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CASA PACIFICA  
CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

# Impact Report

2021-2022



# Letter From the CEO

It is my honor to share with you Casa Pacifica's 2021-2022 Impact Report.

**This year, our team touched the lives of 1,873 at risk-children and youth, providing the safety and support they need to build happy and promising futures.**

Since our founding nearly 30 years ago, Casa Pacifica has been committed to creating healthy outcomes and bright futures for the most vulnerable in our communities. Our team of accomplished and dedicated staff provide exceptional care to help at-risk children and young adults find purpose, heal and thrive.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Board of Directors, donors, community partners, volunteers and team members who empower us to transform the lives of the most vulnerable in our community. **Your commitment enables Casa Pacifica to focus on meeting the urgent needs of children and young adults with complex mental health challenges, and to create opportunities for healing and lasting change.**

The scope of the past year's accomplishments shows just how indispensable our work will remain in the years ahead. We will continue to walk alongside our youth, to advocate for them, and to center our work around their needs, their hopes and their dreams.



With gratitude,

*Shawna Morris*

**Shawna Morris, MPA**  
Chief Executive Officer

## OUR MISSION

Casa Pacifica inspires hope and nurtures mental health and well-being of children, young adults and families to realize their full potential.



## OUR VISION

We envision a world where all children, young adults and their families benefit from mental health services to achieve their full potential. We do this by removing the stigma related to mental health services and providing easy access.



# 2021-2022 Accomplishments

**Expanding our Transitional Youth Services program to significantly increase housing and therapeutic services for young adults facing or at risk of homelessness.**

According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, **one in four California foster youth experience homelessness after aging out of foster care.** More than **12,000** unaccompanied young adults have experienced homelessness in California since 2020.

As part of our mission to improve the lives of the community's most vulnerable youth, Casa Pacifica will soon convert three of our campus cottages into 27 units of supportive housing for young adults, aged 18-25, who are at risk of homelessness. The housing will be able to accommodate individuals as well as single mothers and families. Casa Pacifica youth are contributing ideas for the design, including color schemes, flooring and amenities.

The expanded housing is part of our Stepping Stones program, created in 2012 to help young people who lack support from family members or other trusted adults. Along with life skills training, the program provides an array of supportive services including mental health services, educational assistance, financial literacy training, parenting skills and health care.

Renovating our current cottages will allow Casa Pacifica to more than double the number of young adults served. We anticipate renovations to begin in mid-2024, with occupancy beginning in late 2024.

The expansion project is part of California's Project Homekey, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, to provide interim or permanent housing options for people experiencing homelessness.

The opportunity to expand our program and accommodate even more youth is a privilege and a true affirmation of the incredible work Casa Pacifica has done over the last 30 years to build strong communities. We are immeasurably grateful to the County of Ventura, Project Homekey and the William and JoAnne Miller Charitable Trust for their thoughtful investment in this important population, and we can't wait to welcome the young people who will call this program home.



**Bolstering our educational offerings through our Camino a Casa Education Program, which serves youth ages 12-17 who require a specialized education within our Non-Public School and a therapeutic residential environment to address emotional dysregulation and high-risk behaviors.**

Our evidence-based practices help youth stabilize, build positive character traits and provide problem-solving strategies so they may transition to a less restrictive school placement, and to maintain functional use of these skills when they return home.

To date, we've welcomed youth who are placed through their Individualized Education Program (IEP) from a variety of school districts and SELPAs (Special Education Local Plan Area) including Los Angeles Unified, Monterey County Unified, Santa Barbara Unified, San Diego County Office of Education and Ventura County SELPA, among many others.

**Celebrating the largest number of high school seniors who graduated from Casa Pacifica's Non-Public School (NPS).**

Nine seniors donned their caps and gowns and walked across the quad to receive their diploma and shake the hand of principal, Mark Capritto, Ed.D., while team members and families gathered to commemorate their hard work, resilience and determination to succeed.

A Western Association of Schools and College (WASC) accredited institution, NPS is designed to meet the specific academic needs of each student. Elements like small class sizes, personalized academic interventions and a relationship-based framework give students the building blocks to achieve positive change and personal resiliency.

We are so proud of our dedicated teachers, aides and team members who lovingly guide our youth and provided them with a bridge to this important moment in their lives. And we celebrate our youth for achieving this important, hard-won milestone on their path to adulthood.

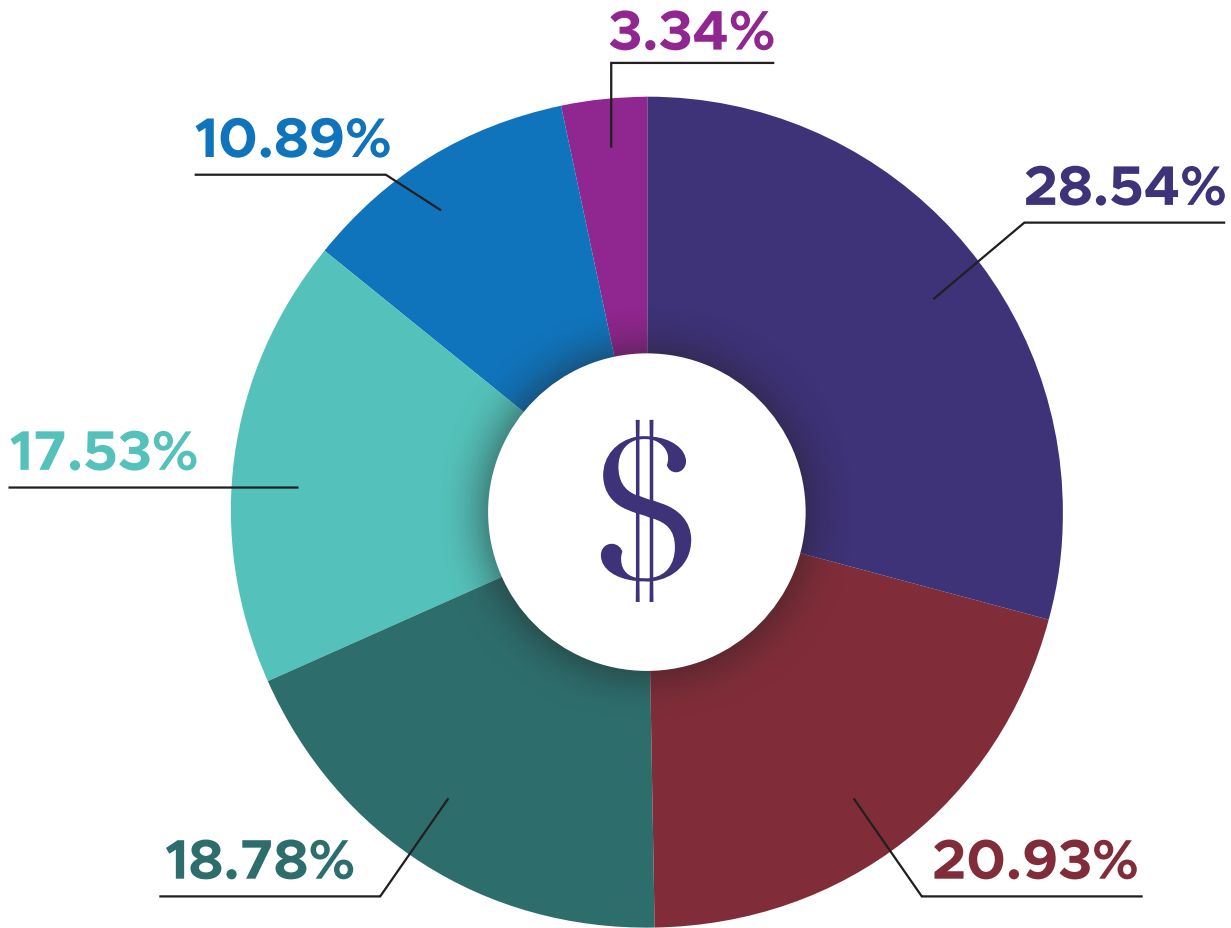




At Casa Pacifica we create opportunities for a brighter future for children, young adults and families in need.

# Revenue Stream

Casa Pacifica achieves its mission through the generous support of **individual and corporate donors, foundations, and public and government agencies.**



**PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND FUNDRAISING:**

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| Community Based                             | Private Insurance |
| Residential                                 | Education         |
| Contributions, Fundraising, Grants & Events | Other             |





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