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Mural Wall

Treefort

Design

“It’s important to me to create art that tells a story. In this piece, I wanted to comment on homelessness in a subtle, thought-provoking way that prompts the viewer to think deeper about the imagery and its meaning.” - Treefort Design

This mural wall was lovingly created by [Treefort Design](#) and funded by the Tahoe Art League in partnership with City of South Lake Tahoe



Volunteers Hope for Opelousas

The Hope For Opelousas team volunteered to assist Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless in renovating the Bear's Den property this summer.

HFO is actively empowering a movement of hope—focused on community development through educational support, neighborhood outreach, and intentional relationships—grounded in the truth that love changes everything. Learn more here: www.hopeforopelousas.org



Leading with Gratitude, Celebrating Collaboration

Board President Joe Herold reflects on the 23/24 Coalition for the Homeless community impact.

I recently participated in a site visit with a representative from the State of California to review construction progress at our Bear's Den property and existing units and services at Bird's Nest and Red Lodge. As she was leaving us after visiting Red Lodge, the representative remarked how important it was for her to see in person "what it can look like" when funds are effectively spent, and services are comprehensively and compassionately delivered. I drove home feeling a deep sense of satisfaction to represent an organization that is aggressively pursuing its vision and consistently delivering on its mission. I also felt gratitude to a number of people.

I am grateful for our incredible team, led by our Executive Director, Kimberly Peterson. Facing daily challenges beyond what most of us deal with in our jobs and activities, our dedicated staff deliver life-changing services to our clients with kindness, compassion, and respect. I find their work heartwarming and inspiring.

I am grateful to our Board, who not only provide outstanding experience and energy but also add hard work when needed by our staff. They have been found doing demolition work at Bear's

Den, cleaning and painting at Red Lodge, shoveling snow during extreme winter conditions, helping serve meals, working on our website, and driving our fundraising efforts. I am especially thankful for the Board members who conceived of and breathed life into this organization; I am in awe of their compassion and perseverance.

I am grateful to our donors, from those like Kyle & Jessica Aster and the Parasol Foundation who have provided significant gifts, to those who fuel our monthly giving program. I am also grateful to those who make donations, large or small, when they are able. Your gifts make a great difference in our community and the lives of our clients. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and support.

Finally, I am grateful to partners like the State of California, El Dorado County, the City of South Lake Tahoe, local law enforcement agencies, Barton Memorial Hospital, and others who collaborate with us. Together we are working effectively to house, shelter, and support our neighbors experiencing or at risk of homelessness to foster their independence. It is an honor to partner with you on this important work for our clients and the community.

Joe Herold

Board President, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless

Uniting Talents, Fueling Progress

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless 2022-2023 Board of Directors. The TCH Board is a 100% giving board. Each committed member supports our organization with their time and their financial generosity.



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Meet our dedicated team who have given their expertise, passion, and energy to drive our success.



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Programs

740 people served

Homekey Program

A statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. This is permanent housing at three different properties in South Lake Tahoe. Residents pay rent and are provided supportive services and case management through the Cal Aim program.

Coordinated Entry

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a standard, community-wide intake and triage process to match people experiencing homelessness in El Dorado County with community resources that best fit their situation.

Emergency Shelter

TCH started as a grass-roots organization that opened an overnight "Warm Room" in South Lake Tahoe. Now we offer an emergency shelter with 14 beds where clients are welcome 24 hours a day and receive 3 meals daily. They have access to case managers who can provide supportive services including housing navigation.

Rapid Rehousing

Through the Emergency Solutions Grant, we provide permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.

Arise

This program provides rapid rehousing to survivors of domestic violence.

Definitions

- **Transition Aged Youth (TAY) - Ages 18-24**
- **Elderly - 62 years and older**
- **Families - households with minor children**
- **Veterans - served in any military capacity**
- **Chronically Homeless - The person/s has a disabling condition & has been continuously homeless for a year or more. (HUD defines "homeless" as "a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. living on the streets for example) OR living in a homeless emergency shelter. OR Has had four (4) episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years."**
- **El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (EDOK CoC) is a regional planning body of representative stakeholders in El Dorado County that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness.**

Homekey Program

50 people enrolled

A statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Homekey is an opportunity for state, regional, and local public entities to develop a broad range of housing types. This includes but is not limited to: hotels; motels; hostels; single-family homes and multifamily apartments; adult residential facilities; and manufactured housing. It also includes conversion of commercial properties and other existing buildings to permanent or interim housing for the target population.



Total Number Served

50



Elderly Served

25 / 50%



Veterans Served

6 / 12%



Men Served

32 / 64%



Women Served

18 / 36%



Chronically Homeless Served

23 / 46%

Coordinated Entry

414 new intakes

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a standard, community-wide intake and triage process to match people experiencing homelessness in El Dorado County with community resources that best fit their situation. Coordinated Entry staff have a strong working knowledge of available programs and services across El Dorado County and can offer: identity documentation assistance, benefits and income navigation support, supportive service program referrals, housing access, and placement assistance.

While TCH operates Coordinated Entry for all of El Dorado County, when clients are housed or moved into supportive programs, it is always a community effort involving our partners across the county and region. We are proud of these results and recognize that it takes all of our EDOK CoC partners to make it happen.

South Lake Tahoe - 143 Intakes



Total Number Served

255



Elderly Served

46 / 18%



Veterans Served

3 / 1%



Youth Served

17 / 7%



Families Served

12 / 5%



Chronically Homeless Served

57 / 22%

Of the clients in our system who exited homelessness in South Lake Tahoe in 23/24, we know that:
 1 entered transitional housing
 20 staying with friends or family
 44 found housing in unsubsidized rental, 31 in subsidized rental, 1 in their own home

Western Slope - 271 Intakes



Total Number Served

485



Elderly Served

121 / 25%



Veterans Served

29 / 6%



Youth Served

13 / 3%



Families Served

60 / 12%



Chronically Homeless Served

127 / 26%

Of the clients in our system on the Western Slope in 23/24, we know that:
 4 entered transitional housing
 8 entered a substance treatment program
 33 staying with friends or family
 66 found housing in unsubsidized rental, 62 in subsidized rental, and 3 in their own home
 2 entered a long-term care facility



Arise Rapid Rehousing

12 people served

Those who face domestic abuse often face homelessness if they choose to leave their abuser. This program provides support to survivors of domestic violence. Arise helps elevate survivors by providing short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services.



Total Number Served

12



Families Served

4 / 33%



Veterans Served

1 / 8%



Men Served

1 / 8%



Women Served

11 / 92%



Chronically Homeless Served

7 / 58%



Emergency Shelter

53 people served

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Total Number Served

53



Elderly Served

6 / 11%



Veterans Served

1 / 2%



Youth Served

2 / 4%



Men Served

42 / 79%



Women Served

11 / 21%



Chronically Homeless Served

34 / 64%



Entered Permanent Housing

30 / 57%



Rapid Rehousing ESG

11 people served

Rapid Rehousing through the Emergency Solutions Grant we provide permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.



Total Number Served

11



Elderly Served

1 / 9%



Veterans Served

1 / 9%



Youth Served

1 / 9%



Men Served

7 / 64%



Women Served

4 / 36%

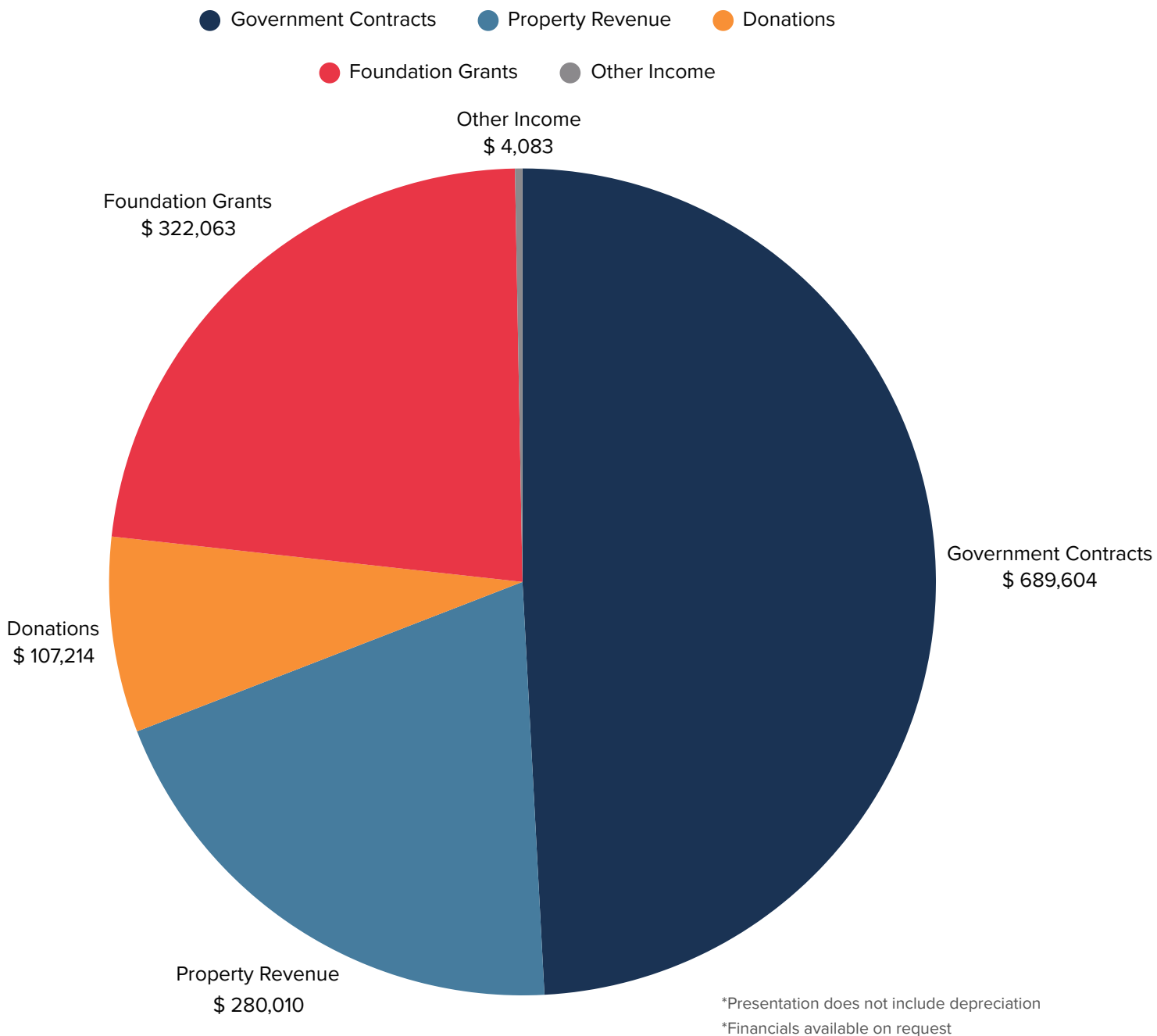


Chronically Homeless Served

4 / 36%

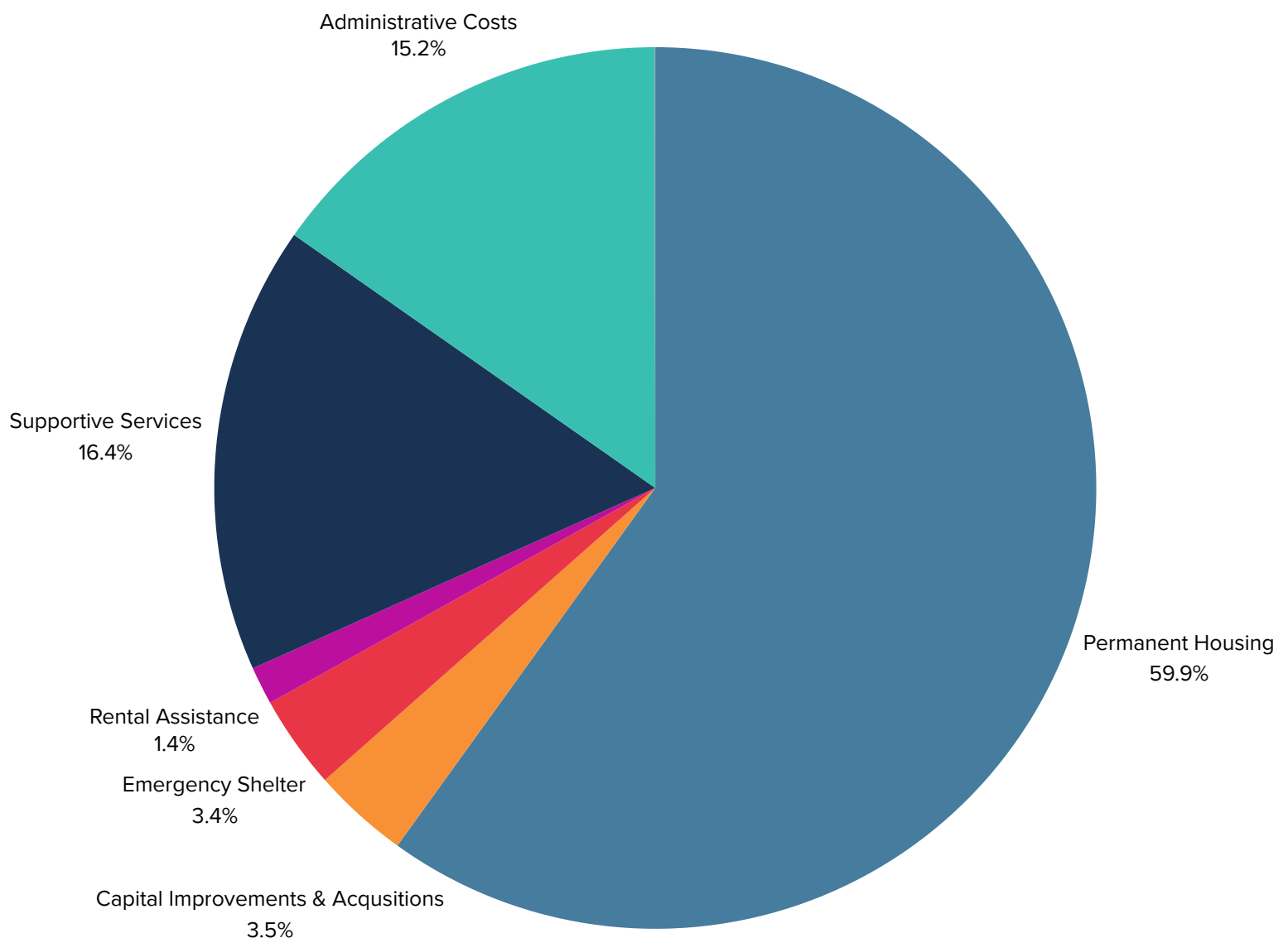
Income

\$1,400,736



Operating Expenses

\$1,603,051



Depreciation of \$498,526 is included in Permanent Housing
Unaudited and subject to change



TCH is an invaluable community partner of Barton Hospital as the services they provide are crucial for our patients who face homelessness and/or are medically fragile. The Social Services Department makes referrals to TCH, on a weekly basis (sometimes multiple times per week), for our patients who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. While we are not always successful at obtaining shelter or housing due to room/bed unavailability we are still able to connect our patient to TCH for support while they await a bed or housing. Thank you, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless!

Lisa Vulpe Fisher

Director of Social Services
Barton Memorial Hospital



Addressing complex issues like homelessness, especially at the intersection of domestic violence, requires strong collaboration. Through the ARISE Rapid Rehousing program, our partnership with TCH exemplifies the power of collaboration to provide safety and stability for our community's most vulnerable. Together, we are able to improve outcomes for survivors facing homelessness, while promoting a resilient community for all.

Chelcee Thomas

Executive Director
Live Violence Free

The following are stories collected by Jennifer Fuller, our program manager. The names of clients are aliases chosen by them. Jennifer stated that the stories "helped me to really gain insight into what our clients are facing on a daily basis."

Jennifer Fuller

Jennifer Fuller
Program Manager, TCH

Our Collective Impact Changing Lives



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Three years ago, JP found himself without a home, sleeping in his car after deciding to leave an unhealthy situation. Not long after, he was arrested for a DUI while still in his vehicle, leaving him feeling utterly helpless and alone. He recalls his biggest challenge during that time was the constant uncertainty: "I didn't know where I'd stay each night, whether I was safe, or if I'd even find a place to shower. It was nearly impossible to get stable work."

JP lived under a bridge for months, struggling to stay clean and afloat. Feeling desperate, he turned to prayer. "I prayed to God and cried out to Him. I wanted to be obedient," JP shared. During one of those difficult moments, he was introduced to the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless (TCH). JP found a new path forward through their outreach and took his first steps toward stability.

JP was met with immediate support and compassion when he arrived at the El Dorado County Navigation Center. "They welcomed me, helped me get a place to stay, and, for the first time in a long time, I felt like a human being again," JP says. With TCH's help, he could finally breathe a little easier. The organization helped him regain his sense of self and dignity. "They gave me my humanity back," he recalls. "I didn't feel like I was living like a dog anymore."

TCH's support also guided JP in reconnecting with his faith and coping with the anger he had been carrying. He learned to let go and embrace compassion, recognizing that others were facing struggles, too. "I tried to keep a heart of compassion because there are people who have had it worse," JP reflects.

Thanks to TCH's wrap-around services (CalAim), JP was able to find stable housing, secure a job, and rebuild his confidence. He found a stable place to call home and reconnected with his family. He also joined a spiritual community, participating in church groups where he found a renewed sense of purpose. "I can shower and not feel like a bum," JP says with a smile, a small but significant reminder of how far he's come.

Through TCH's help, JP discovered that even the toughest situations can turn around with hope, faith, and a caring community. Today, he continues to move forward with a renewed heart and a reminder of how compassion can make all the difference.

JP remains committed to his journey and faith. "Don't lose hope," he advises others. "There are people who care, and TCH is proof of that."

Our Collective Impact Changing Lives

For Cloud, life on the streets started at just 16 when he ran away from home. Over the next seven years, he found himself in and out of homelessness, navigating a life marked by struggle and survival. He recalls the constant challenges: “It was so cold, and finding somewhere safe to sleep was nearly impossible. Keeping anything personal felt out of reach. I was too busy figuring out my next meal and where I’d sleep.”

Cloud participated in programs like the California Conservation Corps and Job Corps through those difficult years, but stability remained elusive. The daily uncertainty and constant hunger took a toll. “Not knowing where your next meal will come from or finding a safe place to sleep—it’s exhausting,” he explains.

During one of his lowest moments, a social worker at the county told him about the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless (TCH) and connected him to a case manager. Through TCH, Cloud went from living outside to their shelter and eventually to a permanent home, supported through CalAim and the Rapid Rehousing program. For Cloud, TCH’s support marked a major turning point. Now, he has a home and a full-time job, and for the first time, he can enjoy small comforts that once seemed out of reach. “It’s raining out, and for once, I’m not wet,” he says with relief and gratitude.

Cloud reflects on his journey with a message for others who struggle: “Don’t give up. Persevere, no matter what. Eventually, if you keep going, you’ll get somewhere good.” He shares his newfound aspirations for the future—living fully, buying a car, and growing financially.

Through TCH’s support, Cloud has gained stability and a renewed sense of purpose, resilience, and hope for the future.

“Don’t give up. Persevere, no matter what. Eventually, if you keep going, you’ll get somewhere good.”

Our Collective Impact Changing Lives

After a 12-day hospitalization, Sarah was discharged without a home. The traumatic incident that led to her hospitalization involved a sexual assault and being held against her will for three days, leaving her feeling devastated, worthless, and stripped of her self-confidence. Sarah was released to the streets of Placerville, but soon, she was enrolled in the Arise program through Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless and placed in the El Dorado County Navigation Center. There, she was informed that she could transition to permanent housing if she relocated to Tahoe. Sarah agreed, and within seven days of becoming homeless, she had a safe place to call home.

Being alone on the streets as a young woman was frightening, especially during the cold early spring. Seeking warmth and safety, she navigated the woods, encountering meth encampments and dangerous individuals. In public areas, she was unable to rest, constantly watching her back and feeling unsafe.

While hospitalized, Sarah began contacting every available resource. Following the assault, the police provided her with the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless (TCH) contact information. With their assistance, TCH enrolled her in the Arise program. Seven days later, she moved to Tahoe, marking the start of a new chapter in her life.

The Arise program provided housing and a secure environment that allowed Sarah to grow both personally and professionally. She was able to save money and build a stable foundation for herself. She reflects, "No rain, no flowers. You have to weather the storms to appreciate brighter days."

Since joining Arise, Sarah's life has transformed. In just five months, she has obtained a stable job, received a promotion, purchased a car, and, most importantly, secured a safe home.

Sarah is committed to continuing her career growth. Ultimately, she hopes to upgrade her vehicle, purchase a home, and reunite with her daughters under one roof.

Sarah's advice to others facing hardship is clear: "Advocate for yourself, never give up, and keep pursuing your goals. Everything is possible if you buckle down and do what needs to be done."



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