

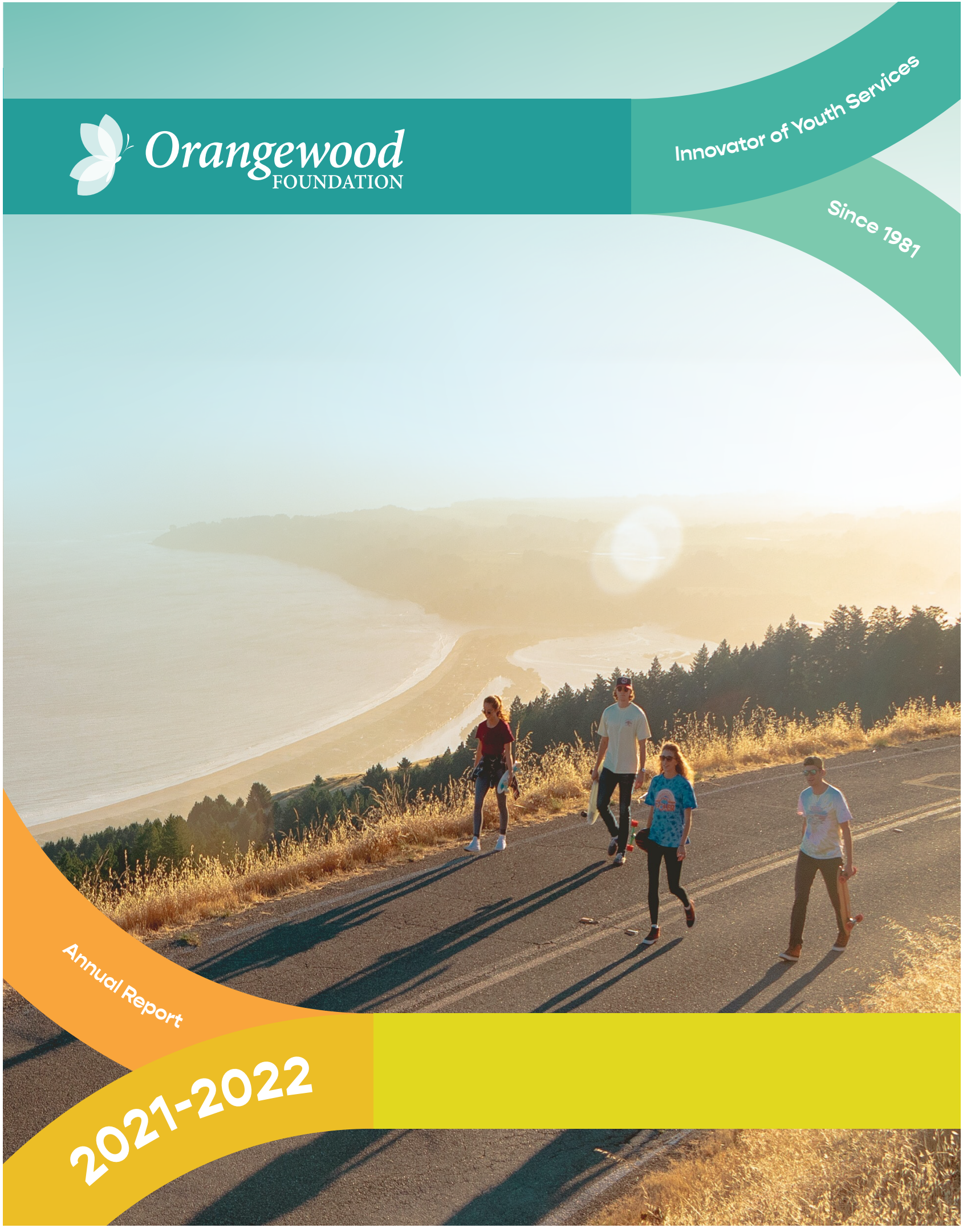


Innovator of Youth Services

Since 1987

Annual Report

2021-2022





## Our Mission

To strive for equity for our youth by  
**VALUING & SUPPORTING** the life they envision.

## Our Vision

We envision a community where  
**EVERY YOUTH THRIVES.**

## Our Values

**RESPECT, TRUST, EMPATHY,  
INCLUSION & ADVOCACY.**



### INNOVATION TAKES...

determination / courage  
community / a dream  
vision / champions / heart  
compassion / **YOU**

## A Message From Chris

Innovation is the foundation of Orangewood Foundation's success. From the creation of Orange County's first public-private partnership to build the Orangewood Children's Home to our one-of-a-kind Youth Connected Program for teens in foster care, Orangewood Foundation has a rich 41-year history of innovation in youth services. Innovation is how we can continue to meet the ever-changing needs of our youth. It helps us remove the obstacles that our youth face so that they can create the life they envision.

Innovation happens when our supporters and staff come together to solve problems and lift barriers that block our youth's path to stability and success. These issues are always changing and require us to continuously evolve to meet their needs. This year was no different. We launched four new programs that:

- Provide a new collaborative care model of foster care with on-campus housing for teens in foster care at Samueli Academy for our students
- Help our youth navigate the increasingly complex and unaffordable housing market
- Provide youth with the skills needed to secure a living-wage career and place them with local businesses
- Offer specialized housing and life skills support for young mothers.

In addition, the pandemic created a significant increase in the mental health needs of our youth. We met this need by tripling the therapy hours that we provide them.

Today's Orangewood Foundation has increased the number of teens and young adults we serve and have adapted our programs to meet the unique needs of the different populations of those youth. The one thing that has not changed is our story of innovation. At Orangewood Foundation, we believe in the collective power of our community to create the programs our youth need to thrive.

We want to thank you for being a part of our community of innovators who care about Orange County's youth.



**Chris Simonsen**  
**C.E.O**



# Milestones

OUR KITCHEN IS WHERE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS BEGIN & WHERE THE FOUNDATION OF TRUST IS BUILT.

Thanks to generous donors, the Orangewood Resource Center Kitchen was renovated! Our kitchen was a small home kitchen that was last updated 18 years ago. Today, it's a high-capacity, commercial-grade kitchen that can provide a safe place to feed even more youth in the community!



Casa de Rosemary is full! Casa de Rosemary is an innovative transitional home for young mothers and their children. Through this two-year program, young moms will become self-sufficient, self-empowered, and resilient through activities that build skills like healthy relationships and positive parenting.

NOW SUPPORTING 5 FAMILIES!

THIS GRANT IS REALLY EXCITING BECAUSE IT LETS US WALK WITH THE YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE JOURNEY. IT WAS LIKE THE MISSING PIECE TO THE PUZZLE.

Orangewood was one of only 12 organizations in California - and the only one in Orange County - to receive a grant from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) that will expand the range of housing options available to 150 youth experiencing homelessness. With this new funding, Orangewood can guide our youth through the continuum of housing, ranging from emergency shelters to transitional housing to independent housing.

Orangewood's Grants and Scholarships program has met the moment. Rising costs and an uncertain economy have squeezed more of our youth's budgets. By removing barriers like the age cap, we provided undergraduate scholarships to over 200 young adults. Plus, we increased our scholarship amounts, because a dollar today, just doesn't go as far.

THIS HELPS CLOSE THE FINANCIAL GAP & ALLOWS THE STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON THEIR STUDIES.

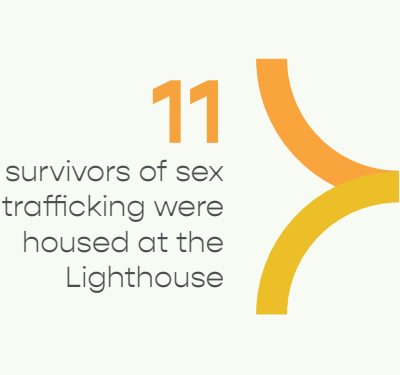
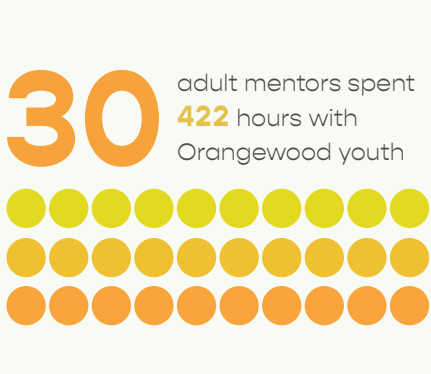
PLUS, OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALL BEEN TRAINED IN TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES THAT BENEFIT ALL EMPLOYEES.

The newly created General William Lyon Workforce Academy celebrated their first graduate! Orangewood and its corporate partners provided opportunities for young adults to begin new career pathways through an apprenticeship program, leading to positions in trades that earn a living wage and contribute meaningfully to their community. In the first year, the Lyon Workforce Academy helped train and place 11 youth in living wage jobs in their Orange County community.

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, MSW DSW  
Chief Program Officer

Thank you for your support this year.  
We truly appreciate your investment in our staff and youth!

# The Past Year





# Years of Innovation

At the 25th Anniversary of Ambassador Luncheon, Orangewood Foundation celebrated its history, stories, success and the bold vision for the future through interactive exhibits.

Each exhibit celebrated a key point of innovation in Orangewood's history.

## Innovation takes: VISION

### ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S HOME

*Est. 1981 - First of its kind and the start of a new journey.*

In 1978, **WILLIAM STEINER** was the newly appointed Director of the Albert Sitton Home, which had served as the County shelter for children who were abused and neglected in Orange County since 1959. After only two months on the job, Proposition 13 passed, and he was told to cut his budget in half while still serving over 1,000 children annually.

In 1981, he partnered with **GENERAL WILLIAM LYON**, who gave a \$1 million grant to build the new Orangewood Children's Home and challenged the rest of the Board to match it.

After building the home and gifting it to the county, General William Lyon found that the youth were not fully prepared for life after foster care; they needed access to basic necessities, more life skills, opportunities for career or a college education, and affordable housing.

As the needs of youth in foster care evolved, Orangewood Foundation's **VISION TRANSFORMED** to meet those needs.



## Innovation takes: COMMUNITY

### GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

*Est. 1998 - Fostering educational success.*

In 1998, many youth in foster care were discouraged from considering college as a possibility, and those who did attend lacked the support to graduate. Orangewood knew from its scholarship program that youth in foster care on college campuses needed the same type of on campus support they received at Orangewood Foundation.

Orangewood Foundation and CSUF **COLLABORATED** on the first Guardian Scholars program to foster educational success for youth. They later embarked upon an effort to **EXPAND THE PROGRAM** to other campuses in Orange County by recruiting academic and community leadership to support these efforts. Colleges were eager to provide additional support to these students, and the program expanded across **40 SCHOOLS** in California and across the country.

Between Orangewood's expertise with youth in foster care and CSUF's experience with student support, a model program was developed that improved youth in foster care's success in college from a 2% graduation rate to 70% amongst participants.





# Innovation takes: CHAMPIONS

## RISING TIDE

*Est. 1999 - Creating a home beyond four walls.*

In the early 2000s, youth in foster care lost government support once they turned 18. Without a supportive and consistent adult figure in their life, young adults who exited the foster care system lacked job skills, financial resources, and the knowledge required to live independently. In fact, a 2008 study by the US Department of Health & Human Services found that 40% of youth who exit the foster care system became homeless within the first 18 months.

A group of **INNOVATIVE BUSINESSMEN** called the Men of the Rising Tide wanted to make a difference. Led by Dennis Sweeny and Rod Emery, they worked with Orangewood Foundation to create a place young adults could call home and transition into adulthood successfully with the guidance of a caring community.

Today, Rising Tide consists of 20 units across two apartment complexes as well as Casa de Rosemary, a transitional home with programming that focuses on supporting young mothers and their children. The program offers low-cost housing and one-on-one case management so that youth have a chance to **LEARN AND EXCEL** in budgeting, finding and retaining employment, and pursuing an education.

*ASF Innovators Shirley Pepys, Renee Pepys Lowe, Dan Houck*



*Kim graduates from Harvard*



# Innovation takes: A DREAM

## ADVANCED STUDIES

*Est. 2009 - Reaching beyond the stars.*

It started with a dream. Kim Snodgrass graduated from UC Irvine with her bachelor's in social science, but her **DREAM DIDN'T STOP THERE**; she was on a mission to pursue a master's degree, an endeavor that less than 1% of youth formerly in foster care complete.

With hard work and determination, Kim was accepted into several prestigious programs. Some of these programs included scholarship support, however, her dream school, Harvard University, did not. Kim came to Orangewood with a vision of a scholarship program that would help her and other students obtain an education beyond their undergraduate degree.

A group of fellow innovators, **SHIRLEY PEPYS, RENEE PEPYS LOWE, AND DAN HOUCK**, made her dream a reality by creating the Advanced Studies Fund. Today, the program has provided 175 scholarships and a community where current and past scholars **SUPPORT** each other.



# Innovation takes: DETERMINATION

## SAMUELI ACADEMY & YOUTH CONNECTED PROGRAM

*Est. 2013 & 2020 - A new approach to fostering.*

Research shows that 54% of youth from foster care will earn their high school diploma, compared to 87% of the general population.

To bridge this gap, Orangewood Foundation envisioned an educational model with onsite housing for youth in foster care who need a stable living environment to excel academically. Samueli Academy was created to give students the kind of care, attention and education they need to succeed. This bold, innovative vision for Orangewood's Youth Connected Program and Samueli Academy started almost 20 years ago with **SUSAN SAMUELI AND SANDI JACKSON**, two local philanthropists and members of the Board of Directors of Orangewood Foundation.

Today, Orangewood's Youth Connected Program offers teens in foster care the best of both worlds – weekday dorm living and academic support while attending the prestigious Samueli Academy, with placement in a local home for weekends, school breaks, and holidays. Orangewood Foundation has only **6 OUT OF 48** foster parent spots filled and is in need of foster parents to open their homes to our students.

### Youth Connect Program on-campus dorms



*Sandi Jackson and Susan Samueli at the  
groundbreaking of Samueli Academy*

# Innovation takes: HEART

## THE LIGHTHOUSE & PROJECT CHOICE

*Est. 2015 - Empowering survivors to make their own choices.*

The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force reports helping over 400 victims of human trafficking in Orange County since it was formed in 2004, and 50% – 80% of survivors of human trafficking in California have a history in foster care.

As this problem grew, there was a significant gap in the county's ability to serve survivors because there were virtually no short-term or transitional programs available to them.

With the help of an anonymous, bold innovator, Orangewood Foundation created The Lighthouse, a **HOME FOR SURVIVORS** to help transition them to a healthy and productive life where they are in control. During the first two years of the program, Orangewood learned that staff needed to be flexible to serve survivors.

The program shifted to a trauma-informed care model by creating an empowerment-led program that provides a caring and nurturing environment with 24/7 support in a confidential location. With the established transitional housing program, Orangewood Foundation partnered with the Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) to address significant service gaps within Orange County.

This included creation of the Project CHOICE Drop-in Center, offering specialized support and preventative services to youth ages 11-21 who were involved in or at-risk of sex trafficking. It provides youth a safe space that supports their effort to safely leave their trafficking situation and reduce entry or re-entry into sexually exploitative situations.





## Innovation takes: COMPASSION



### YOUNG ADULT COURT

*Est. 2018 - Everyone deserves a second chance.*

Youth make up 10% of the population but account for 29% of arrests and 21% of the prison population. In fact, 80% of 18–25 year olds are rearrested within a few years of release. These young adults are **FACED WITH THE STIGMA** associated with their records which can lead to difficulties in finding employment and housing. They deserve a second chance to turn their life around.

Sometimes innovation takes compassion, and **JUDGE MARIA HERNANDEZ'S** compassion for these youth led to the Young Adult Court. Together with the OC Superior Court, UCI, and Orangewood Foundation, they created a collaborative court that would address the needs of these young adults.

The two-year program provides case management services and treatment options that address underlying criminogenic risks that lead to offending crimes. With the help of the district attorney, defense counsel, social services, and probation officers, along with Orangewood's case management services, youth ages 18-25 have a **CHANCE TO REDUCE OR DISMISS** their felony charge.

## Innovation takes: COURAGE

### LYON WORKFORCE ACADEMY

*Est. 2022 - Shaping a safe and stable career.*

Transitional age youth in Orange County between ages 18-25 struggle to secure and maintain full-time employment, and they may also experience mental health concerns, trauma, substance use, criminal records, and homelessness. These factors can all contribute to job instability that perpetuates the cycle of generational poverty. Youth unemployment and underemployment are predictors of long-term unemployment, criminal behavior, and substance use.

Disrupting this cycle began with \$1 million in seed funding, donated by Lyon Living in honor of the late General William Lyon, Orangewood Foundation's founding Chairman and first innovator. Orangewood then worked with a network of community-minded corporate partners to launch the General William Lyon Workforce Academy, a **12-MONTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM** that supports on-the-job training and career readiness skills.

The Lyon Workforce Academy now has 16 youth placed in eight companies today. With the goal of serving 40 young adults next year, we're looking for corporate partners to continue our work and to create careers that help our youth create the **LIFE THEY ENVISION**.

*Our first graduate of Lyon Workforce Academy*

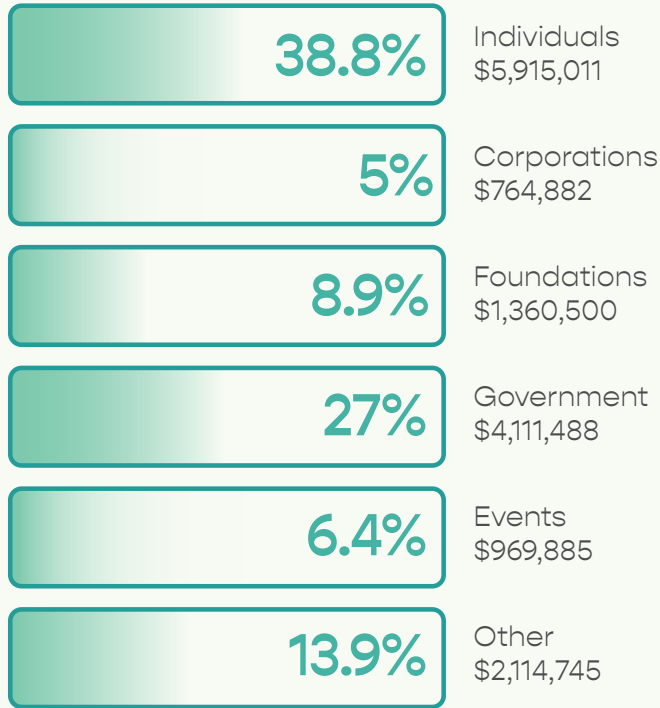




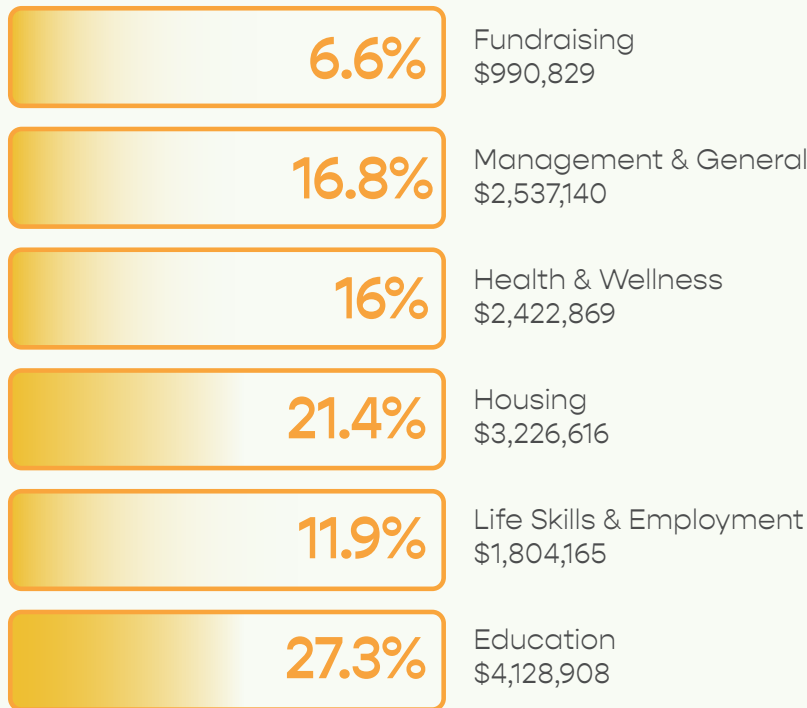
# Financials

*fiscal year dates of*  
**7.1.2021 - 6.30.2022**

## TOTAL REVENUE: \$15,236,511



## TOTAL EXPENSES: \$15,110,527



### NET OPERATIONAL REVENUE:

\$125,884

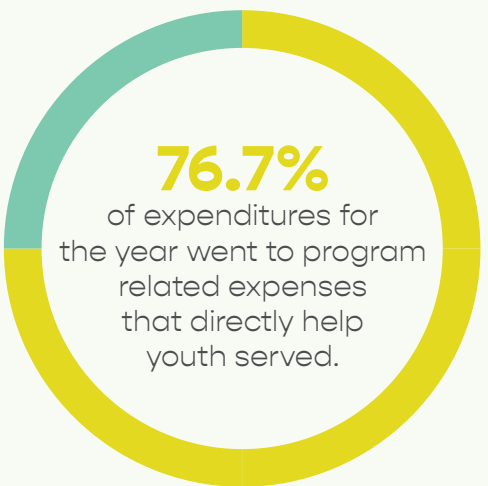
### NON-OPERATING REVENUE ACTIVITY

*Net Endowment and Investment activity to fund future program growth:*  
\$3,777,835

*Estate gifts for facility improvements and operational reserves:*  
\$3,335,876

### NET REVENUE

*After non-operating revenue activity:*  
\$7,239,695



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