

Dear Friends.



Chanel Boutakidis
Chief Executive Officer



Sue McGuirl 2020-2024 Board Chair

e are excited to celebrate our 135th birthday this year! While the annual report covers highlights from fiscal year 2021-2022, we want to also honor our past, embrace our present, and celebrate our future during this milestone occasion.

We have come a long way from 1888 when we opened in a small home on Glower Street in Los Angeles to our five acres in Altadena with numerous offices serving over 6,500 children and families across six counties, with San Diego as our newest county. The purpose of Five Acres has always been to provide safety and well-being for children who need the care from an agency like ours. After two decades of our involvement

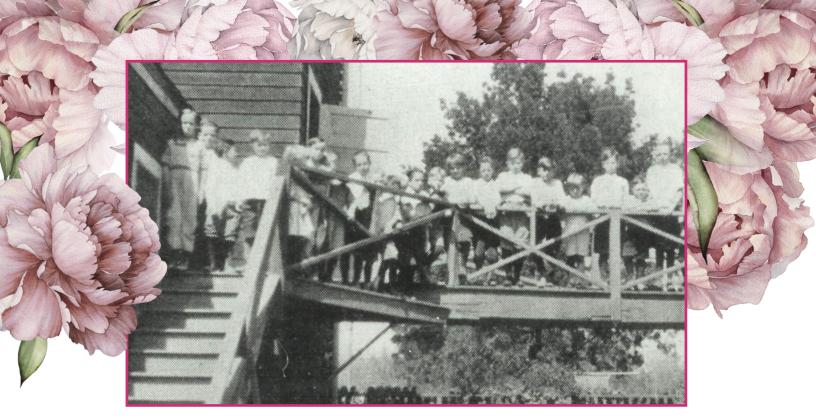
here at Five Acres, seeing the children on campus reminds us of the importance of them having a safe and forever family. We are continuously looking forward to ensuring each child has a loving, permanent family.

With our foster care and adoptions staff, we focus on finding forever homes for our children and youth awaiting to be adopted. Our permanency rate reached 84% when the state average is 30%. In this annual report, you'll read the story of Thomas Schultheis and Michael Warga who continue to make meaningful, permanent connections with teenagers who come into their home and begin to

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thrive. Overall, we are grateful to the families who open their hearts and homes and our supporters who invest in the lives of children in foster care so they can have a happy childhood.

Last year, the new California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Reform, which is behavioral health reform focused on improving access to mental health services and specifically for those insured through Medi-Cal, began with adult services. While the children's services are projected to start in October 2023, Five Acres was the first child service organization to sign a formal contract with one of the largest healthcare providers in California. We piloted services in Orange and San Diego counties at the start of this year, with plans for Los Angeles County in 2024. Providing these prevention services to children assures we strengthen families in the communities we serve. We continue to look ahead on how we can provide prevention services to curb children from entering foster care.

Sincerely,

Chanel Boutakidis
Chief Executive Officer

This past fiscal year has been filled with momentous events. We have adapted the systemic changes and adjusted what needed to be redesigned with support from our incredible team members who work behind the scenes providing hours of planning and implementing the above actions. While these mandates were out of our control, we made significant changes that allowed us to find the opportunities yet stay as steady as possible operationally and fiscally.

With encouragement from our community of supporters, you continue to cheer us on, invest in our mission, and protect our legacy of having served over 100,000 children and families in our 135 years. The work each of you do matters. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting our mission.

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Residential

Every child should be raised by a loving family. Yet, when a child experiences acute trauma at home, living outside the home and within residential care is sometimes the best place to support children and families during the reunification process. At Five Acres, we provide short-term therapeutic homes for these children to restore balance, rebuild trust and reunify them with their families or connect them to loving foster-adopt families.

Prevention

Preventing children from entering the foster care system is key to curbing Los Angeles' growing foster care and homelessness crisis. Five Acres' prevention services support families in the community by sending mental health and behavioral health specialists into the homes of children, youth and families.

Permanency

Five Acres actively strives to provide stability by connecting children to safe, permanent, and loving families. Our permanency services create loving homes for children in need through foster care, adoption and mentor support for families going through the adoption process. Through Adoption Promotion Support Services, we support children and adoptive families to nurture lifetime commitments.



Community Based Services

Through our Community Based Services, we provide one-on-one, short-term intervention for youth and individualized mental health services to children, youth and their families. While our staff provide traditional mental health services, our Community Based Specialty Division also focuses on specialized preventative and early intervention services to keep children safely in the home and improve the overall quality of life for the children and families we serve. In addition, our Deaf Services remains the only provider of community-based counseling to individuals who are deaf in Los Angeles County.



Private Health Care Services

We partner with private health care organizations across Southern California to provide access to intensive services for children to keep them safely in their own home and community. Through our care, we help lower the child's risk of psychiatric hospitalization and prevent the need for out-of-home congregate care placements.

Five Acres 1888-2022

Established as The Boys & Girls Aid Society in Los Angeles **1903** Moved to a three-story building in South Pasadena **1921** Purchased Altadena property Myron Hunt designed facility **1926** Altadena facility opened A cottage named for key support group, Junior League of Pasadena **1935** Officially changed from custodial care to casework **1947** Adopted agency name, Five Acres **1957** Joined Child Welfare League: achieved national accreditation **1965** San Marino Auxiliary established **1972** First community group home established **1981** Opened therapeutic non-public school Robert Ketch becomes Executive Director **1985** Community- and home-based services opened 1988 Centennial anniversary Five Acres Ambassadors established Foster care program added 1990 Five Acres Children's Guild founded Deaf Services program began 1992 New school building constructed **1994** Family Preservation Program began 2000 Therapeutic Behavioral Services added Adoption Agency established **2004** Grace Center domestic violence affiliation began

2005 Adoption Promotion & Support Services added

2006 Wraparound program established

- 2007 Pasadena Mental Health Center affiliation began
- 2008 Intensive Treatment Foster Care began
- 2009 Zeilstra Research & Training Center opened
- **2010** Residentially Based Services started Evidence based clinical practices qimplemented
- **2011** Chanel Boutakidis became CEO
- **2013** Five Acres celebrated its 125th anniversary
- **2015** Community Based Specialty Division established
- 2016 Transitional Shelter Care program opened

 Five Acres began primary healthcare
 partnership with one of the largest healthcare
 providers in California
- 2018 Ketch and Solita Short-Term Residential
 Therapeutic Program contract started
 Five Acres celebrated its 130th anniversary and
 the LA County Board of Supervisors proclaimed
 March 12 as Five Acres Day
- 2020 Worldwide COVID Pandemic started. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2022, Five Acres rapidly transitioned most non-residential services to telehealth and expanded our technology
- 2021 The Family First federal reform was announced and Five Acres pivoted to meet the new federal guidelines allowing to continue providing mental health services to children that have been traumatized
- **2022** Five Acres was the first child welfare organization to negotiate a CalAIM contract with healthcare
- 2023 Five Acres celebrates its 135th anniversary

 Today, Five Acres impacts more than 6,500 annually across six counties Los Angeles, San Bernardino,

 Ventura, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego

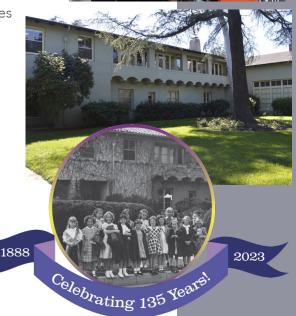
Our focus in the coming years continues to be the growth of prevention services and the continued elevation of our permanency impact for children served











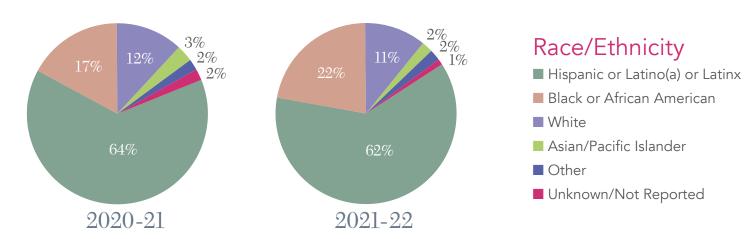


Celebrating Our Reach

Five Acres continues to serve vulnerable children and families. In 2021-2022, we impacted the lives of 6,519 children and their families across five counties. During COVID, not all families in our outpatient programs were able to access care via telehealth, which resulted in fewer persons served. However, Five Acres provided more

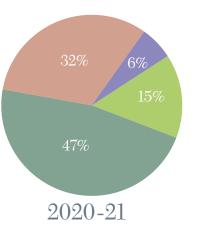
therapy to the families we did serve given the stressors that this past year has brought. In addition, our inpatient programs had a 44% drop in the number of new clients served due to COVID halting intakes and discharges because of county and court closures.

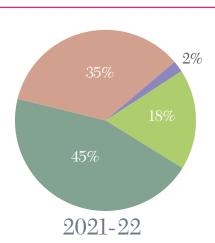
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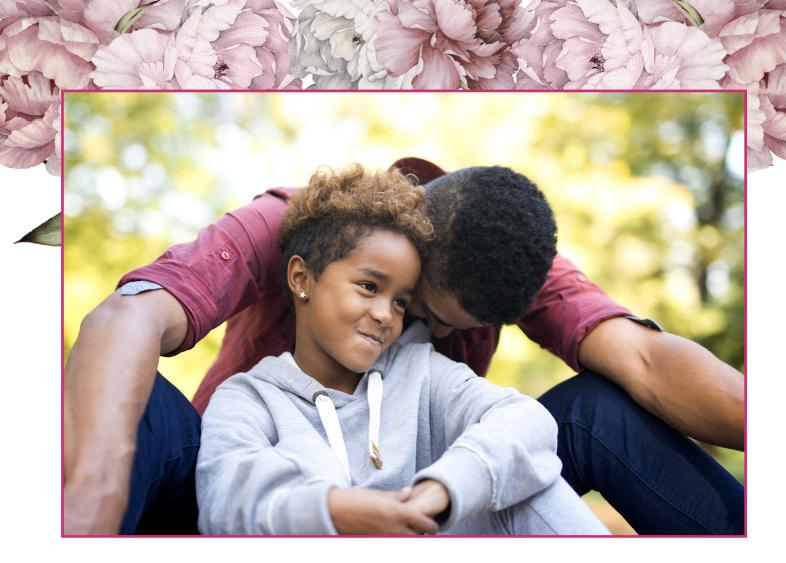




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Celebrating Safety

Addressing safety for kids and staff

Elizabeth Gonzalez has seen many changes in her 21 years of service to Five Acres. As the chief program officer for intervention services, Elizabeth's experience in overseeing many divisions has contributed to her vast knowledge and understanding of child welfare and behavioral health care. But nothing compares to the labored changes that have happened since 2016 and most recently in this past fiscal year.

While we were founded to care for children who had no home, the primary philosophy has always been for Five Acres to address and help heal the trauma that affects children and their families, so they can grow and thrive within a loving family. Elizabeth said that the direction is toward having a broader reach within the community to support vulnerable families through challenging times. "We are expanding services in private healthcare through one of the largest healthcare providers in California and many other branches,"

said Elizabeth, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist. "In addition, the county, state and federal are supporting prevention services rather than congregate care" where children and youth live in residential facilities.

Five Acres staff found themselves in a whirlwind of changes. First, they adapted their Residential Program to offer Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program, reducing the length of stay and providing mental health services. This program permitted "all kids to come through the same door, regardless of risky behavior compared to lower-level need," which must be considered to have a safe campus, Elizabeth explained. We made the necessary adjustments to shore up facilities improvements, install keyless entries and camera systems, increase staff training, and ensure they had the tools they needed to work with the kids. The youth's behaviors started to stabilize.

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Then, we expanded Transitional Shelter Care (TSC), a short-term stay for children who have left a placement and unable to be in another placement yet. The length of stay is anywhere from 72 hours to 10 days. "TSC is not meant to be a treatment program; it's a place to feel safe, a soft place to land and provide the basic crisis level services like suicide assessment, risk assessment, and stabilization of the situation to maintain safety," said Elizabeth.

When the team felt they found their groove with all these changes, Family First Prevention Services Act came around and they regrouped to avoid being designated as an Institution of Mental Diseases. With all previous adaptations and expansions, we were a step ahead of the game. We could not have more than 16 beds at any one site and needed to have full teams for each site, so we found ingenious ways to utilize the spaces we had

within our reach. The team worked behind the scenes, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and teamwork. We were the first organization to secure the State approval.

Having seen it all in her more than 20 years of experience coupled with her understanding of child welfare's history, Elizabeth reflected, "We quickly moved from 'this is where kids should grow up' to 'stabilize them to get them to their forever homes.' Our main goal is permanency, and whether we are providing services for family reunification or adoption, we want our kids on a path to their forever homes."

Every child deserves to grow up in a loving, home. "That's what keeps us showing up every day," said Elizabeth. "Whichever door they come in, we want them to exit through permanency."



One of Five Acres core missions is to maintain the safety of our clients. Unfortunately, many of our children arrive struggling with a myriad of safety concerns. In FY21-22, some of the top safety concerns that children experienced who entered our residential divisions were suicidal ideation, dangerousness to others and self-harm. Our staff work hard with our children to support them in overcoming these challenges.



Celebrating Well-being

Finding the right home to thrive and grow

Jonah* was an energetic five-year-old little boy who was referred to Wraparound services when the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) removed him from his mother's care due to domestic violence in the home. Jonah and his twin brothers were placed in the care of an aunt, who had her own children with special needs.

"Jonah couldn't understand why he couldn't go home to his mom, and that resulted in really big emotions," said Wendy Gutierrez, division director of Community Based Specialty Services. "Jonah's aunt wanted to help her sister until she was able to get her kids back but was very overwhelmed with many kids who needed all of her attention, especially Jonah. He didn't have words to describe how frustrated and confused he was, so instead he hit and kicked, and screamed and broke furniture."

Wendy described how the Wraparound team quickly jumped into action and started seeing Jonah at home and school where he needed the most support. Jonah's path to improving his well-being was slow and steady as was his journey to finding another home. The Five Acres

team followed Jonah from home to home, and school to school when he had some bumps in the road. We gave him a voice so his new home and new school understood what he needed to be the best Jonah.

His social worker was able to find a home with Jonah's grandma and uncle. When Jonah arrived at his new home, he was scared and confused, not quite understanding he was not visiting and instead, this would be his home moving forward. The Wraparound team had a family counseling session on his first day, and Jonah felt comfortable having people he knew come visit and help him get to know his family.

"The team helped the family identify strengths and create a safety plan for Jonah's big emotions," said Wendy. "The family quickly realized together that his home was perfect because Jonah was the youngest boy surrounded by teenagers who wanted to play football, video games, and wrestle. No one was afraid of Jonah

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kicking or punching, which made Jonah feel safe to come out of his shell." Jonah realized he had a large family he had never met, who loved him and wanted him to stay until the social worker said it was safe to go home to his mom.

At school, the Wraparound team suspected Jonah struggled because he had undiagnosed ADHD, so when he couldn't pay attention in class, he punched the teacher or students around him when he was bored or frustrated. The Wraparound team helped refer Jonah to psychological testing, and suddenly a report with recommendations made it easier for Jonah to get the support he needed to be successful. From being expelled from his first school for hitting students and teachers, to changing schools numerous times, it took some time for Jonah to start feeling like he fit in at school. The Wraparound team was present during every parent-teacher meeting to encourage positive interventions like giving Jonah responsibilities in the classroom and giving Jonah lots of praise for cooperating in class. The Wraparound team introduced a yoga ball instead of a chair at his desk, helping Jonah bounce in class which kept him seated at his desk instead of walking around the classroom. Jonah felt so proud when he

started doing well in school, thriving and growing in his new settings.

When Jonah felt safe at home and school, he started talking about his big emotions instead of hitting and kicking. Jonah's mom was also able to visit with him, focus on doing what DCFS needed from her so Jonah could come home. Jonah was able to have family counseling sessions and keep his connection with his mom until the court decided it was safe enough to go home. "The Wraparound team helped Jonah understand and make sense of his little world until he was safe to go home and followed him every step of the way," said Wendy.

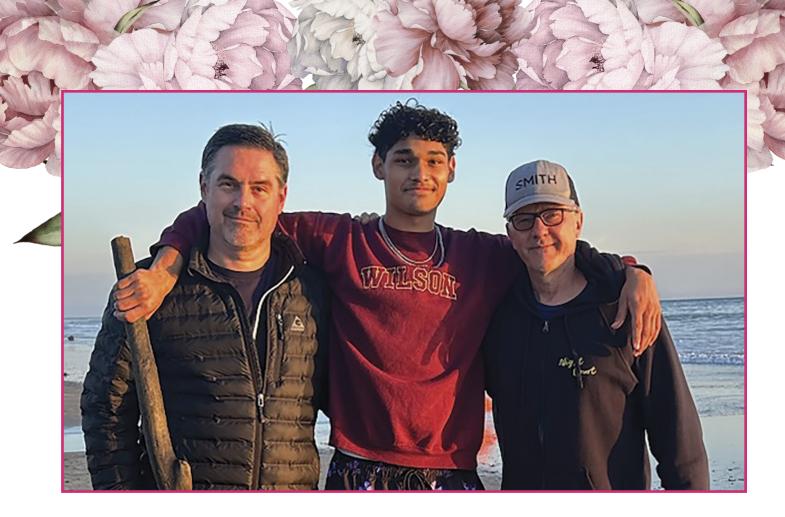
"Sometimes our children don't have a linear path when DCFS gets involved. They change homes and schools frequently. Having a consistent team of mental health professionals who walk alongside that child and their family, means a world of difference for the end of their story," said Wendy. "We were able to help Jonah have stability and feel safe until it was safe enough to go home to mommy."

* Name has been changed to protect the child's identity and confidentiality.



Well-being

We know that choice is important, and having access to care improves outcomes. As a result, we continue to offer both in-person and telehealth services throughout six counties. In FY21-22, 76% of our clients chose telehealth services to incorporate into their care with us.



Celebrating Permanency

Making meaningful and permanent connections

While Thomas Schultheis, a teaching artist, would talk about having children in the 24 years they have been together, Michael Warga was unsure about the idea since he did not see himself as a father. On his commute to work on the set of a television show as an assistant prop master, Mike heard a radio ad for Raise a Child, an agency that was recruiting foster parents and works with organizations like Five Acres to match foster children with loving parents. Thomas was unable to attend the event, so Mike agreed to go on their behalf and heard a foster father and his adoptive son speak at the event.

Thomas didn't think he was going to have a great time, but then "he comes back and has a life-changing moment." It took them years to find a path that made sense to them, but once they started figuring out the steps to becoming foster parents, they trained with Five Acres in 2014. In the first training session, they went around the room asking everyone what was the age range of the children they wanted in their homes, Thomas and Mike responded with "We have no idea,"

which allowed them to be open to different age ranges of foster kids.

"We ended up having this saying, rather than put our sights on a theoretical child, let's be open to when we meet an actual human being that speaks to us and has a natural connection. That thought has guided us well," said Thomas.

By 2015 they became certified and opened their home to four teenage boys at different times. They would get numerous calls from our staff asking if they were interested in having a foster child placed. When they finally said yes it was a Saturday after 10 p.m. and we needed to place a teenage boy on Sunday because he was going to start school that following Monday. He was a few months shy of turning 18 when they were complete strangers to each other. "That was five years ago this past January, and we are still connected with him to this day. He stayed for two years with us. We had some big

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victories with him and some big challenges with him," said Mike. From then on, they were connected to Kidsave, an organization that helps older foster care youth make meaningful and lasting connections with adults. They began attending events where youth would have a voice and choice in choosing who they would like to get to know more.

"Kids have a final say every step of the way. It ends up reverberating in our parenting that we continue to check with them about most things to get their opinions and perspectives," said Thomas, who said Five Acres staff kept mentioning Kidsave, which was a game changer.

Mike added that "giving the kids the say and the power has been remarkable in our journey." Between Five Acres, Raise a Child, and Kidsave, it really does takes a village. "They have been helpful and supportive of us in a variety of ways."

Our team provided the family with support, teaching and guiding Thomas and Mike in areas they were not well versed. In the extremes, our team has been there to celebrate accomplishments and successes, including challenging times when we stepped up to encourage and assist them as a family. In the intensive services for some of the boys, our team has given the family three workers

that work with them weekly, and this has been beneficial in a variety of ways.

The couple continues to have meaningful connections with the boys who have since left. One of them has only four tickets to his graduation, and he has invited Thomas and Mike along with his foster mom and biological mother. Another boy who was failing school, now has a 4.6 grade point average, and was recently accepted as an early admission candidate to two colleges.

"I never thought I would be a father. Tom would talk about it repeatedly, and I didn't see that in myself," said Mike. "The connection with the boys in foster care has definitely changed our lives for the better. We have done a lot in our lives, but not anything that compares to the complexity and the significance of what this means to us in our hearts as we work with these kids."

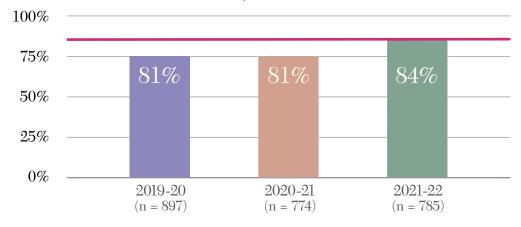
Thomas added, "we are learning that consistent love and support, showing up and following up can really make a positive impact on these kids."

They are now seeking to become adoptive parents to one of the teenagers, who is thriving and flourishing. He chose them and the reward has been nothing but wonderful to experience.

Permanency

Despite the pandemic and the added stressors that our families presented with, we were able to maintain an 84% permanency rate for our families. Four out of five division had an improvement in permanency from the prior year. Our goal is to reach 85% permanency rate by 2025!

% of clients who acheived permanency through Five Acres



2025 Agency Target:



2021-2022 Executive Board

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2021 Golf Classic

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2022 Annual Gala

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Children's Guild

Ruth Coyne and Florence Nelson Co-Presidents

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Offices

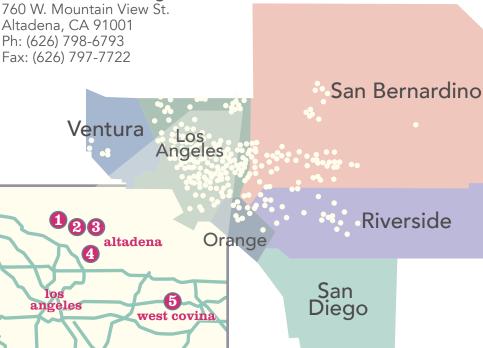
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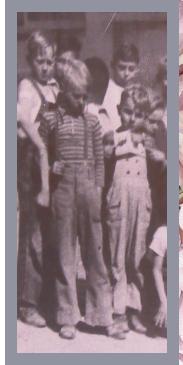


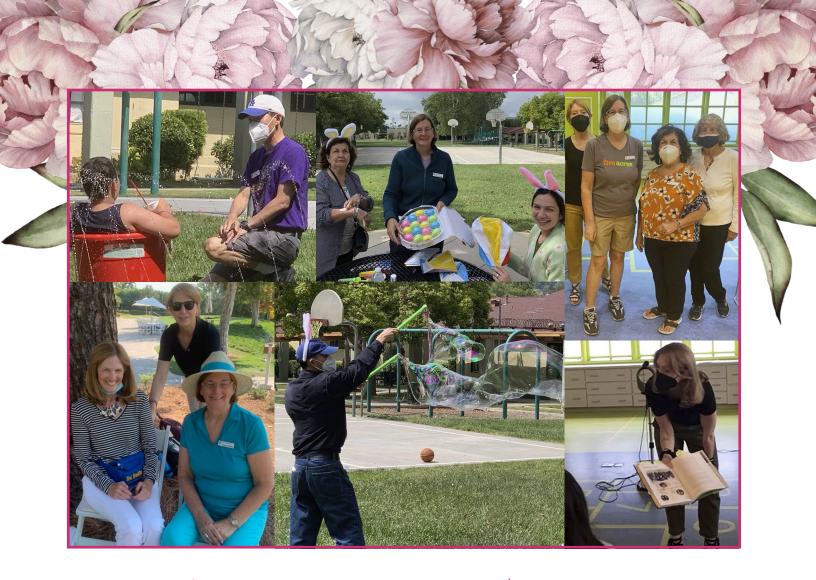
Financials

Audited financial statement 2021-2022

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Assets	2021	2022
Cash	\$14,139,820	\$4,755,468
Investments	\$19,120,294	\$21,974,786
Accounts Receivable	\$2,644,141	\$7,572,380
Collection	\$195,000	\$0
Pledges Receivable	\$38,472	\$0
Other Current Assets	\$1,392,646	\$1,512,053
Fixed Assets (net)	\$4,087,653	\$2,419,231
Total Assets	\$41,618,026	\$38,233,918
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Liabilities	0007.407	* 4 000 700
Accounts Payable	\$907,137	\$4,309,733
Accrued Liabilities	\$6,684,596	\$5,247,817
Deferred Revenue	\$187,071	\$217,754
Government Owned Assets	\$64,038	\$0
Line of Credit	\$0	\$0
Paycheck Protection Program	\$5,394,077	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$13,236,919	\$9,775,304
Fund Balances		
Retained Earnings (unrestricted)	\$26,560,747	\$26,547,124
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Retained Earnings (restricted)	\$1,820,360	\$1,911,490
Total Net Assets	\$28,381,107	\$28,458,614
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$41,618,026	\$38,233,918
Program Revenues		
Government Contracts & Service Fees	\$34,003,094	\$31,495,784
Other Programs	\$2,734,792	\$3,302,275
Total Program Revenues	\$36,737,886	\$34,798,059
Public Support	¢1 400 10F	¢1 474 017
Contributions & Bequests	\$1,402,135	\$1,474,017
In-Kind	\$632,767	\$432,858
Collections	C	¢го/ 7/г
Special Events	\$0	\$596,765
Total Public Support	\$2,034,902	\$2,503,640
Other Revenues		
Dividends: Gain/Loss on Investment	\$3,627,167	\$1,072,952
Total Revenue & Support	\$42,399,955	\$38,374,651
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Expenses	¢22.4/2.222	¢20 FF/ 2F2
Program Services	\$32,163,223	\$30,556,252
Support Services	\$6,068,647	\$6,055,139
Total Expenses	\$38,231,870	\$36,611,391
Change In Net Assets	\$4,168,085	\$1,763,260

Most of Five Acres' funding comes from highly restricted government contracts which don't always cover everything our clients need. Your charitable support is the game changer, empowering special programs and projects that enhance the safety, well-being and permanency for the children and families in our care.





Celebrating Our Volunteers

Volunteering to make this world a better place

In 1888, a few volunteers founded Five Acres, then known as The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Los Angeles, an organization committed to bringing safety to boys and girls who suddenly were alone, neglected or abused. During our 135 years, one constant remains the same at Five Acres – the commitment of our volunteers to support the mission and ensure each child has a permanent, loving home. Ruth Coyne, co-president of the Five Acres Children's Guild with Florence Nelson, is one volunteer among the legacy of supporters who has contributed her time to show foster care children they are cared for and thought of daily.

Influenced by her mom who, despite having seven children of her own, Ruth saw how she still invited kids who were in need from the inner city to come stay at their home in Connecticut. Five years ago, Ruth was at a time in her life when the children were in high school

and college and had more flexibility at work that she was able to find time to give to an organization whose mission was to help children in need. In addition, Ruth continued to see the nation's income gap increase and realized that there are so many more families struggling who could use the support of the community.

"It is painful to know there are families and kids without shelter, enough food, or loved ones to care for them. I believe we do not choose our entry into this world, and some are lucky enough to be well provided for and others are not, through no fault of their own, so those that have, need to help those that have not," said Ruth. "If we can assist kids in need when they are young, providing care, love and opportunities for them to succeed in life, then we are helping make this world a better place for all, not just the fortunate few."

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Today, Ruth with The Guild members provides hands-on activities with the kids, working together, encouraging them to grow, and providing fun times, which they all love. The Guild plans and facilitates monthly activities like barbecues and bounce houses, movie nights, game nights, magicians, dance lessons, park visits, Descanso Gardens light show, bowling and pizza, mini-golf, and dinners out. Educational and charitable activities include their summer book club, vision boards, gardening sessions and making sandwiches for Union Station. The members also host special celebration activities for the holidays like Christmas shopping, Halloween fun and games, Valentine treats and kind notes, Easter egg hunts, and more. They also deliver birthday cakes, cards and gifts on the children's special day with a note from their birthday angel.

"Watching, working, and talking with the kids at our events is what brings us all back," said Ruth. "They are bright, positive, full of energy and want what everyone one wants – to feel capable, to feel welcome, and to feel wanted, needed and loved."

One memorable and affirming occasion was seeing the kids get excited about packing lunches for Union Station. "The kids were very concerned that we were providing healthy food and were worried about allergies – they were asking all sorts of questions to make sure we were taking care proper care of those less fortunate them themselves. [They asked] 'What if they don't eat meat? What if they can't chew that well?' I could tell it made them feel good to be helping others."

Helping others was a sense of pride and accomplishment for the children living in our residential program. Likewise, Ruth's contribution as a volunteer working to help and care for others has been rewarding, too.



"If we have been given a life of opportunity, if we have achieved a life of comfort and the ability to provide for ourselves, while others have not been so fortunate... shouldn't we share and reach out to those in need?" questioned Ruth. "Especially to kids, who by no fault of their own may be part of a family that is unable to care for them. As a society, we need to care for those who cannot care for themselves."

Ruth walks the talk and follows in the footsteps of other inspiring volunteer figures in our history.

"Volunteering is a way to fulfill our purpose on earth – whatever your spiritual beliefs are – and I believe we all can assist others in some way to make life better," said Ruth. "The example of these kids, with their own significant needs, seeing that they too can help the homeless is a perfect example that we can all volunteer our support in some way."



Interested in Volunteering?

Ruth Coyne, co-president of The Children's Guild said, "Volunteering at Five Aces is rewarding, inspiring, sometimes heart wrenching, but so important as these kids especially, need to know people care about them."

The Five Acres Children's Guild meets once a month, and schedules activities with the kids 9 to 10 months out of the year. You can invest a little time or a lot of time – it's up to you. "But I guarantee, you will come back from all of these events feeling great!"

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, email Angelique Blancas at <u>ablancas@5acres.org</u> or call (626) 487-3748.



Philanthropy Circle and Cumulative Giving 2021-2022

Philanthropy Circle

Visionary Circle (\$100.000.00 +)

Anonymous Sierra Health Foundation UniHealth Foundation Helen and Will Webster Foundation

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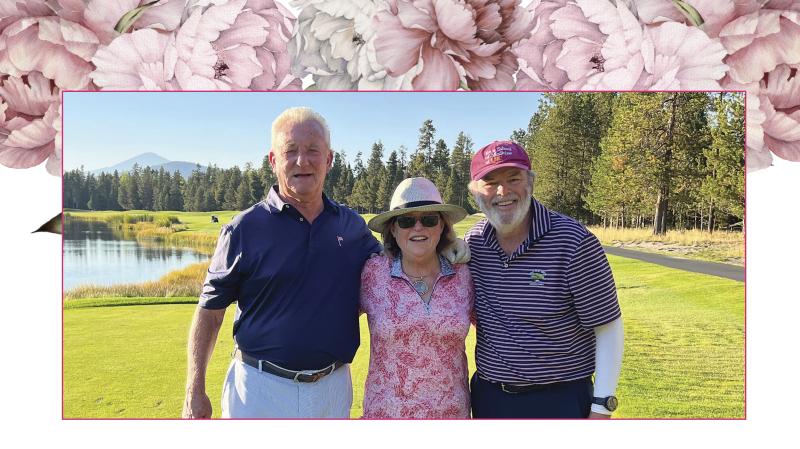
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Celebrating a moment on the fairway

Walking up the 8th hole fairway at Annandale Golf Club with then Five Acres incoming board chair Gary Blasiar in 2003, John Reith was asked if he would be interested in getting involved in the agency. John had recently rotated off the board of the Arthritis Foundation for Southern California and was looking to get involved somewhere. You could say it was an ace in the hole.

As a certified public accountant, he joined the Finance Committee and then after a year was asked to become a board member and remained in that role for 12 years. Nearly 20 years later, he still serves as a member of the Finance and Investment Committees.

"Being involved with Five Acres has been a rewarding experience for me," said John, whose significant accomplishment was leading the Board Affairs Committee while it conducted the search for a new executive director to replace Bob Ketch. Members included Gene Gregg, Christine Davis, and Andrew Crowell. "We bonded and had a great time. We selected Chanel, and we have become dear, dear friends."

"The mission has changed so much from the everchanging regulations. It's a tough business to be in and I can't think of a better CEO to be responsible for Five Acres than Chanel," he reflected. "She was a perfect choice and has grown into the job so wonderfully."

John has participated in golf tournaments, attended galas, and served the children during their Holiday Dinner, giving him various experiences with the operations of the agency. Five Acres' business standpoint has been at the forefront of John's commitment, focusing on financial sustainability and the ability to protect the mission for years to come.

He took it one step further by becoming a Legacy Society Member with his wife Charlotte. Both work at The Reith Company, specializing in forensic accounting, and together they believe in our mission.

"We were the third oldest orphanage in LA County and I love the mission of helping the agency that helps kids who need it so much," said John about why he chose to include Five Acres in their estate planning. "We made the decision that this is one of those things we wanted to support."

He still golfs with Gary, and when he's at Annandale, the 8th hole fairway has a special place in his mind as "one of those worthy moments" that left a legacy in our history.



Five Acres Legacy Society Members

The Five Acres Legacy Society was formed as a way for like-minded humanitarians to serve future families in need. By including Five Acres in your estate planning, you ensure the safety, well-being and permanency of Southern California's children as if they were your own.

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If you have already included Five Acres in your estate plan, please reach out to us. We would like to honor you through the Legacy Society to acknowledge your inspiring generosity and compassion for others. If you are considering a planned gift, please contact Jennifer Berger at (626) 773-3749 or jberger@5acres.org to learn the many ways you can establish a meaningful legacy of your own. On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you!

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