



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Wind Youth Services,

I am proud to present to you this copy of our 2016 Annual Report. The report summarizes the highlights from 2016, a pivotal year for us in which Wind formed a strategic partnership with Goodwill. Goodwill began providing us with many of our essential administrative functions so we could focus our efforts on our core mission of providing supportive services & opportunities to youth experiencing homelessness as they pursue self-determined lives of stability & independence. For the first time in several years, we ended 2016 in the black.

In this report, we strive to present you with program descriptions and current services provided, a recap of milestones achieved, and financial and client statistics that will give you a picture of our effectiveness in the community.

On behalf of the entire Wind staff and board members, I would like to thank you for your support. Your financial backing and tireless positive efforts are the fuel that keeps us moving forward, and building capacity to make Wind a sustainable organization.

In partnership,

Suzi Dotson



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PROGRAMS

STREET OUTREACH

Street Outreach Workers emphasize personal safety and crisis intervention. Through our Street Outreach Program, we offer homeless youth:

- Access to shelter
- Sack lunches
- Transportation
- Personal hygiene packs
- First aid supplies
- Referrals & connections to other resources
- HIV and STD education and counseling

DROP-IN CENTER

Wind's Drop-In center offers youth experiencing homelessness a welcoming and age-appropriate environment away from the dangers of the street. Through the Drop-in Center, we provide:

- Access to shelter & housing
- Case management services
- Crisis intervention
- Mental health respite
- Counseling
- Health & hygiene services
- Warm meals
- Vital documents
- Employment assistance
- Educational assistance

EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTERS

Wind Youth Services provides two temporary, low-barrier, emergency overnight shelters, one for youth ages 12-18 and one for 18-24. Our emergency shelters are the only one of its kind in the greater Sacramento area, and provides a safe, non-judgmental, supportive community environment.

- Open 365 days a year
- Case management
- Counseling
- Hot meals
- LGBTQ+ affirming
- School enrollment & support
- Family reunification
- Pet friendly
- Life skills development
- Organized group activities

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Transformational Housing Program: A two-year transitional living program for 18-24 year olds focused on community living and developing independent living skills. Youth live together and work with a case manager to gain and maintain employment, further their education or meet other self-determined goals.

The Doorway: A two-year rapid re-housing program for 18-24 year olds, where youth pay a portion of their income to rent. Youth live independently in their own apartments and have intensive support from a case manager.

Step-Up Sacramento: A permanent supportive housing program in partnership with Next Move, where chronically homeless youth are given the most intensive supportive services.



2016 IN REVIEW

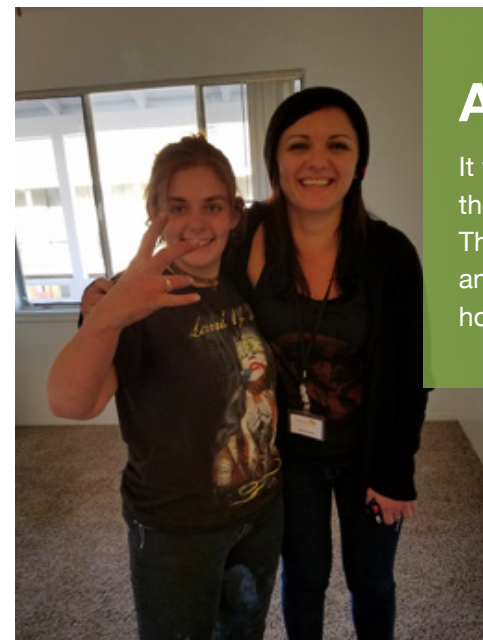
JOINING GOODWILL

In March, we partnered with Goodwill and together we raised over \$135,000 to keep the doors open on our teen homeless shelter. Goodwill now provides Wind with foundational support such as HR services, Finance, IT support, Development and Grantwriting.



DROP-IN CENTER

In April, our Drop-In Center moved into a temporary location in Oak Park. We plan to move this center into a permanent and easily accessible location in the next year.



ANOTHER YOUTH HOUSED

It was a very happy moment to see another youth get the keys to her new apartment with her dog Mozzy. Thanks to the teamwork between our Drop in Center and our Street Outreach Team another youth has been housed and is off the streets!



RAPID RE-HOUSING

In September, our new Rapid Re-Housing Program opened, allowing 30 youth to be quickly housed and move toward independence.



TAY SHELTER HOUSING

In August, our new Transformational Housing Program added twelve new beds. This program provides an opportunity for clients to attend school, find work and pay their rent.



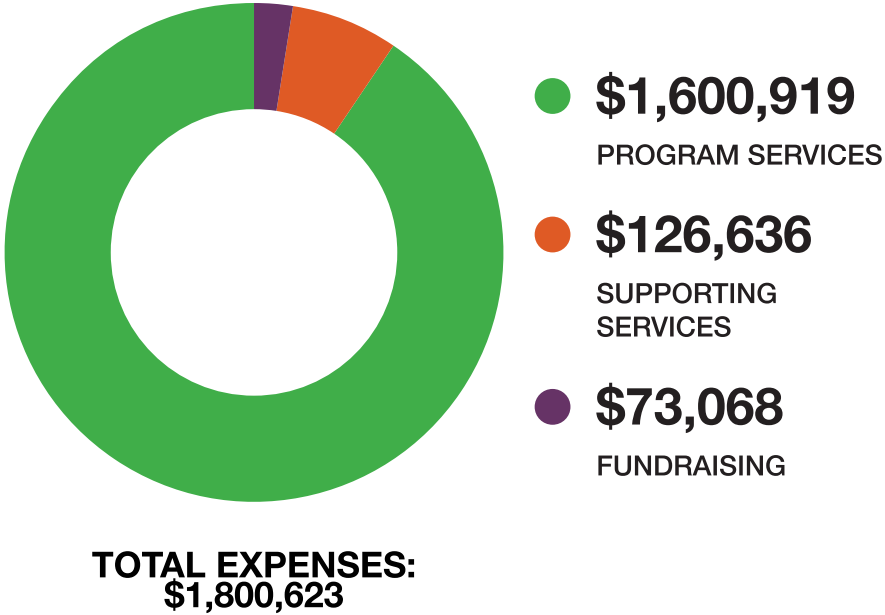
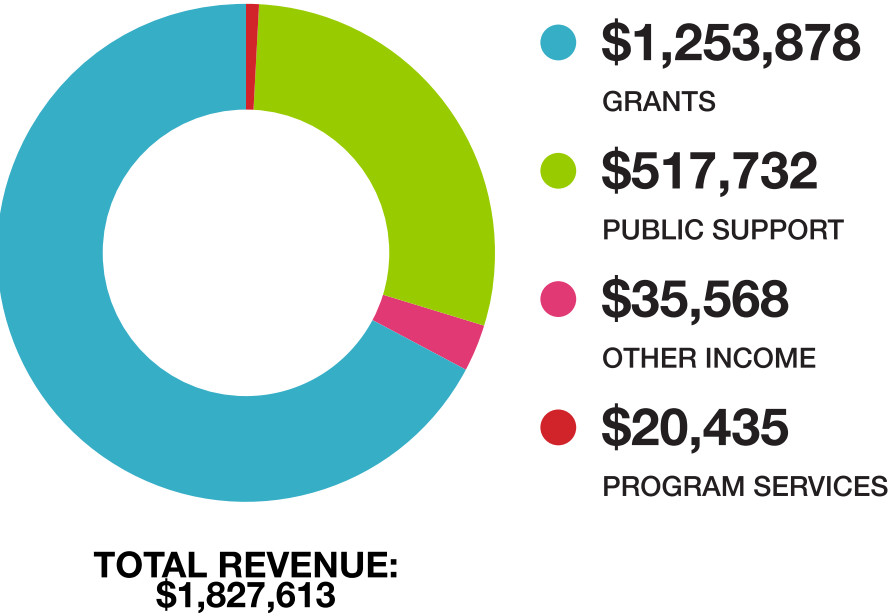
SUMMER SOIRÉE

In July, our Summer Soiree brought 600 people together to raise over \$100,000 for Wind.



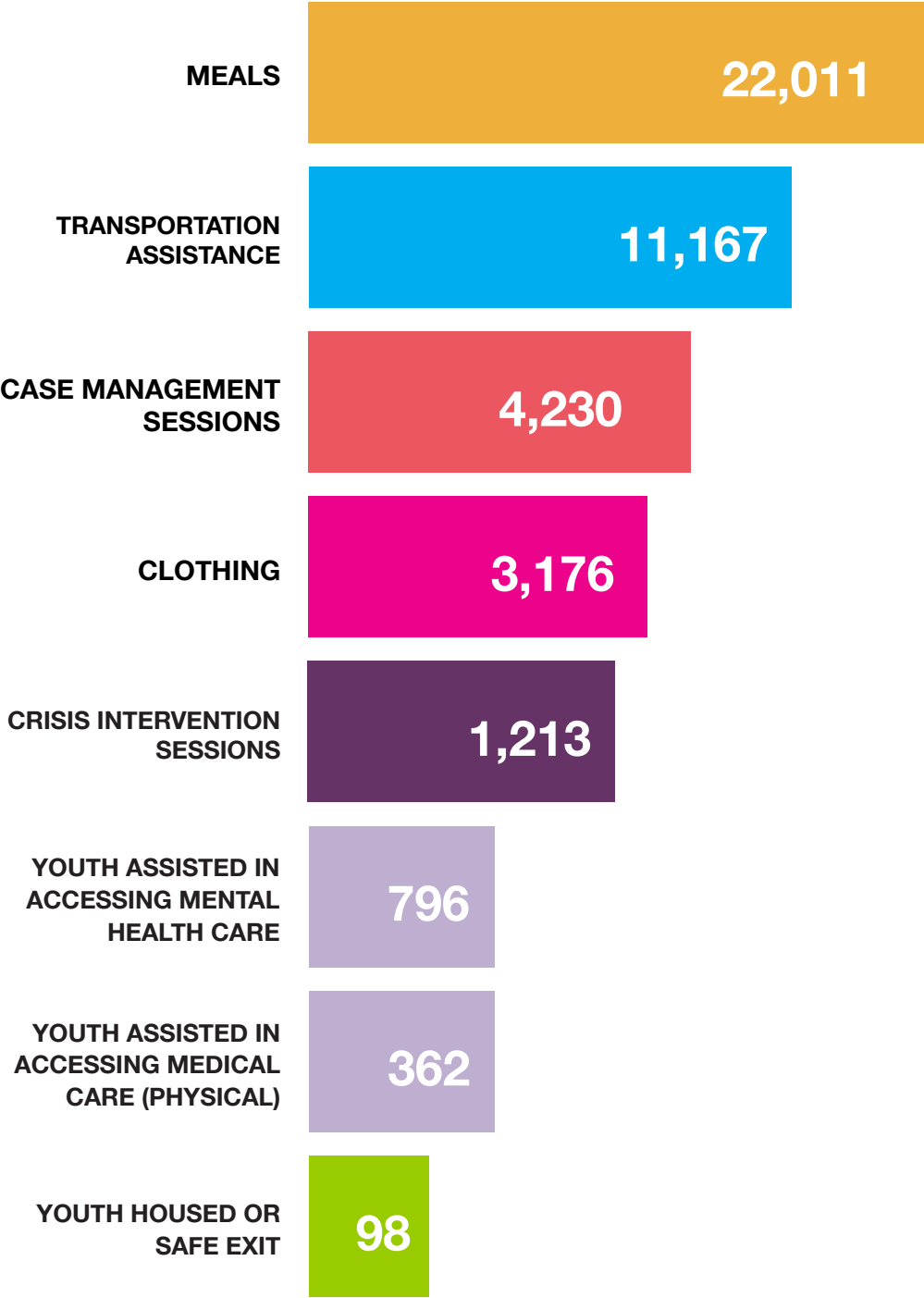
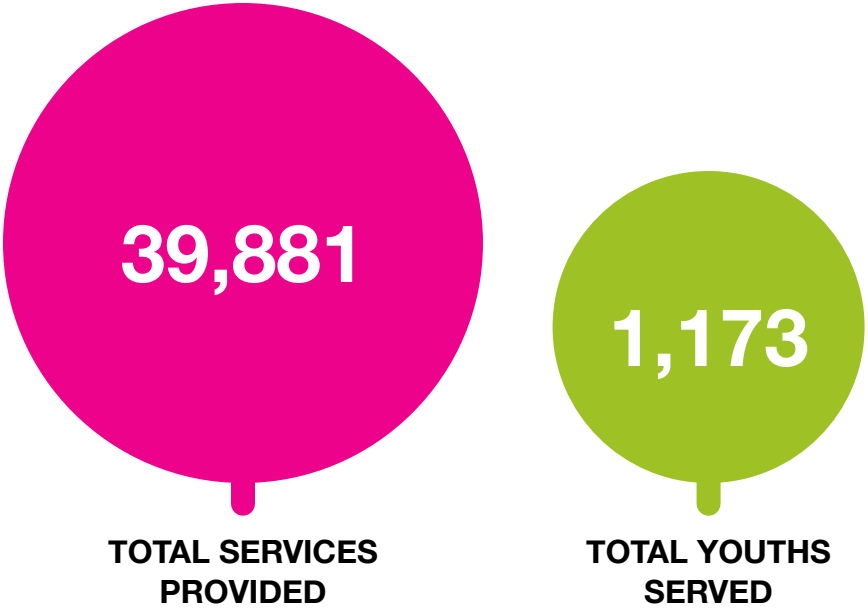
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

During 2016, Wind transitioned to a calendar year from a fiscal year comprising July 1-June 30. Because of this change, this report is based on audit numbers for the fiscal period from April 1 to December 31, 2016.



These numbers have been annualized for 2016. Please refer to the 990s for the two short years' financials.

STATISTICS



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