with an amazing case manager and several house moms in my journey. I am grateful for the warm welcome of my baby Amira by everyone at Casa Teresa. The memories will always be cherished by me. My case manager gave me a framed picture of my daughter and me (photo included). One day I can share with her my story of coming to Casa Teresa.

My goals are to reunite with my other daughter who is almost two years now. I have been matched with a housing program that will help me achieve this and get back on my feet as I finish my education. I am working on my Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and I hope to be gainfully employed by the spring of next year. None of this would be happening for me right now had I not left the bad situation I was in and come to Casa Teresa for healing and support, which I received in abundance. Thank you Casa Teresa!!

KERRY'S STORY: A Transformation 1 Program Story



Before I came to Casa Teresa I was in my alcohol and drug addiction for about three years. I had abandoned my family, my two boys and I didn't care about anything but myself. I was homeless, wandering the streets, living in fear of being violated, and wondering how I was going to eat that day. I went through so much trauma; I almost lost my life after I was hit by a car.

I was so deep into my addiction I ended up getting pregnant with my son Ethan and due to my addiction he was placed for adoption with a beautiful family. I chose to continue my addiction right after I gave birth to Ethan, and a year later I found myself pregnant again. Eight months into my pregnancy I was exhausted, broken, sad, and overwhelmed. One night I asked for help from family. I told them I was done living on the streets and they helped me look for a place to recover. My sister found Casa Teresa. Once I arrived, it wasn't anything I had imagined, it was so beautiful and peaceful and everyone is so loving and caring. Casa Teresa opened up my heart to a whole new world I didn't know existed.

Casa Teresa taught me how to love myself again. They taught me how to be a better mother, have given me relief, and allowed me a place to surrender and take guidance. I've been able to communicate and build trust with my family again. I'm learning how to be on my own financially and I'm enrolled in school to complete my high school education. They have taught me so many life skills. Casa Teresa is my beautiful home and there are times I just cry to myself because I am so thankful this beautiful place exists for me to raise my baby.

I'm so proud of myself for pushing forward and becoming a better mother to my four boys and a wonderful daughter to my family! Thank you Casa Teresa for everything you have done and I know when I leave here I'm going to be an amazing, successful person in life and the best mother.

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

STEPHANIE'S STORY: A Transformation 2 Program Story



Transformation 2 (T2) is the last program at Casa Teresa and so going into T2 was very nerve-racking for me. I had a lot to improve on but I knew if I could get through it, it would help me be prepared for what was coming next, after Casa Teresa.

T2 allowed me the time and the environment to grow closer to my son and accept the circumstances of being a single

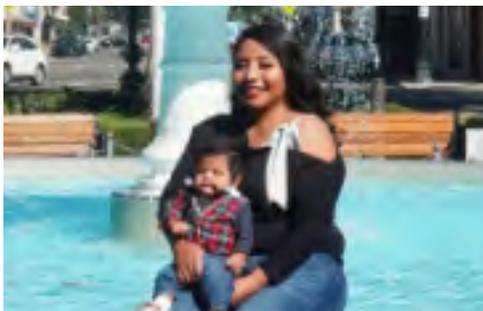
parent. I was able to get the idea and feeling of what it would be like having my own place. I created a good routine of taking care of my son, going to school and attending group classes. I also became closer to Jesus Christ, learning that through him and with him anything is possible. I was enrolled in a vocational school to become a certified pharmacy

technician. I am proud to say that I graduated as scheduled, passing with A's and B's. They even put my picture up at school for being an excellent student. Once I graduated I had to complete my externship of 120 hours and thankfully, once completed, I was hired full-time.

Not only did I gain love and support from everyone at Casa Teresa, but I grew as a woman. I learned not to live in fear knowing it would be okay if I stumbled. When I felt alone and sad, they were there to cheer me up and pray with me. Casa Teresa said that they would help me and they meant it. They not only kept their word but they went above and beyond for both me and for my son, Lucas. I am so grateful for everything that they have done for us.

I now live in my own apartment through the Bridge Program. I support my son, by working my butt off, but I love what I do. I can genuinely say that I am truly proud of the woman and mother I have become.

MARILU AND ALFREDO: An EMS Program Story



I came to Casa Teresa eight months pregnant on July 1st, fleeing a domestic violence situation.

As soon as they took me in, I felt safe. My case manager, Angie, helped me move forward with my life and helped start the

process of getting reunified with my two girls. So I started working hard on attending to my classes. I am taking parenting classes where I get tips on how to be a good mom and I feel like I am doing a good job.

Staff were also very welcoming, loving and open. When I got here, I didn't have any clothes for my baby or myself and I was worried, but the staff told me I was going to have everything here. I truly do! Now my closet is full of baby clothes and clothes for myself as well.

On July 13th Alfredo was born. When I brought him home I had a beautiful layette on my bed with everything that I needed for him: clothes, carrier, pacifier, onesies, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo. I also got a brand new stroller. I have a beautiful room and so much support at Casa Teresa. The staff have given my son and me so much love. I am honestly truly blessed. Thank you Casa Teresa.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Bridge Program is our graduate assistance program which began in 2020 as a pilot program aiming to help “bridge the gap” between transitional and permanent housing. This new program provides supportive services such as case management, rental assistance, career and education guidance, parenting support, counseling services and financial planning. Our goal is to continue strengthening their life skills and help them overcome barriers due to trauma. The Bridge Program focuses on providing support to help nurture the necessary skills needed to meet their goals and ensure

they transition from homelessness to independence and long-term self-sufficiency in a dignified and healthy way.

Today, The Bridge Program is a safety net measure for all Casa Teresa alumni regardless of their stage in the pursuit of self-sufficiency. Casa Teresa pours a great deal of love and support into the residents and The Bridge Program is an opportunity to have another chance to deliver on our mission; extending another pathway to grow the Casa Teresa community.

LILIANA: A Bridge Program Story



I was 20 years old and ready to start my third year of college when I found out I was pregnant. I was scared and escaping the pressure to have an abortion. I was left homeless and alone to figure out how I was going to keep my baby. One day at school I was given a “pink brochure” that had Casa Teresa’s name on it and I called the number the next day. I was accepted and moved into the program where I had my baby girl.

In 2013, I moved out of Casa Teresa. In 2015, I received a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Services from CSUF. At that time, my children and I had to share a small bedroom while living with my mom, and we weren’t

able to access the house freely because she had roommates. It became a very unhealthy environment for my children and I could see it was having a negative effect on our mental health.

Not long after, my Casa Teresa Case Manager, Nichole, reached out to check on me and remembered I was going through a difficult time. She asked me if I was still in need of help and if I was interested in being a part of a new program called The Bridge Program through Casa Teresa. I immediately was interested and started the process to apply.

On July 27, 2021, my kids and I moved into our very own two-bedroom apartment in beautiful Huntington Beach. The Bridge Program has allowed me to set new boundaries by creating a safe and healthy living environment for my children. They always wanted to have their own room, and now that they do, they smile more and look forward to being home.

The Bridge Program has provided my family with structure, normalcy, and a peaceful place to call home.

To this day, I still have that “pink brochure” and cherish it. Casa Teresa, staff and all the donors have been a blessing in our lives. We feel so loved and supported. Thank you for everything you’ve done and for all that you continue to do.

BREAKING THE CYCLE, MAKING AN IMPACT

47% WERE IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT

95% WERE AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE

100% EXPERIENCED TRAUMA IN CHILDHOOD

93% EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

42% SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

72% HAVE MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

OUR PROGRAMS

- EMERGENCY MATERNITY SHELTER (EMS)
- PARENTING PROGRAM
- TRANSFORMATION 1 PROGRAM (T1)
- TRANSFORMATION 2 PROGRAM (T2)
- HANNAH'S HOUSE
- ALUMNI SERVICES
- THE BRIDGE PROGRAM

Our vision at Casa Teresa is to break dysfunctional cycles, transform women and help families thrive through effective, caring residential programs. In order to meet that vision, we provide the mothers a residential program that includes: shelter and basic needs, case management, classes, and supportive services for pregnancy and postnatal.

Our goal is to provide the necessary resources for their personal transformation, so that when a woman leaves, she is prepared to re-enter society as a self-reliant member, having broken life-long cycles of homelessness and/or addiction and is able to maintain a safe, loving life for herself and her child(ren).

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS ON THE NEXT SPREAD.](#)

OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	IMMEDIATE GOALS	OVERALL GOALS	REQUIREMENTS
EMERGENCY MATERNITY SHELTER (EMS)	Addresses safety, health, and basic needs first.	Stabilize the women so they can begin to heal and prepare for motherhood.	Pregnant and at least 18 years old.
PARENTING PROGRAM	Start to restore the women, beginning with a room and bed.	Stabilize the women, help them heal, and prepare for motherhood.	Pregnant and at least 18 years old.
TRANSFORMATION 1 PROGRAM (T1)	Establishing healthy living routines and enrolling babies in daycare.	Help move the mothers to greater self-sufficiency by requiring full-time work or school and enrolling the baby in daycare.	Attend school and/or work full-time.
TRANSFORMATION 2 PROGRAM (T2)		To continue building family stability and personal accountability for the mother to be successful when she graduates the program.	Attend school and/or work full-time.
HANNAH'S HOUSE	Start to restore the women, beginning with a room and bed.	Provide a safe space to meet the physical and emotional needs of women as they select an adoptive family.	Pregnant and at least 18 years old. Already decided to relinquish custody of baby for adoption.
ALUMNI SERVICES	Ensuring a smooth transition into society.	To remain available as part of their family for as long as they would like to stay connected.	Any past resident of Casa Teresa.

UNIQUENESS	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	OTHER RESOURCES
<p>Home for the most vulnerable women in the community — often chronically homeless, struggling with addiction, and/or having mental health challenges.</p>	<p>90-day program.</p>	<p>Assess resident's needs for education beginning with enrolling them to complete their High School Equivalency if they haven't finished their high school education and/or working on goal setting and what steps in education are needed to achieve those goals.</p> <p>Also has two apartments for two pregnant women with up to three children each.</p>
<p>Our foundational program because it is where every mother enters the program, unless she comes from EMS.</p>	<p>Can enter at any time of pregnancy and stay until two month post-delivery.</p>	<p>Provide resources including case management, goal setting, pre-natal care, classes on healthy relationships and nutrition.</p>
<p>Continue to work on limiting past history during case management, learn life skills and how to be great mothers in classes, continue wrap around services.</p>	<p>Four-month program offering opportunities to learn more independence and responsibility.</p>	<p>Mothers can move from Parenting to our T1 program after going through a panel interview (after two month post-delivery) to determine if a mother is ready to take this next step.</p>
<p>Offers greater independence in an apartment setting on our campus.</p>	<p>For mothers with any children previously placed in the care of others, there is an opportunity for reunification. The children can stay in the apartment with their mother and new sibling.</p>	<p>This is the final program offered at Casa Teresa for a mother coming from the T1 program.</p>
<p>Supports women who make a decision to relinquish their baby for adoption.</p>	<p>Women in this program can stay up to two month post-delivery.</p>	
<p>Offering our services with case management, classes, and encouragement.</p>	<p>Forever.</p>	<p>Even if they stumble, our moms have access to the resources they need to get back on track.</p>

RESALE STORE, “THE COLLECTION BY CASA TERESA”



Five years ago, Casa Teresa opened a resale store to take donated, gently used items and sell them as a revenue source as well as expanding exposure through name recognition at the store, The Collection by Casa Teresa. The main goal, however, was to provide the women in our program with paid work experience helping them to gain confidence, learn responsibility, obtain new job skills and continue their growth. With these goals at the forefront of all decision making, the staff and volunteers have worked hard to make a name for this little boutique in the busy shopping hub of downtown Orange.

This past year has provided the staff and volunteers many opportunities for creativity and they have worked around restrictions due to Covid-19. Rising to the challenge, they came up with a few unique ways to stay relevant and continue their mission for the community and the women working there. One such idea brought about viral recognition through the use of TikTok. A number of these videos went viral and the store saw a direct correlation between the time a video went up, and lines out the door for shoppers wanting to get their hands on great deals.

Identifying the need to serve both the bargain shoppers and the high end shoppers, the team devised a plan for each. For the bargain shoppers, they began \$1 sales each month to help move inventory. This also provided expanded exposure as current shoppers would spread the word, inviting friends from up and down Southern California. For the designer shoppers, the team started using Poshmark to sell designer items and ship them directly to the consumer.

Finally, a fun addition to the store has been their customized jackets. Store associate Priscilla Smith and longtime volunteer Pat Morabito donate their time to make these fun and festive pieces with donated jackets, vintage tee shirts and patches. They even take custom orders and so far have raised over \$5,000 for Casa Teresa!

\$213,500 NET SALES AMOUNT

8,456 NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS/SALES COUNT

44,106 NUMBER OF ITEMS SOLD

18.6K NUMBER OF INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

Stats for the Collection based on 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

CONNECT WITH US!

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CHELSEA'S STORY: A Story of Impact

When I first arrived at Casa Teresa, I was very broken to say the least. I had been chronically homeless for about five years, fleeing from human trafficking and domestic violence. I struggled with substance use disorder, mental health challenges, a child custody case and I was eight weeks pregnant. Weeks prior, I had been praying for God to guide my steps straight out of my current situation promising I would surrender with my whole heart. I also asked God to please give me the tools to be the best mother he had designed me to be.

Let me tell you HE gave me just what I asked for in abundance...

The moment Casa Teresa picked me up from San Bernardino I felt a sense of freedom and answered prayers. I have been here since June 10, 2021, and I have learned so many things about myself, parenting, ACE's (adverse childhood experiences), healthy relationships, life skills, as well as other supportive services. In such a short period of time, I have been given a number of opportunities that I have been entrusted with and determined to succeed with staff encouragement. Casa Teresa has been such a blessing and a lifesaver for my children and me.

I am so thankful for all the weekly groups and workshops that are provided for

my growth working towards becoming self-sufficient again. I also have an outstanding case manager and team that are available to me. I have learned about setting boundaries, healthy relationships, emotional wellness, I have received TBRI (Trauma based relational intervention) Training, 12-steps program, all of which has taught me how to raise my children in a healthy environment.

I volunteer at The Collection by Casa Teresa, the organization's boutique, and will shortly enter a welfare to work program to help in order to gain paid work experience. This will help me save and learn to regain financial stability.

For the first time I am experiencing real love. I can't fully express my feelings and gratitude to so many people who have given me a second chance and what it feels like to know Casa Teresa believes in me. Casa Teresa genuinely wants the best for me and my children and goes beyond measure to ensure I'm getting the most help, support, life skills and knowledge needed, as well as to be the best woman, mother, parent, and self-sufficient person I can be. Thank you so much Casa Teresa and donors for making this life changing experience a DREAM COME TRUE.



2020 FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS VIRTUAL GALA

Casa Teresa's "From Our Home to Yours" Virtual Gala was a success! What a great night we had sharing our "Home with a Heart" with our virtual guests during the one-hour live streamed program, featuring a virtual tour of Casa Teresa, compelling messages from three alumnae, Fireside Chat with Executive Program Director, Dr. Jim Pugh, and a fun cupcake baking demonstration. With the help of our sponsors, donors, and virtual attendees, \$200,000 was raised to benefit the woman at Casa Teresa.

HOME WITH A HEART SPONSORS:

Frome Family Foundation; and Susan and Tim Strader

23 SPONSORS **300** GUESTS JOINED VIRTUALLY

11 COMMITTEE MEMBERS **\$200K+** RAISED (NET)



Left to right: Heather Marshall, Lisa Wood, Kim Self, Dr. James Pugh and Vinny Zapien ready for "go time."

2021 DREAM BIG VIRTUAL FASHION SHOW

The 2021 Dream Big Virtual Fashion Show included a moving testimonial from one of our alumnae, fabulous fashions from The Collection, modeled by five special Casa Teresa supporters, and hosted by Celebrity Wardrobe Stylist, Natalie Saidi. Natalie shared styling tips to help keep our guests on trend this past spring!

5 MODELS **200** VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

10 COMMITTEE MEMBERS **\$40K+** RAISED (NET)

Image to the right: Lori Stanton's guests pause for a photo at the virtual fashion show.



41ST ANNUAL NEILL SULLIVAN LEGACY GOLF CLASSIC

We had a wonderful day of golf, fun, and philanthropy as we experienced our first in-person fundraising event in over a year!

The day of golf included great food and fun contests on the course, followed by a short reception and silent auction. Guests heard from Alumna, Katie, on the impact of Casa Teresa and how it has changed the course of her life. Today, Katie is a talented baker with her own business and guests were able to enjoy her homemade cookies on the course this year.

TITLE SPONSOR: The Redfern Family

SOLD OUT! 8 COMMITTEE MEMBERS \$129K RAISED (NET)



Co-chairs Nathan Smith and Bob Gau



Tim Redfern, Dr. Jim Pugh, Alumna Katie, Title Sponsor Don Redfern and Sean Redfern



Dan Blanchette, Troy Abercromie and Derrick Blanchette



Pat Redfern, Nick Augustini, Tom Dowd and Jimmy Redfern



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2022 EVENTS!

LUNCHEON
June 23, 2022

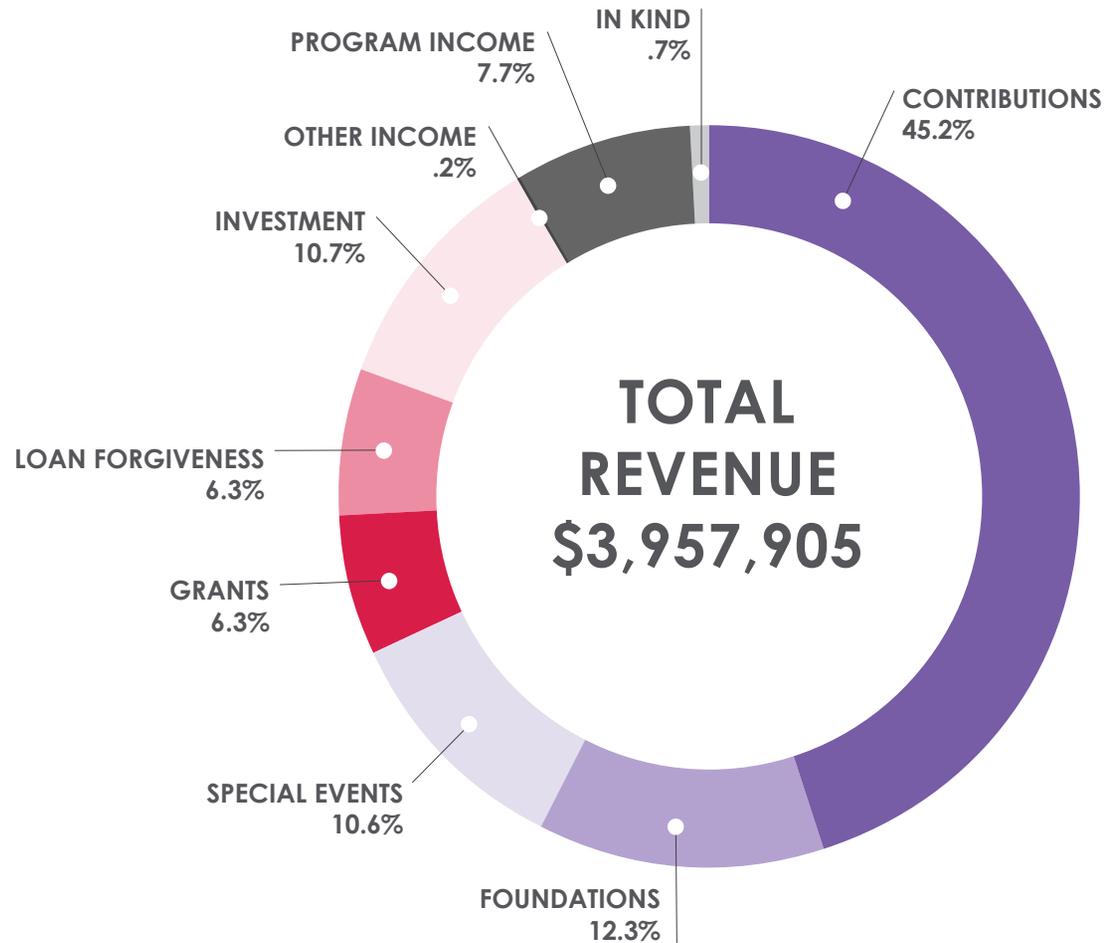
GOLF CLASSIC
May 17, 2022

GALA
TBD

OUR FINANCIAL STRENGTH

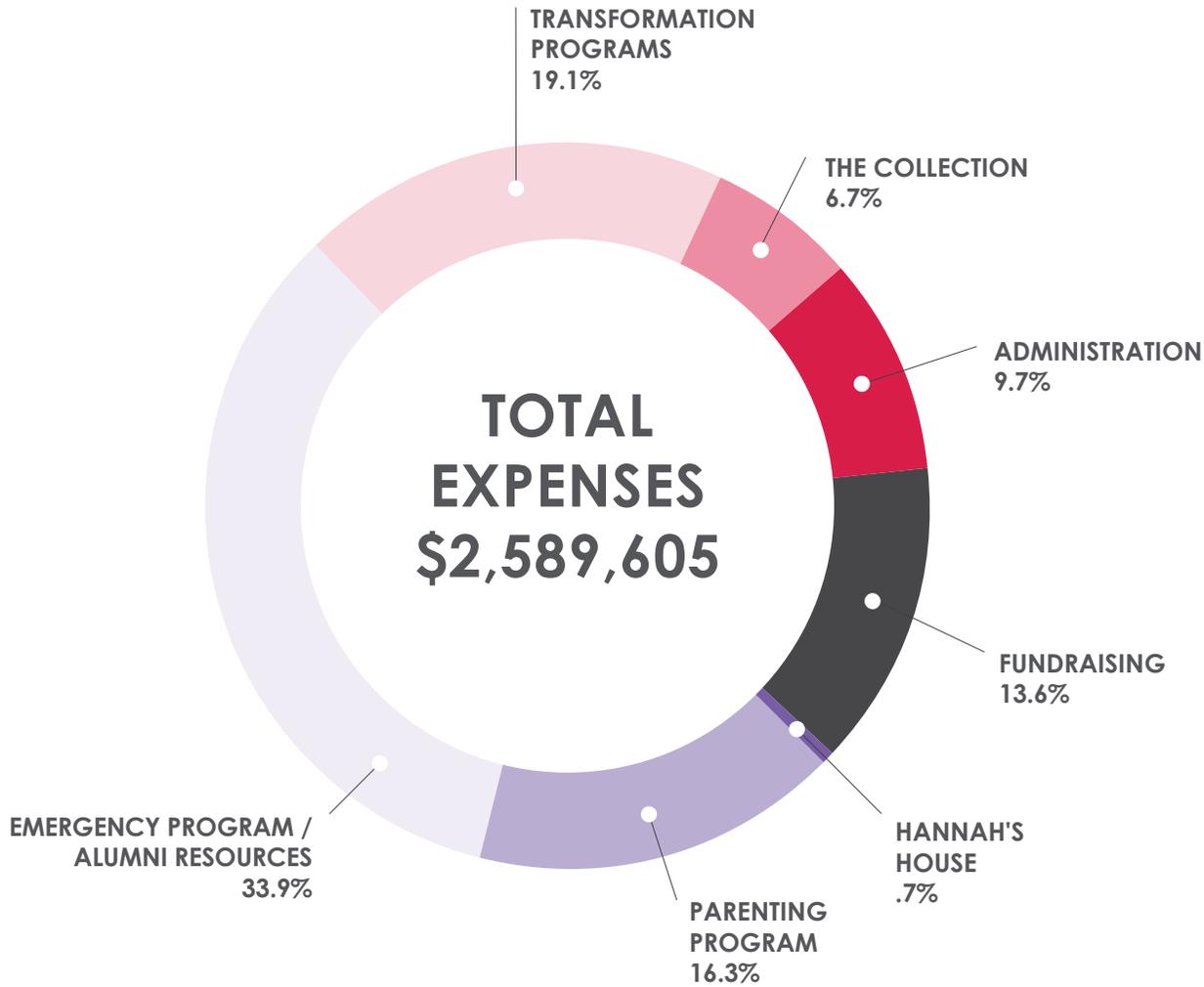
Our financial stability was achieved this year thanks to YOU! We were blessed by gifts of all sizes, as well as a successful gala, an increase in sales at The Collection by Casa Teresa (our resale store), and interest from the investments.

It is only because of your generosity that we can carry out our mission in serving these amazing women and their babies!



REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,786,987	45.2%
FOUNDATIONS - GRANTS	\$487,816	12.3%
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$420,528	10.6%
GRANTS	\$250,000	6.3%
LOAN FORGIVENESS	\$250,000	6.3%
INVESTMENT	\$424,040	10.7%
OTHER INCOME	\$8,000	.2%
PROGRAM INCOME	\$301,899	7.7%
IN-KIND	\$28,635	.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,957,905	100.0%



EXPENSES

● HANNAH'S HOUSE	\$18,610	.7%
● PARENTING	\$420,370	16.3%
● EMS/ARC	\$878,516	33.9%
● TRANSFORMATION	\$494,854	19.1%
● THE COLLECTION	\$173,458	6.7%
● ADMINISTRATION	\$251,520	9.7%
● FUNDRAISING	\$352,277	13.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,589,605	100.0%

ASSETS

CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$400,085
RESTRICTED CASH	317,919
INVESTMENTS	2,518,504
GRANTS RECEIVABLE	37,671
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	16,998
PREPAID EXPENSE	59,842
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	7,430
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,358,449
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT, NET	2,317,635
TOTAL ASSETS	5,676,084

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$220,269
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$806,815
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,027,084

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$90,000
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$4,559,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,649,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$5,676,084

BREAKING THE CYCLE, MAKING AN IMPACT

BEFORE CASA TERESA, MANY OF THE WOMEN:

- Come from unhealthy living situations or have been chronically homeless
- Have abused drugs and/or alcohol
- Have been physically, sexually and/or emotionally abused
- Are estranged from their parents and other family members
- Do not have their high school diploma or equivalent
- Have not started prenatal care
- Have a history of mental health issues
- Have experienced trauma

AFTER CASA TERESA, THE WOMEN AND/OR BABIES:

- Leave with a stable place to live
- Are educated in parenting skills and child development
- Have the tools to develop healthy relationships
- Some are reunified with families and older children in a healthy way
- Have earned their high school diploma or passed the high school equivalency test (HSE)
- Babies have been immunized
- Have criminal record expunged or sealed

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving has played an important role in Casa Teresa's financial stability. We recently were blessed to benefit from Elsie Pierson's estate gift which helped us during COVID, as well as enabled us to launch our capital campaign, and increased our investments to ensure operating funds during lean times. Planned gifts also come in the form of IRA disbursements, stock gifts and wills/trusts.

In the spring of 2020, Casa Teresa launched the "Sullivan Legacy Society" to recognize friends who have selected Casa Teresa as a beneficiary of their trust, will or estate. We named it in honor of Sally and Neill Sullivan, who 44 years ago, saw a need to support pregnant women in crisis and started this legacy of love and service. We never know how our generosity may touch and support the lives of others.

As you think about your own legacy, we invite you to consider the opportunity to become a part of a living and loving history here at Casa Teresa. And to those who have made such provisions already, we truly thank you and would love to include you in this special society.

For more information, or to share your legacy plans for Casa Teresa and have your name included in the Sullivan Legacy Society, please contact Lisa Wood at lwood@casateresa.org or 714-538-4860.

A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE



A bridge. The structure, holding the road up, allowing the passengers to travel along, safely. The bridge is the connection, taking you from where you were, to where you are going. It's an essential part of the journey. Without the solid structure, you may not have the confidence to journey on that road, or the ability to make it to the other side.

We talk a lot about the journey the women are on during their time here at Casa Teresa. Their past has led them here, to our home, and we are helping them prepare for what lies ahead, for their bright futures filled with hopes and dreams. This time is made up of healing, love and tremendous growth. I personally have the privilege of knowing these women first hand. Seeing joy fill their hearts and reflect on their faces as they share their biggest life accomplishments with us, while on this part of their journey: birth of their babies, completing education, obtaining a job...and so many more.

I have a second privilege that also brings me great joy, knowing our donors. The people maintaining that bridge

to ensure the women remain safe, have a solid structure to lean back on and a bright future to work towards. And, when I think of it, I might be the most blessed person here. Being the bridge for our donors and women to see both their dreams come true. For the donor, providing for the needs of our program and personally touching these women's lives. For the women, changing their future for themselves and their babies.

As I reflect on all of this, I just need to pause, and say THANK YOU! With each year, you provide. With each woman, two lives transform. With each interaction, my heart grows bigger and my gratitude expands beyond what I even believe is possible.

May you feel our deepest appreciation today, for all you do each and every day for Casa Teresa.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "L" and "W".

LISA WOOD

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