

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  
Founder, Executive Director

Barbara St. Thomas  
Board President

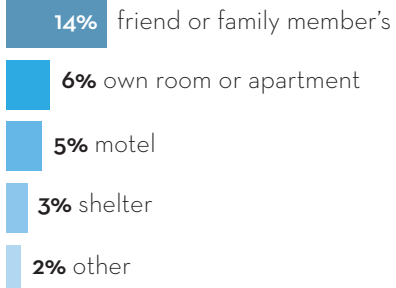


# THE PROBLEM

## SPY YOUTH SURVEYED:

### Where did you sleep last night?

70% place not meant for human habitation



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%.

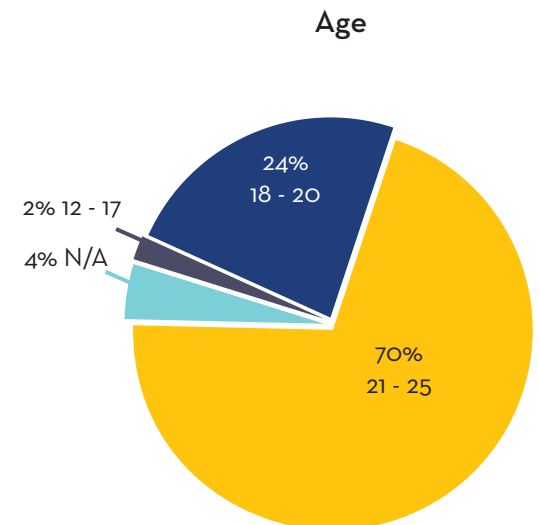
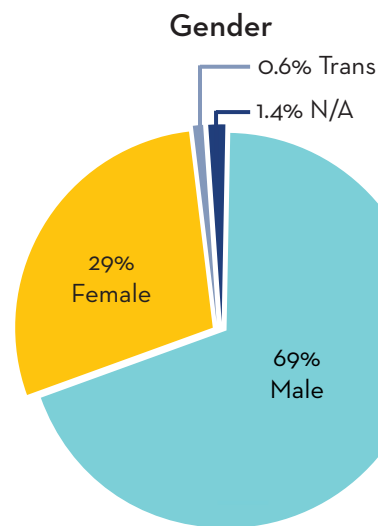
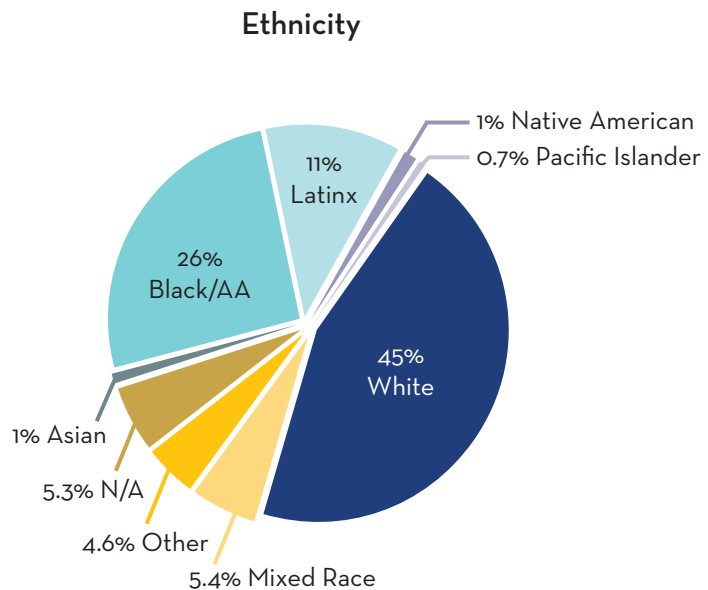
The young people we serve at SPY find themselves homeless or at-risk of homelessness through no fault of their own. Of those surveyed, 69% reported being kicked out by a parent or care giver or running away from unbearable home environments that include physical and/or sexual abuse, homophobia, parental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

**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**



# OUR SOLUTION

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



1,069

connections made by  
SPY outreach teams



401

Individual youth  
engaged through  
street outreach

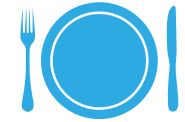


Street outreach is often a young person's first connection to SPY's continuum of care. Specifically focusing on the Westside of Los Angeles, our outreach team goes out five times a week and establish a visible and reassuring presence where homeless youth sleep and congregate. In non-intrusive ways, teams 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.



# DROP-IN CENTER SERVICES



**22,314**

meals donated  
and served by  
volunteers



**2,685**

showers provided



**11,172** visits made to SPY's Drop-In Center



**72** average youth visits per day

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.



**\$39,410**

dismissed citations  
at SPY's onsite Legal  
Clinic through Public  
Counsel

# HEALTH & WELLNESS



**374** Medical visits

**162** HIV tests provided



**159** Counseling sessions

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.





# HEALING ARTS



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.



**304**

Healing Arts workshops

**218**

Individual workshop participants

**1,700**

Total workshop participations





***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*





# CASE MANAGEMENT



**373** Youth enrolled in case management

**32** Youth reconnected to family

**140** Youth received crisis intervention

**213%** increase in young people enrolled in case management services

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.



# PREGNANT & PARENTING



**140**

Pregnant and Parenting youth enrolled in case management

**28**

Children of youth parents who receive services



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.

# EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT



**230** Individuals enrolled in the Education and Employment program

**341** Individual youth participated in Digital Arts Lab workshops

**25** Youth enrolled in SPY's onsite Charter School through Five Keys



**48** Youth gained employment

**19** Youth completed internship programs both onsite at SPY and with external employers

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 work place. 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.



**103** 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
- 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



**7,300+** hours donated

## 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.



**145** dedicated volunteers

## 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.



# PARTNERS

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:

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Abbot Kinney Merchant's Committee  
Alcott Center  
Alliance for Children's Rights  
Animal Wellness Center  
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CLARE  
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Department of Health Services  
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Exceptional Children's Foundation  
Five Keys Charter School  
Harvest Home  
Helper Foundation  
Homegrown Gardens

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Kiss the Ground  
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LA TAY Collaborative  
LAUSD  
Loqules  
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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority  
Los Angeles Police Department  
Loyola Marymount University  
New Directions for Veterans  
PATH  
The People Concern  
Public Counsel  
RAND  
Santa Monica City College  
Set for Life  
St. Joseph Center  
Step Up on Second/ Daniel's Place

Topanga Women's Circle  
Uber  
UCLA  
UCLA Arts & Healing  
UCLA Creative Minds  
UCLA YouthSource Center  
United Friends of the Children  
Upward Bound House  
USC  
USC School of Social Work  
Venice Community Housing  
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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Lynda Kahane  
Lynne Brickner  
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Mal Ward  
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Marcello & Carolina Chamecki  
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Marcus Georgiou  
Maria Ferrante  
Maria Padilla  
Mark Gordon  
Mark Mavrothalasi  
Martin Epstein  
Marvin Rice  
Mary Ann Long  
Mary Anne Karch - Childs  
Mary Kallaher  
Mary Ritti  
Matt Matzen  
Matt Weitzman  
Matthew & Kathleen Siegel  
Matthew Emsell  
Matthew Matern  
Matthew Rowe  
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Matthew Van Diepen  
Matthew Zehner  
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Melanie Newcomb  
Melissa Ross  
Meredith Strober  
Micah Linton  
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Michael Dubin  
Michael Ellenberg  
Michael Kane  
Michael Kucera  
Michael Lens  
Michael Mariano  
Michael Raimondi

Michael Ripberger  
Michael Sheldon  
Michael Smith  
Michelle Agnew  
Michelle DiBattiste  
Michelle Hammond  
Michelle Haggenmacher  
Michelle Ross  
Mika Garuncho  
Mika Liboro  
Mika Quinn  
Mike & Carrie Manaugh  
Mike Sheldon  
Millie Munro  
Mina Lefevre  
Mindy Leiterman  
Miss Reeve  
Monica Hickey  
Morgan Aceino  
Nancy & Pat McCabe  
Nancy Agnew  
Nancy Cohen  
Nancy Hsieh  
Nancy Jones  
Nathaniel Freeman  
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Nicholas Kahn  
Nicholas Pepper  
Nick Driver  
Nick Karno  
Nicole Staples  
Nicole Strober  
Nicole Woodie  
Nikki Scoggins  
Nina Shaw  
Ninkey Dalton  
Niveen Tadros  
Nora MacLellan  
Noriko Koda  
Orlina Howard  
Pam Rigney  
Pam Schneider  
Pamela Kawada  
Patricia and Ira Cohen  
Patricia McKay  
Patricia Platt  
Patsy Noah  
Paul Fisher  
Paul Keister  
Paul McKinney  
Paul Pridgeon  
Paul Staheli  
Paula Noah  
Pauline Micelli  
Peter & Alison O'Fallon  
Peter & Jennifer Micelli  
Peter Dibattiste



Peter Friedlander  
 Peter Lenkov  
 Portlund Delaney  
 Quan Phung  
 Rabbi Carrie Vogel  
 Rae Reyes  
 Ramaa Mosley  
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 Ray Clancy  
 Rebecca Deans  
 Rebecca Dennison  
 Rebecca Godlove  
 Remi Hisataka  
 Renee & Robert Schnell  
 Reza Zaidi  
 Rich Carter  
 Richard & Marla Seff  
 Richard D. Bass  
 Richard Gluckman  
 Richard Kuhlenschmidt  
 Richard Larese  
 Richard Parr  
 Richard Ramer  
 Rick Lawley  
 Rob Goldberg  
 Robert & Dori Keanelly  
 Robert Campbell  
 Robert Crigler  
 Robert Kondrk  
 Robert Pedowitz  
 Robert Samuel  
 Robert Zaugh  
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 Ron Whitmen  
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 Rose Villaseñor  
 Ruth Seroussi  
 Ryan Ly  
 Sadie Wilson  
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 Sandy Hudson  
 Sara Monterrosa  
 Sara Wasserstrom  
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 Sean Valdas  
 Sebastian Mccall  
 Sebastian Salvado  
 Shannon Ray  
 Sharon & Robert Lerman  
 Sharon Lerman  
 Sharon Sullivan  
 Shawn Paschall  
 Shaylyn Long  
 Sheila and Michael Siegel  
 Shelly Dornfield  
 Shepard & Amanda Fairey  
 Sheri Milholen

Shira Boardman  
 Shiran Teitelbaum  
 Simon Costello  
 Stacy Lee  
 Stacy Smith  
 Stephan & Shelley Altman  
 Stephanie Younger  
 Stephen & Nikki Lafferty  
 Steve Johnson  
 Steve Michaels  
 Steven Lilien  
 Steven Schwartz  
 Stuart D'Rozario  
 Sue Horn  
 Suman Alagappan  
 Susan Andrews  
 Susan Carter  
 Susan Klausner  
 Susanne Cordoza  
 Susan Orloff  
 Susie Abromeit  
 Sutton Fannon  
 Suzanne Hargrove  
 Suzanne Norr  
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 Sylvia Zak  
 Tami and Michael Pardee  
 Tara Herrmann  
 Tena Thorlind  
 Terez Kreisz  
 Terry McDonough  
 Tessa Davis  
 Theresa Collins  
 Tim Ingram  
 Timothy Shey  
 Tina Teodorescu  
 TK Kim  
 Todd Carey  
 Todd Greene  
 Todd Zino  
 Tracey Reid Brown  
 Tracy & Jim Metzger  
 Trevor Tuttle  
 Troy Kelley  
 Ulla Kapanen  
 Unique Hammond  
 Victoria Guenier  
 Victoria Safrigna  
 Vy Robles  
 Warner West  
 Warren Bobrow  
 Wayne Horton  
 Will Hawkins  
 William Jones  
 William Russ  
 William Wright  
 Winston Cenac  
 Wiyan Wong  
 Yelan Tong  
 Yvette Cobarrubias  
 Zachary Reiter

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## **CORPORATIONS & BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTIONS**

AEG  
 Alexis Bittar  
 All Things Fabulous  
 Ashland Hill  
 The Brig  
 Burning Torch  
 The Butcher's Daughter  
 Benevity  
 Coty, Inc.  
 Circle Bar  
 Deutsch LA  
 The Dailey Method Venice  
 Electric Theatre Collective  
 Google  
 Hill + Knowlton Strategies  
 Hotel Erwin  
 Kippy's Ice Cream  
 Light on Lotus Yoga  
 Lily Ashwell  
 Makaha Skateboards  
 Maroon 5  
 Margaret O'Leary  
 Matern Law Group  
 Merrill Lynch/ Bank of America  
 Neumann & Associates  
 Paris West  
 Reach and Root Yoga  
 Reed Architectural Group  
 Renew Juicery  
 S & P Global  
 Schwab Charitable  
 Sender One Hindry  
 Shore Bar  
 The Sidewalk Cafe  
 Smile Life  
 Snap Inc.  
 SunTrust  
 This Represents  
 Townhouse Cocktails  
 Velvet by Graham & Spencer  
 Whole Foods Market  
 Whitehouse Post  
 YAS  
 ZogSports

## **COMMUNITY & FAITH-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Church of St. Mark  
 Glitter Vibe Tribe  
 Jewish Federation of Greater LA  
 Palos Verdes Estates Church  
 Parish of St. Matthew  
 Providence St. John's Health Center  
 Sherman Oaks Woman's Club

St. Mark's School  
 Unitarian Universalist Church  
 Venice Marina LAX Lions Club  
 Westwood Presbyterian Church

## **FOUNDATIONS GRANTS**

Ahmanson Foundation  
 Bank of America  
 Charter Oak Foundation  
 Dwight Stuart Youth Foundation  
 The Dwyer Fund  
 The Lawrence Foundation  
 Lawrence Welk Family Foundation  
 Loeb Family Foundation  
 ONEHOPE Foundation  
 The SAM Initiative  
 Specialty Family Foundation  
 Vladimir and Araxia Buckhantz Foundation  
 Weingart Foundation  
 Westchester Rotary Foundation  
 Women Helping Youth

## **GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Los Angeles Homeless Services-  
 - Authority (LAHSA)  
 United Way of Greater Los Angeles-  
 - EFSP Program  
 LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

## **MAJOR IN-KIND**

24/7 Events  
 Agron Inc  
 Allvino  
 American Apparel  
 An Catering  
 Anya & Reeba Ruvelson  
 Bar Au Chocolat  
 Bettolino Restaurant  
 Blick Art Supplies  
 Bombas Socks  
 Brian Roth  
 Buzzfeed  
 The Church of St. Mark  
 City Pak Project  
 C & O Cucina  
 Casey Leavitt  
 Cassie Woods  
 Circa Vintage Rentals  
 Charcoal Venice  
 Chewse: Office Catering  
 Chris Buzzell  
 Collective Color  
 Colorado State University

The Culver Studios

Dave's Catering  
 David Majuri  
 Dave Rocco  
 David Carr  
 Dean Miya  
 Del Rey Yacht Club  
 DJ Ducky  
 DJ Masha  
 Do Good Bus  
 Dollar Shave Club  
 Domini Carrington Floral  
 Doris Corcoran  
 Elite Connections  
 Eshani Talwar  
 Firestone Walker Brewery  
 Food Forward  
 Forever 21  
 Gaetano's Restaurant  
 Gjolina  
 Hairdressers at Heart  
 Hav A Sole  
 Headspace  
 Hill & Knowlton PR Group  
 Hiromi Ochi  
 Holy Nativity  
 Hope Mill, Inc.  
 Hotel MDR  
 House Beer  
 Jeni's Ice Cream  
 Jon Carpenter  
 Jorie Aldrich  
 Joseph Drescher  
 Just Keep Livin Foundation  
 Karma Rescue  
 Kathleen LeBrun  
 Kehillat Israel  
 Kellie Matteson  
 Krispy Kreme Donuts  
 Leo Baeck Temple  
 The Lion's Club  
 Lisa Lack Robins  
 Lodge Bread Co.  
 Lootsie  
 Los Angeles Sparks  
 Louisa Cartwright  
 Maggie Greene  
 Maria Taulbee  
 Marilyn Haese  
 Marina Christian Fellowship  
 Mary Fitz  
 Matern Law Group  
 Melissa Ross  
 Mindy Pheneger  
 Mophonics  
 Mount St. Mary's University

Ndindi Kitonga, Ph.D  
 Nicole Trutanich, Bar au Chocolat  
 Nike  
 Osteria Venice West  
 The Parish of St. Matthew  
 Pet Depot  
 Plancha Tacos  
 Playa Studios  
 PRIV  
 Professional Produce  
 Q Connects  
 Regan and Traci Jackson  
 Renew Juicery  
 S&P Global  
 Sai Baba Temple  
 Salt & Straw  
 Sherri Murphy Elite Connections  
 Simon Antoniow  
 Sinners and Saints Bakery  
 Snapchat  
 South End Restaurant  
 St. Augustine by the Sea  
 St. Mark's School  
 Sprinkles Cupcakes  
 Superba Food + Bread  
 Sweet Hot Salon  
 TBG West Insurance Co.  
 Tena Fishman Frank  
 Tessa Davis  
 The Tasting Kitchen  
 The Treehouse Partners  
 Trumaker  
 USC Football Team  
 UBER  
 Vanessa Badong, TBG West  
 Insurance Co.  
 Vice Media  
 Westchester Rotary Club  
 Whole Foods Market Venice  
 William Hayes  
 Wurstkuche Venice  
 Zehner Group

***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.

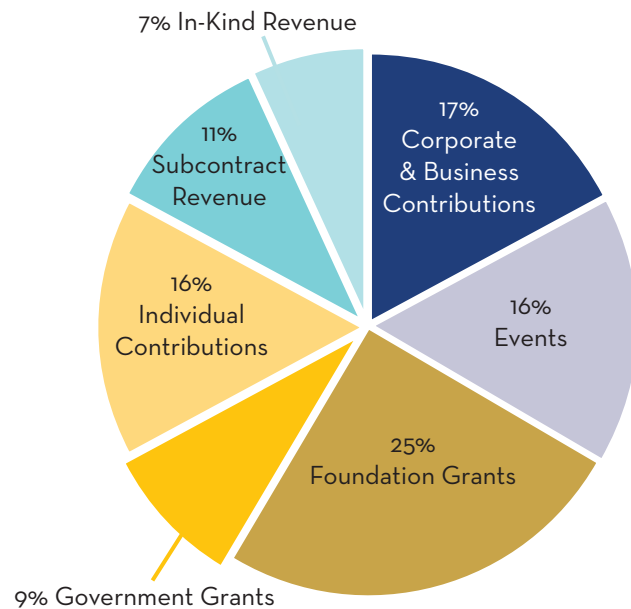


# FINANCIALS

## Fiscal Year 2017

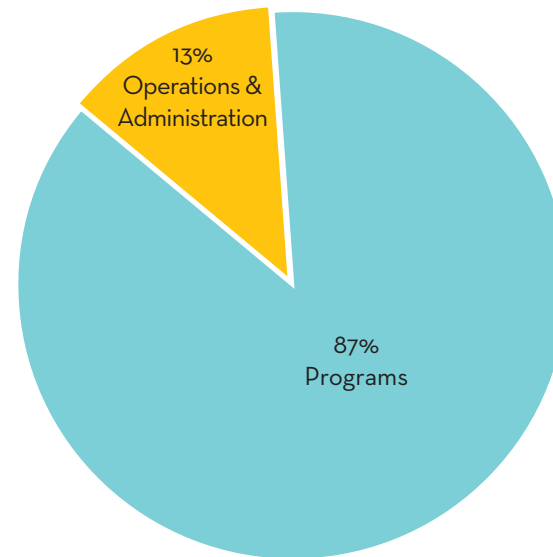
### Revenue

Corporate and Business Contributions	\$238,715.91
Events	\$226,068.67
Foundation Grants	\$347,833.80
Government Grants	\$117,774.00
Individual Contributions	\$215,131.80
Subcontract Revenue	\$145,417.40
In-Kind Revenue	<u>\$92,851.46</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,383,793.04



### Expenses

Operations & Administration	\$150,534.11
Programs	\$891,173.92
In-Kind Expense	<u>\$92,851.46</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,134,559.49



# BOARD & STAFF



## Advisory Board of Directors

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