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Empowering the homeless and working poor in the South Bay for over 46 years.

Spring 2021

2020 In Review

The Family Resource Center (FRC): Services include a food pantry, clothing closet, Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions, public benefits assistance, advocacy, hygiene items, computer lab, mail and telephone services, life skill classes, and assistance with securing permanent housing—**21,105 service contacts were provided in 2020.**

The Family Shelter offers twenty homeless families temporary housing for up to ninety days. The head of household meets with a case manager and works to secure permanent housing—**70 families were served in 2020**

The Ilse J. Oetiker, Accelerated Learning & Living (A.L.L.) Program offers twenty-three homeless families up to eighteen months of housing in an apartment building. Parents attend school to complete a degree or earn a certificate, enabling them to step into a career to support the family—**33 families were served in 2020.**

The Children's Center is licensed by the State of California, The Mary L. Gimenez-Caulder and HIS Kids Club offers care and education for children 6 weeks through 17 years—**136 children were served in 2020.**

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Families, Individuals and Youth works in collaboration with a network of providers assisting the homeless with stable and secure housing, homeless prevention and housing retention—**388 permanently housed in 2020.**

Harbor PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) AKA HIS House 1 & 2 opened in July 2014 to house chronically homeless individuals at Century Villages at Cabrillo in Long Beach using a shared housing model. Clients receive wrap around services to promote long-term housing stability—**30 chronically-homeless individuals were housed in 2020.**

The Interim Housing site opened its doors in March 2020, in partnership with Supervisor Janice Hahn. Harbor Interfaith serves as the operator of this **40 bed shelter facility for chronically-homeless individuals.** The Interim housing site provides three meals daily, laundry facility, computer lab and case management services leading to permanent housing solutions. **62 individuals were served since its opening, 13 has secured permanent housing.**

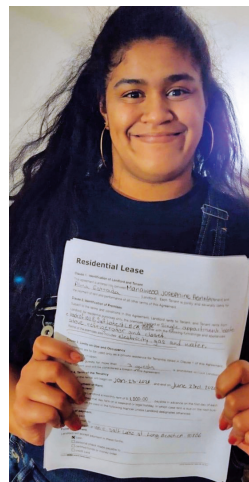
Project Room Key opened in April 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Harbor Interfaith operated this temporary site to house **76 chronically-homeless COVID vulnerable individuals.**

A Bridge Home (ABH) San Pedro opened in July 2020 in partnership with Councilman Joe Buscaino to house 100 homeless individuals leading to permanent housing placement. **122 individuals were served in 2020, 6 moved to permanent housing.**

The Pallet Shelter-Redondo Beach opened in December 2020 to house 15 homeless individuals. This site opened in partnership with the City of Redondo Beach and the County of Los Angeles. The Pallet Shelter provides three meals daily and onsite case management to assist with securing permanent housing.

A Harbor Interfaith Success Story

Manaweea Franklin



Manaweea holding her lease agreement.

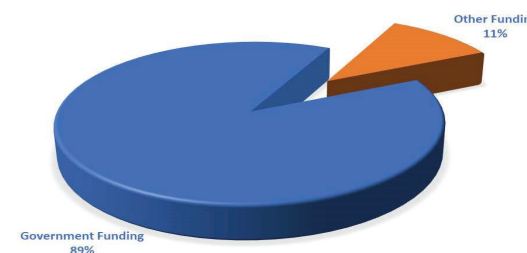
Harbor Interfaith Services partners with three Community Colleges in the South Bay area: El Camino College, Los Angeles Harbor College and Long Beach City College. In early 2020, Manaweea Franklin, a young student at Long Beach City College was referred to our peer navigator by our homeless liaison at Long Beach City College

Through Harbor Interfaith's Rapid Rehousing for youth, a case manager assisted Manaweea in locating housing. For the past

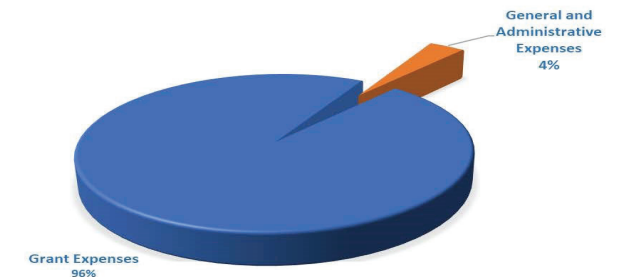
10 months Manaweea has been safely housed during the pandemic and continues classes, now online.

Manaweea states, "As a participant in the Harbor Interfaith program, it has greatly impacted me personally in many ways. I was new to the L.A. County area when I started to attend Long Beach City College. Due to certain circumstances, I was experiencing homelessness and struggling to maintain a steady income. As a college student, it was difficult trying to balance life and school all together. Despite my personal challenges, and in a timely manner, I was fortunate to find a studio just in time for the new semester, so I was able to focus more on pursuing my education and financial goals. Being a college student, completely on my own, the program granted me the opportunity to become the woman I am today. **As a result, I can proudly state that Harbor Interfaith has granted me independence and hope.** In addition, I am proud to announce I will be transferring to a University in the Fall. Thank you Harbor Interfaith. I will be forever grateful."

REVENUE SOURCES FOR 2020



EXPENDITURES FOR 2020





From the Executive Director

We are finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel after the challenging year the COVID-19 pandemic threw our way.

With more of us getting vaccinated, families are making plans to get together. Kids are going back to school. People are returning to church, eating at restaurants, going on vacation. Life is finally getting back to normal.

Unfortunately, the homeless and working poor have a much higher hill to climb. Yes, we are close to ending the COVID pandemic, but the poverty pandemic continues to plague our community. We need your help more than ever!

Hunger, which impacted one in five people in Los Angeles County before COVID, now affects one in four people. Low-income folks were among the least likely groups able to do their jobs from home and their low-paying jobs in retail and restaurants put them at a higher risk of exposure to COVID. The homeless and working poor also have the least access to healthcare—and vaccinations. Add on top of that, shameful experimentation practices of the past understandably make people of color mistrusting of vaccinations.

Yes, the stimulus package will help some families, but will the payments be enough to protect the most vulnerable from evictions? Will the chronically homeless even qualify for stimulus checks?

Harbor Interfaith Services worked diligently through the pandemic, opening new sites and serving more clients than ever before. In March, just as officials issued close-down orders, we were busy opening sites. March saw the debut of the new interim housing site in partnership with County Supervisor Janice Hahn. In April, HIS became a provider for a project Room key site. In July, we opened the A Bridge Home site in partnership with Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino. In December, we opened the pallet shelter in Redondo Beach. In all, these facilities provided 155 beds, although with social distancing, we often had to limit the number of clients.

As we enter the recovery phase of this pandemic, we need your help to keep fighting the poverty pandemic. Please consider volunteering at one of our sites. Organize a food drive at your church or social club. Maybe you could even donate some or all of your stimulus check. Every effort helps. Our staff is getting vaccinated and will welcome your help!

Thank you in advance for your support over this last year. We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Tahia Hayslet

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A Message from the HIS Board Chair



The last year has presented challenges that I can't say that anyone was prepared to face. The team at Harbor Interfaith Services demonstrated the ability to be flexible and dependable through numerous unpredictable situations. Through every twist and turn – they kept their focus on our mission and continued to provide a full scope of client services.

At every virtual Board meeting we were impressed to learn the continuity of services that continued. The organization managed to open a new housing facility, provided turkeys to clients at Thanksgiving and put some smiles on faces during the holidays by distributing gifts to qualified families. When some organizations could only maintain basic services, Harbor Interfaith Services looked for every opportunity to do more to ensure that the clients were receiving the services that they count on and need.

We had incredible donors who came forward to offer support – time, donations and desperately needed face coverings and cleaning products. I'd like to say that we felt the love.

The Board of Directors entered 2021 with great hope for a year that will return to some familiarity. Although “returning to normal” may not be what we all had once thought it would be – we are confident that Harbor Interfaith Services will continue to lead the way in demonstrating their resilience and continue to put our mission at the forefront of everything we do.

With much gratitude to our employees, donors and Board!

Anne L. Laguzza, M.A.



Reena Roque and her family's long road to housing and employment

Reena Roque and her family became homeless in 2018. Reena, her husband Noe and their two small children were staying with family until that accommodation became too crowded.

Reena, pregnant with her third child, was told that she and her family had to leave. Over the course of the last two years, the family has stayed at shelters, lived out of their vehicle, couch surfed temporarily with friends and relatives and paid out-of-pocket for motel nights.

With the help of Harbor Interfaith, in October 2020, the family was finally able to secure permanent housing. We are happy to share that the family of five moved into a two bedroom unit.

The family is stably housed and both parents were able to secure steady employment despite the economic hardship of the COVID-19 pandemic.





A Benefit to Support **The Children's Center of Harbor Interfaith Services**

South Bay Auxiliary of Harbor Interfaith Services presents

The Seventh Annual Evening of Fundraising

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