

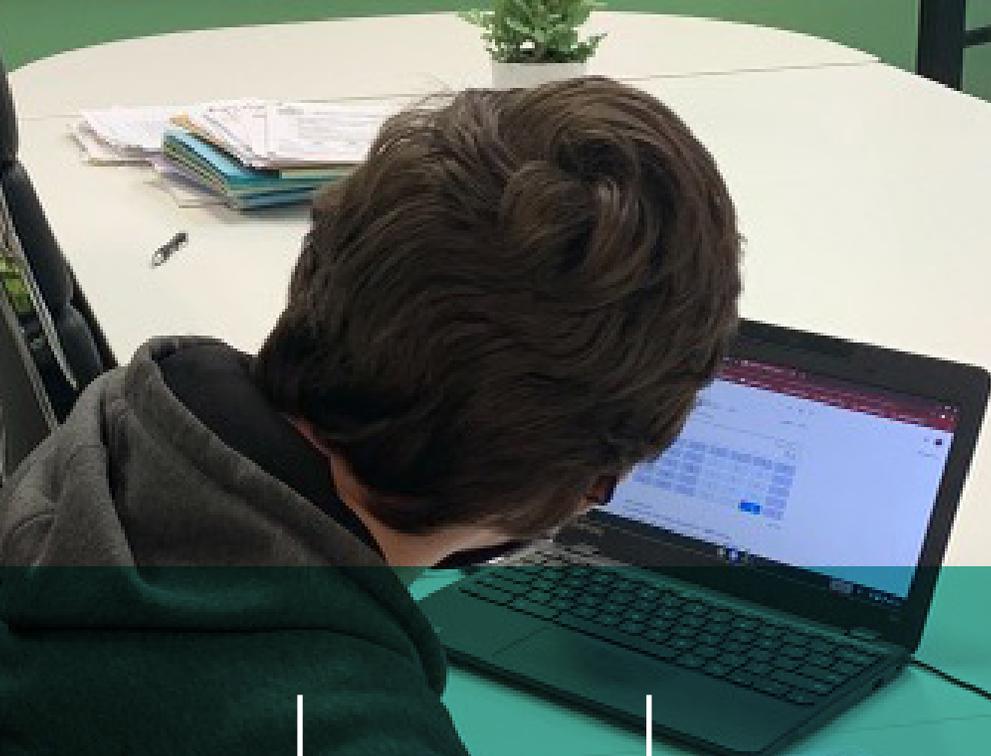
FOR THE KIDS QUARTERLY



O: 383
N: 375
Income 422
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 $x = 42\%$

O: 378
N: 250
Decrease
 $\frac{128}{378} = \frac{x}{100}$
 $\frac{378x = 12800}{378 \quad 378}$
 $x = 27\%$

O: 11.4
N: 11.4
Decrease -42
 $\frac{42}{156} = \frac{x}{100}$
 $\frac{156x = 4200}{156 \quad 156}$
 $x = 27\%$



A Note From
A Friend

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Santa Ana

Senior
Spotlight

Our Team
#forthekids



A Note From A Friend

What a journey this last year has been for all of us, and even more so for the kids we are blessed to serve at PHA. Our kids have been navigating the pandemic and online learning, all while experiencing homelessness for over a year. Their resiliency, creativity and refusal to give up both fuel and inspire me. This is especially true for our graduating seniors who, despite all odds, will receive their diplomas this June.

Just as in those first weeks of April 2020, we continue to provide Wifi hotspots, Chromebooks, tutoring and unconditional social emotional support to our youth experiencing homelessness. While many organizations were forced to close their doors, we are proud to have opened our doors to more kids than ever before. Earlier this year, we finalized a partnership with the City of Santa Ana & Santa Ana Unified School District to bring our services on their campuses. I am confident that this year we will continue to rise up for more and more kids, bringing possibility, support and opportunity into their lives.

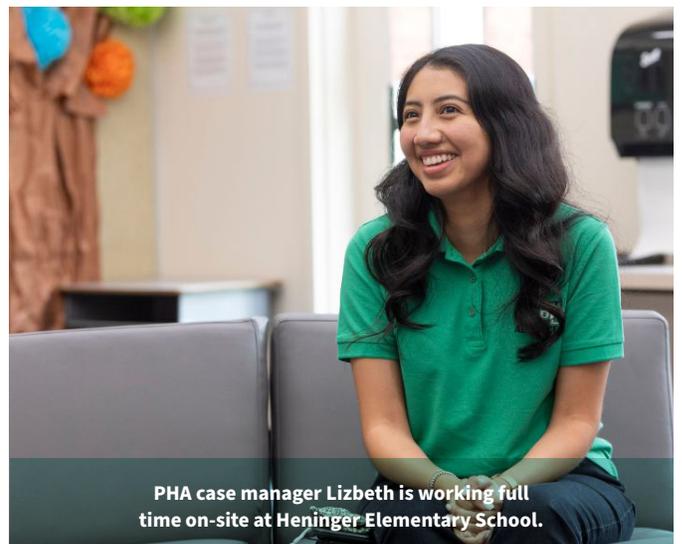
You made it possible for us to walk alongside our kids, eliminating barriers and filling in gaps that homelessness caused in their educational journey and in their lives.

Together we solved yesterday's problem. Now, we are looking ahead and the needs of our kids are far greater than we have ever seen. The painful reality is that we have 200 kids on our waitlist. You can imagine my overwhelming emotions about this, since we have been actively imploring our municipal and school partners to see our kids for years. This is our moment, and the decisions we make over the next few months will determine our legacy within the community and for our kids. We are calling this moment The Road to Hope, because together we will pave the way for these kids to a future without homelessness.

For the Kids,
Jennifer Friend, CEO

Now Serving Santa Ana

Starting in March, we partnered with the City of Santa Ana to begin serving youth experiencing homelessness in the Santa Ana Unified School District. Right now, one in every nine kids in Santa Ana has insecure housing. We are stepping in at a pivotal time, bringing visibility and hope where kids need it most.



PHA case manager Lizbeth is working full time on-site at Heninger Elementary School.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating THE CLASS OF 2021

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“Graduation means the world to me because my older brother didn’t finish 11th grade. Now, I am the one setting an example for my younger siblings.”

Andrew was referred to PHA by his vice principal in November 2020. At the time, he and his family were living on the streets. PHA helped them enroll at Bridges Shelter in Anaheim, and provided Andrew with a Wifi hotspot and school supplies. With these resources to attend online school regularly, Andrew is on the honor roll and was named Student of the Semester by school leadership.

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“I’m excited about graduating and looking forward to what comes next.”

Luke enrolled in our program in Fall 2020. He and his single mother live doubled up in an apartment with another family. With no Internet at home, Luke had no way to access his education. PHA provided a Wifi hotspot and other school supplies to Luke, as well as a regular distribution of grocery store gift cards so that the family could have nutritious food. PHA will continue to walk alongside him as he enrolls in community college this fall.

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“Graduating high school is a huge accomplishment. I don’t know how I did it, but I did.”

Noah joined Project Hope Alliance as a freshman in high school when his family was close to eviction. Since then, PHA has provided basic needs, holiday gifts and technology assistance so that he could stay connected to his learning. Now, Noah and his case manager are working on his FAFSA and college applications. He is working towards his goal to become a personal trainer, and one day, own his own gym.

OUR TEAM #FORTHETHEKIDS



Dr. Rachel Cardenas, Psy.D.
Director of Behavioral Health

Throughout all of the trials of this past year, our Team has provided consistent care to the kids we serve with innovation, flexibility, and unwavering hope. Our team has stepped forward and risen to new heights to meet the needs of our kids

experiencing homelessness. They have been there for the kids no matter what and have shown up in extraordinary ways.

We have seen a significant rise in mental health concerns in our youth experiencing homelessness due to the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Our team led our kids through those mental health issues

by connecting them to mental health services, teaching coping skills and tools, and providing them with a safe space to learn and process.

Though each staff member has experienced their own trauma throughout this pandemic, they have also experienced vicarious trauma through witnessing and experiencing alongside the trauma of their kids. In spite of these challenges, our team continues to respond with grace and love for our kids, day in and day out.

Throughout these unnerving times, PHA has sought to take care of its team so that they could take care of the kids we serve to the best of their ability. Through training, group discussion and support, and placing importance on self-care we have worked together as a team as we’ve navigated helping our kids and each other during this past year.



PAVE THE ROAD TO **HOPE**

Childhood homelessness is more visible than ever before.

We have over 200 kids on our waitlist.

YOU CAN HELP



GIVE

There is no getting around this folks, money helps.



INSPIRE

Host an online fundraiser and rally your network #forthekids



BUILD

For the whole family! Donate to create a Box of Hope for kids who are waiting to enroll.



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