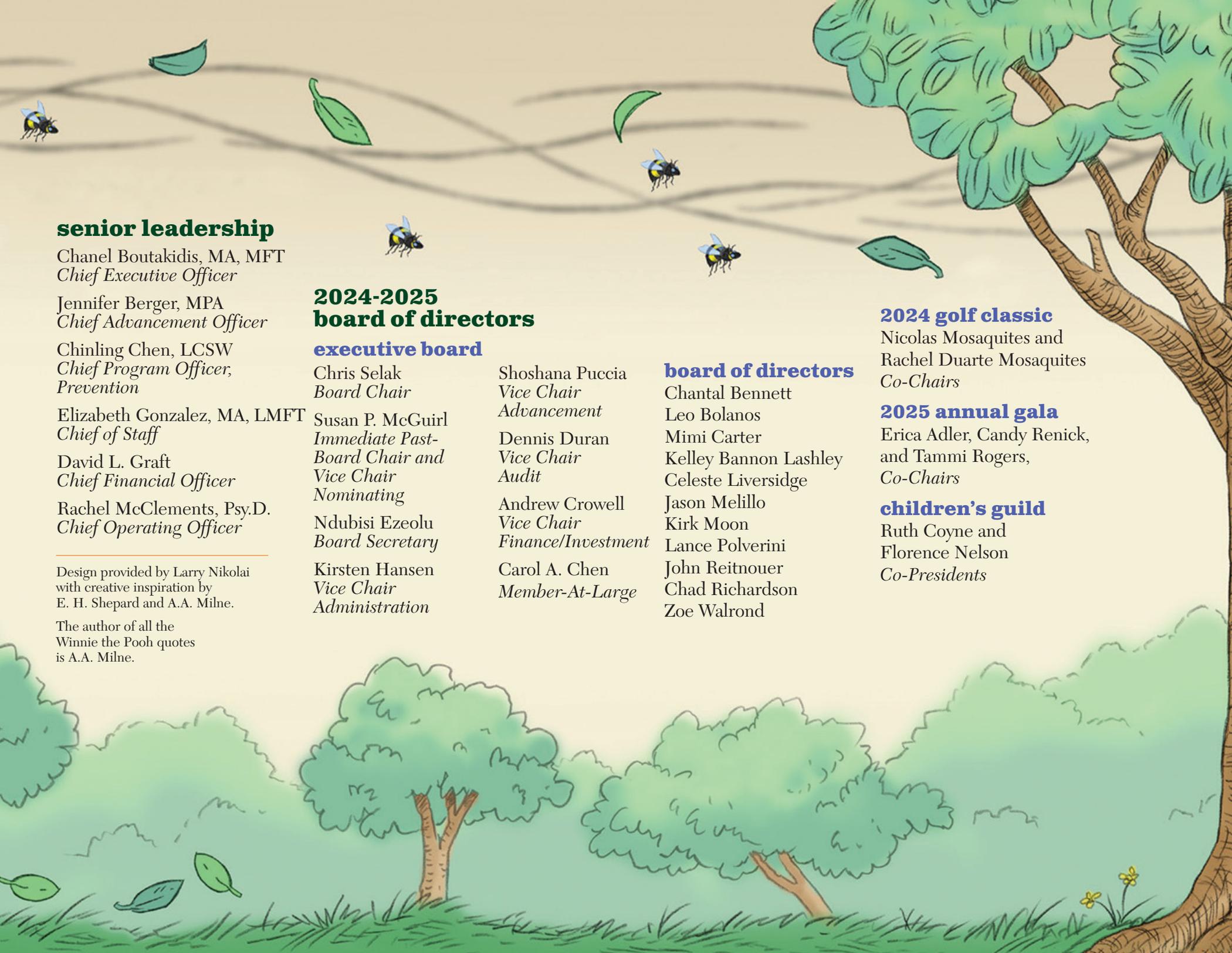


# Heart & Home in Five Acres' Hundred Acre Wood Annual Report 2024-2025

"Home is where hearts  
grow quietly until one day, you realize  
you've built a forest of love."





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The author of all the  
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**mission statement:**

Five Acres promotes safety, well-being and permanency for children and their families by building on their strengths and empowering them within communities.

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## 1888: a home takes root



Established on March 12, 1888, we were founded as The Boys' & Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County. The Board of Trustees opened a little six-room cottage erected by W.H. Holmes, located in downtown Los Angeles at 13 Fuller Street, which later became 2150 Glowner Street, and was purchased for \$2,350.

A South Pasadena property was donated to the home in 1898 by Miss Olive Cleveland, cousin of former President Cleveland. The new three-story dormitory, completed in 1903, had the capacity to serve 139 children, and operated for 23 years. During this time, Miss Anne Stoye served as executive director.



This is the front of the South Pasadena home. In 1921, the Board of Trustees purchased five acres of land in Altadena and contracted The Orndorff Construction Company to construct a group of buildings, including main building, hospital, four dormitories and boiler house, and laundry room.

Once the five acres of land was purchased, famed architect Myron Hubbard Hunt was commissioned to design “an outstanding child-oriented facility.” Plans for the structure were prepared by Mr. Hunt, and when completed, the building represented an expenditure of about \$800,000, which would be about \$13 million today. This is the original print of the new historical headquarters of The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County in Altadena, now known as Five Acres.



# dear friends

As we step into this extraordinary year, we are honored to share our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025—Heart & Home in Five Acres’ Hundred Acre Wood. One hundred years ago, in 1926, Five Acres moved to its Altadena historical headquarters and began a new chapter in a story that continues to shape the lives of children and families across Southern California. Today, we pause with gratitude to reflect on the legacy we’ve built together and the future we are committed to creating. We also acknowledge the immeasurable loss so many in our community experienced from the 2025 Eaton Fire while feeling strengthened by the ways that neighbors, friends, and families came together to care for each other.

For 138 years, Five Acres has been a place where children find safety, families find support, and our community finds purpose through service. Much like the beloved friends who gathered in the Hundred Acre Wood, our work reminds us that healing and hope grow strongest when people come together—each bringing their own strengths, compassion, and courage.

In this year’s report, you will read stories from across our programs:

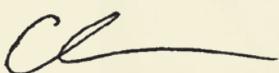
- **Residential Care**, where children who have experienced trauma begin to heal in a home filled with understanding.
- **Wear Your Heart**, our growing outreach initiative that brings early intervention, parent education, and resources directly to families—responding to an urgent youth mental health crisis with clarity and care.
- **Permanency and Foster Care**, where families open their hearts and homes to children who are seeking belonging and family connection.
- **Our Impact by the Numbers**, showing where and how your support strengthened communities across six counties in Southern California.
- **Donor Recognition and Financial Stewardship**, demonstrating how your generosity sustains our mission and ensures we remain strong for the next 100 years in Altadena.

These chapters tell a larger story: that every child deserves a loving home, every family deserves support, and every act of kindness creates ripples that last far beyond a single moment.

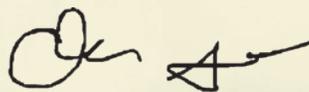
As we celebrate 100 years in Altadena and 138 years in our history, we remain deeply grateful to you—our donors, partners, volunteers, and friends—whose belief in our mission makes this work possible. Your gifts, your advocacy, your time, and your heart continue to make Five Acres a place of hope and transformation.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this milestone year. Together, we honor our past, embrace our present, and build a brighter, safer future for every child who comes through our doors.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Chanel Boutakidis  
Chief Executive Officer, Five Acres



Chris Selak  
Chair, Board of Directors

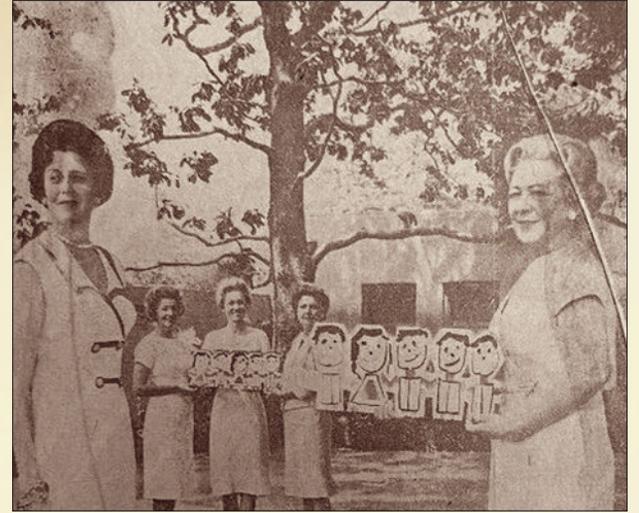


Chanel Boutakidis



Chris Selak

“It’s not  
the years that make  
a story wonderful—  
it’s the love  
tucked inside  
each one.”



“Healing doesn’t hurry. It tiptoes in softly, like sunlight finding its way through the leaves.”

# chapter 1: finding home within

## Residential Treatment — Where Safety Takes Root

In every forest, there are moments when a child needs a safe clearing—a place to rest, to learn, and to grow strong enough to continue the journey. For nearly a century, Five Acres has been that place for children who need care when home feels uncertain.

Sarah Bonk, a 17-year-old student at Flintridge Preparatory School, first came to know Five Acres not through a brochure or a website, but through family history. Her grandfather, Donald Bonk, had once called Five Acres home. Curious to learn more about the place that brought safety to her grandfather during a difficult chapter of his childhood, Sarah volunteered at Five Acres over the summer, walking the same grounds where his story began.

Donald was born in 1926, the same year Five Acres moved to its historical headquarters in Altadena. During the Great Depression, his family faced hardship. Originally from Chicago, Donald and his mother were struggling to find steady footing. She knew she could not care for him on her own. In that moment of uncertainty, Five Acres became a place of refuge. Donald arrived at age nine and remained until he was sixteen.

Life at Five Acres looked different then. Children shared dormitory-style rooms, and a husband-and-wife team oversaw daily life with firm expectations. Donald mowed lawns, washed dishes, and learned responsibility through routine. It was not always easy, but it was steady. And it was safe.

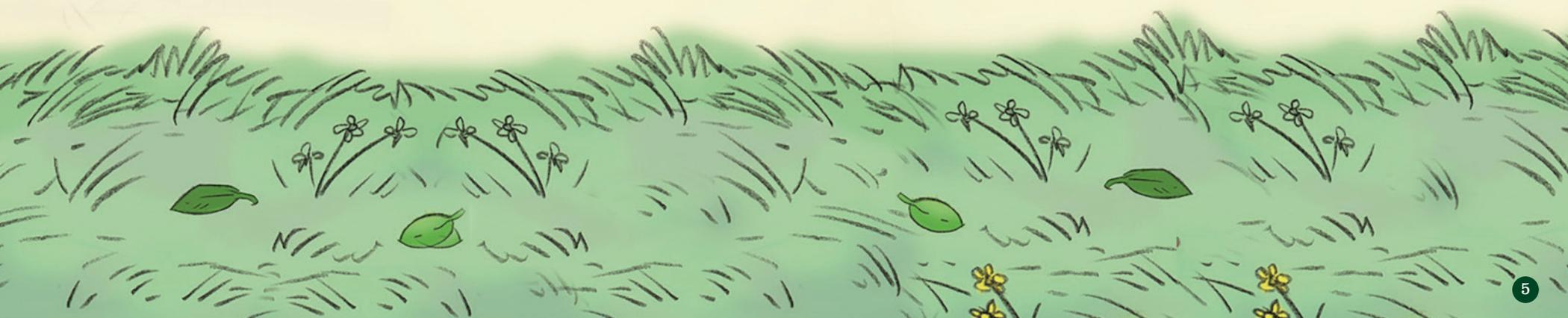
After living with his mother for two more years, Donald joined the Navy at age 18 and left for boot camp. While others cried themselves to sleep, Donald, having already learned how to live in a structured environment, felt prepared. Five Acres had quietly taught him resilience, independence, and how to stand on his own.

Years later, Donald returned to Five Acres with Christmas gifts for the children who lived there. He noticed how much had changed—private rooms, softer spaces, and a new way of caring—yet the heart of the place remained the same.

Just as Five Acres once took care of Donald, he spent his life taking care of others. He lovingly supported his mother until the day she passed away. His son, David, remembers how deeply his daughters adored their grandfather, growing up close to him, laughing, hiking, and sharing everyday moments. Sarah remembers watching Western movies with him when she was little. He loved working on cars.

Though his childhood held adversity, Donald was determined to make a full life, and he did. Surrounded by family, heart, and hope, his story came full circle.

Like Pooh once reminded us, sometimes the most important thing a place can do is help you discover your own strength. For generations of children, Five Acres has been that place—quietly helping them find home within themselves.





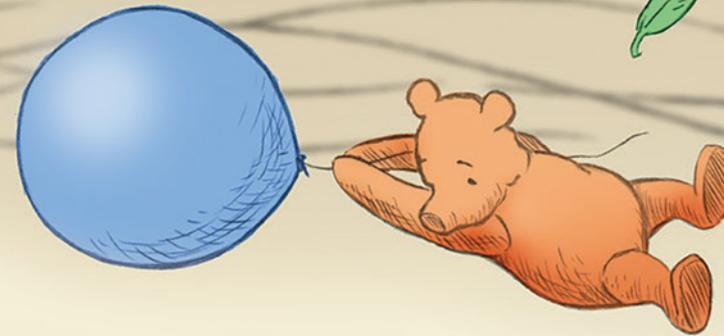
**five acres.**  
**wear**  
**your**  
**heart**  
**initiative**

*Because no child or family should struggle alone.  
Help kiddos wear their heart.*

“Every feeling has a story;  
sometimes we just need a friend to  
help us read it.”



Would you like more information about our parenting workshops, pediatric mental healthcare, or other community resources for your family? Scan the QR code or email [hope@5acres.org](mailto:hope@5acres.org) to connect with Five Acres for support.



**community partners**  
Referring parents with young children to Five Acres who need access to education, linkage, and mental health.

**media partners**  
Increasing cause awareness

**referring partners**  
Linkage to services outside of Five Acres for a full circle of care.

We are looking to grow our partnerships! If your organization is interested in partnering with us to provide outreach, education, resources, or access to care, please email Edwin Quiles at [EQviles@5acres.org](mailto:EQviles@5acres.org).

## chapter 2: the heart that heals

In every forest, even one as gentle as the Hundred Acre Wood, there are days when little hearts feel heavy. Some children carry worries they cannot name, and some families search for light in places that feel far too dark. In response to the growing youth mental health crisis across Southern California, Five Acres created the Wear Your Heart initiative that launched in 2025, a reminder that even when feelings are hard to see, they deserve to be cared for with tenderness and understanding.

Through partnerships with community organizations, healthcare providers, schools, and media, Five Acres is delivering support where families live, gather, and reach out. The initiative equips parents and caregivers with the tools they need such as early-intervention education, mental health access, and referral pathways, so that fewer children struggle alone.

Kate McGevna, Five Acres Director of Training and Organization Development, is one of the key staff members leading the Wear Your Heart initiative. Kate and her team attend resource and outreach events to meet families and share information about mental health, well-being and resilience. They also provide parenting workshops for parents with kids 0-5 years old at Families Forward and KidSpace in Pasadena.

Kate notes the impact of the parenting workshops as she remarks, “I love seeing the parents engage with the topic we are discussing - being open to talk about their worries and parenting concerns, being vulnerable and learning not just from us, but from each other as well. It’s encouraging when parents report back on how they’ve found success in using a skill we discussed in a previous session.”

Providing outreach through Wear Your Heart helps Five Acres as an organization to identify community needs, engagement strategies, and gaps in resources while strengthening family resilience and mental health. It also offers insights into effective program content, barriers to participation, and emerging trends in parenting challenges.

With a bold vision for 2030, Wear Your Heart aims to expand mental-health access and services for children throughout Southern California, including families impacted by recent wildfires. We want to ensure that every child, no matter how small their voice, is seen, heard, and supported.

Rooted in the mission that began in 1888, Five Acres continues its 138-year promise and 100 years in Altadena to nurture safety, well-being, and permanency for children in crisis—one heart at a time.





“The heart  
always knows when  
it’s home.”



## chapter 3: opening doors, creating forever



When Reena Magsarili Raasch and Will Raasch imagined their future together, they decided not to have biological children and to pour their energy into foster care, while being open to adoption in the journey. Long before becoming certified caregivers, they planned intentionally—right down to choosing a house with enough bedrooms to welcome future foster children.

Their search for the right partner led them to Five Acres, where knowledgeable staff and compassionate Resource Families made them feel surrounded by a true community. “Knowing we weren’t alone, and that we’d have a strong support network we could call on, made a big impact,” Reena shares. Training offered not only practical tools but also connection to other families who were candid about the realities of foster care.

Once certified, Reena and Will accepted placement of a premature newborn in the NICU. Two and a half years later, that tiny baby officially became their son. “It’s not how we imagined our journey would go!” they said. “We thought we’d have temporary placements, but we ended up with forever right away.”

Since then, the Raasch family has continued to open their home with open hearts. Their son’s biological younger brother is now living with them as a foster placement, and recently, they began fostering a teen girl as well.

“Every decision you make in foster care can be life-changing,” they observed. “We see Five Acres as our partner in this journey. It’s so helpful to have an agency that knows us so well. Through all the ups and downs, we know the staff are there to advocate on our behalf and for what the child needs.”

Families like the Raasches are vital in Five Acres’ mission to create safety, well-being, and permanency for every child. Their journey reminds us why our mission matters, opening doors and creating forever for those who need it most.

In the last year, 91% of children achieved permanency at discharge across all agency programs.

## chapter 4: the sweetest gift

Larry Nikolai first connected with Five Acres in the 1990s through a holiday toy drive at Walt Disney Imagineering. “We all received tags for specific children and then went shopping for them,” he recalls. “We took part in that drive for several years.” That simple act of kindness sparked a decades-long relationship with Five Acres, rooted in creativity and compassion.

Larry’s artistic talents came into play in 1995 when Ellen Guevara invited him to help a team create the Winnie-The-Pooh-themed front lobby at our historical headquarters. Larry helped to paint scenery for that project and is proud that the installation remains well maintained. For the new Five Acres Centennial Exhibit, his daughter-in-law Autumn Nikolai joined him in the design process, volunteering her expertise on displays and photos for the installation. Fellow Imagineer Alumnus Chris Crump provided production and installation leadership, along with the help and hard work of the Five Acres Advancement and Facilities teams.

“It was a team effort,” Larry emphasizes, also crediting the generosity of partners like mural provider GP Color of North Hollywood. That, combined with the original creative inspiration of A.A. Milne and E. H. Shepard, brought the Centennial project to life.

For Larry, staying connected to Five Acres is deeply personal. During the original Pooh lobby installation, he attended an evening event with kids living on campus. “They sang on stage, and it struck me how they were going through such a tumultuous time in their lives. It’s so important to care for them,” he shares. As a parent, that moment cemented his commitment to the mission. Today, Larry and his wife Nancy are regular donors and have recently joined the Legacy Society by including Five Acres in their wills, ensuring their legacy of giving continues.



*Larry and Nancy Nikolai, daughter Jessica West, and Sage, the pup.*

Larry’s own career spans 28 years with Disney, where he served as a Creative Director for Imagineering. He spent many years working on attractions for the Tokyo Disney Resort and Disneyland Paris, as well as beloved attractions like The Little Mermaid rides at Disney California Adventure and Walt Disney World. Now retired, he still paints and cherishes teamwork, the same spirit that drives his support for Five Acres.

Larry’s story reminds us that the sweetest gift isn’t just a toy—it’s the enduring care and creativity that shape brighter futures.

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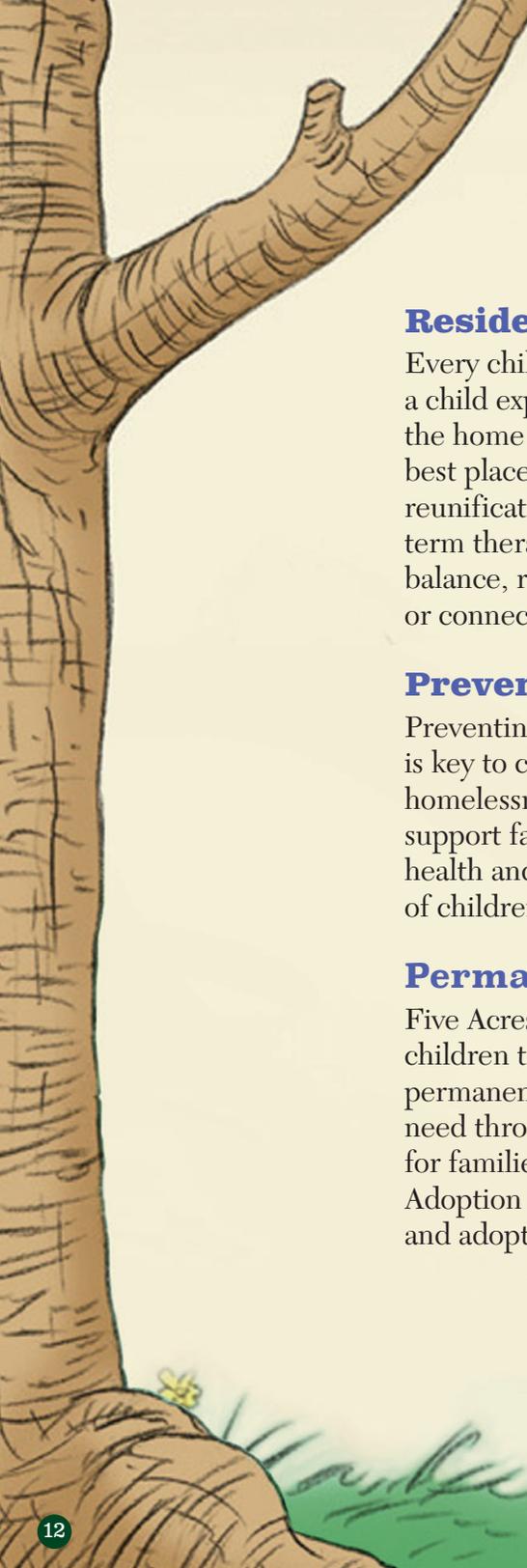
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are the ones that keep whispering  
love long after we’re gone.”

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## our services

### **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 treatment 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 Southern California's 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**

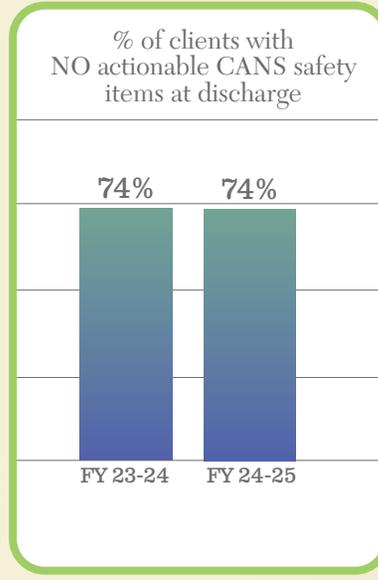
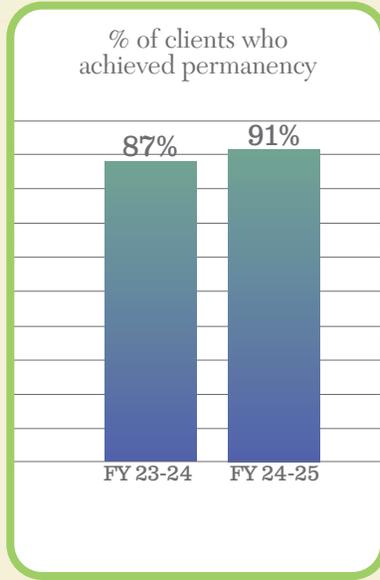
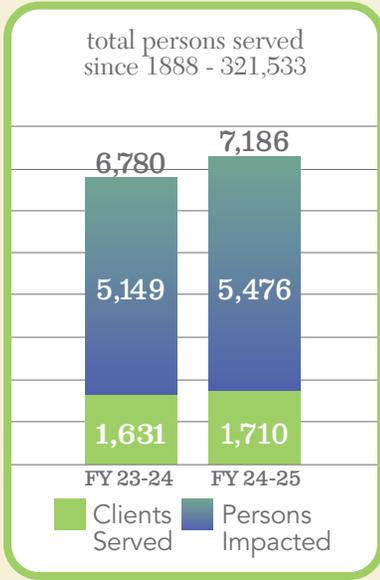
Through our Community-Based Services, we provide behavioral support, skill building, and counseling to children and youth who are experiencing risk factors or stressors that cause disruptions in their home, school, relationships, and communities. We also provide support to parents, caregivers, and families to improve relationships, develop skill sets, and cope with symptoms in a positive and safe way. 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**

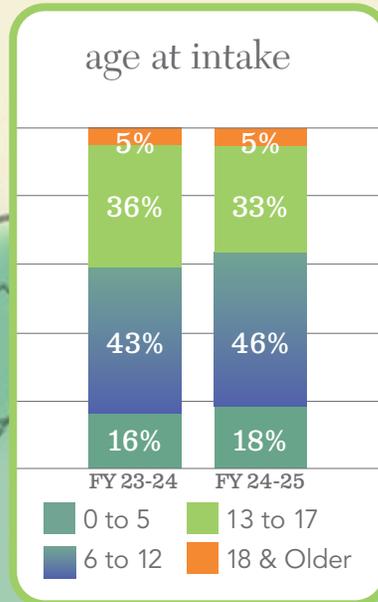
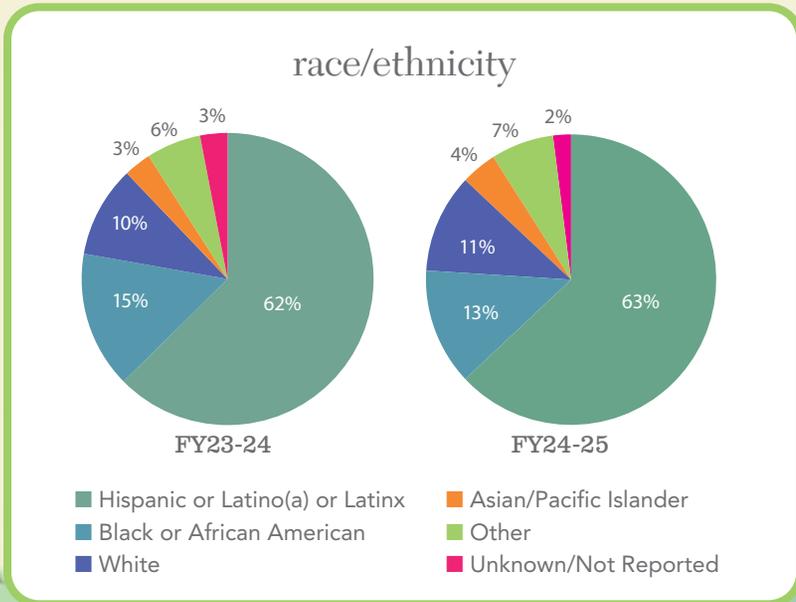
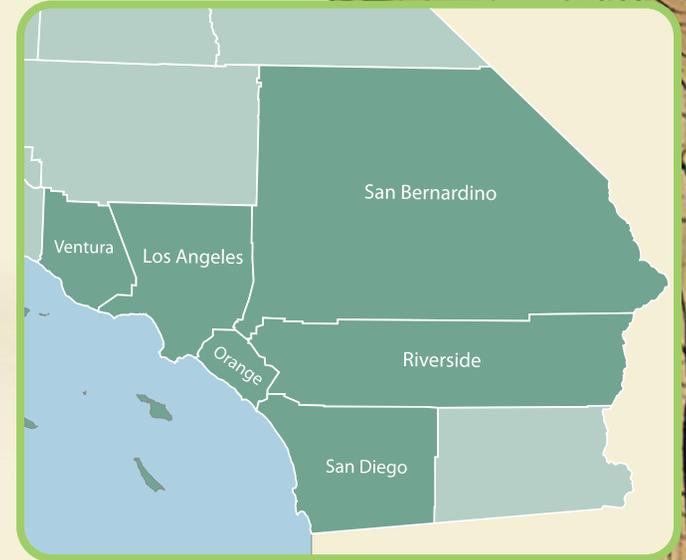
We partner with private health care organizations across Southern California to provide access to intensive services for children to keep them safe in their own home and community. Through our care, we help lower the child's risk of psychiatric hospitalization and prevent the need for out-of-home congregate care placements. We accept insurance from the following providers and networks: Kaiser Permanente, CalOptima Health, Health Net, Anthem, Molina Healthcare, L.A. Care, ILS, Full Circle Health Network (FCHN), and MHN.

# chapter 5: our hundred acre impact

## client impact



## our reach



## chapter 6: a forest of gratitude

“When we share a little of what we have, we fill the world with something that never runs out.”

At Five Acres, the heart of our mission has always been community, and at the center of every strong community is family. Few stories illustrate this more beautifully than the multi-generational volunteer journey of Trish Gonzales and her family, whose commitment shows how one person’s “yes” can ripple outward, touching many lives.

Eight years ago, when Trish accepted a friend’s invitation to attend a Five Acres Gala, she had no idea she was planting the first seed of a family tradition. What began as curiosity grew into purposeful involvement as Trish returned year after year, eventually becoming a three-time Gala Committee Chair. Her enthusiasm soon grew as she connected her daughters, sisters, and extended family with the work of Five Acres.

Her daughter Tera Wild joined the Gala committee and quickly emerged as a powerhouse fundraiser, securing auction items, expanding the guest list, and even planning her honeymoon around meeting dates. Trish’s sister Julie became a committed member as well, and Trish’s younger daughters discovered their own ways to give back—with Riley modeling gala “bling” and Mia redecorating a therapeutic family room on campus with her Girl Scout troop.

The impact kept growing. Inspired by conversations with her aunts, Trish and Julie’s niece became a foster parent through Five Acres, opening her home to children who need care and stability.



*Riley Gonzales, (L to R) Tera Wild, Trish Gonzales, and Julie Lawson at the California Dreaming Gala.*

This family’s story shows what is possible when volunteering becomes a shared experience: deeper relationships, inspired younger generations, and a strengthened community. As Trish says, “If everyone does a little, it all adds up. Whatever you start here just branches off and grows.”

And now, as Five Acres approaches its Golden Gala, Trish, Tera and the rest of the family are more energized than ever, ready to celebrate 100 years of impact and to invite friends, neighbors, and new supporters to join a legacy that continues to grow.



# Thank you

## Philanthropy Circle 2024–2025

We are deeply grateful to Five Acres' generous and selfless donors who bring hope home for every child to have a loving, permanent family. Because of you, the futures for these children and families are brighter than ever.

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Donors who have made significant cumulative gifts during the history of Five Acres.

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make the arithmetic of love –  
many hearts, one home.”

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# chapter 7: the roots that sustain and grow

Audited Financial Statement 2024-2025

“Every number

here tells a story of someone who  
believed in doing good.”

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 gamechanger; empowering special programs and projects that enhance safety, well-being and permanency for the children and families in our care.



	2024	2025
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$9,763,377	\$15,835,952
Investments	\$27,729,461	\$31,318,390
Accounts Receivable	\$14,168,615	\$9,589,593
Pledges Receivable	\$361,000	\$35,000
Other Current Assets	\$2,388,903	\$3,347,611
Fixed Assets (net)	\$2,337,470	\$2,279,538
Right-of-use assets - operating leases	\$3,945,238	\$2,856,492
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$60,694,064</b>	<b>\$65,262,576</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$4,050,338	\$850,403
Accrued Liabilities	\$13,677,592	\$15,550,033
Deferred Revenue	\$255,401	\$512,203
Premium Finance Agreement	—	\$364,586
Right-of-use liabilities - operating leases	\$3,985,285	\$2,916,836
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$21,968,616</b>	<b>\$20,194,061</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Retained Earnings (unrestricted)	\$36,658,236	\$42,835,802
Retained Earnings (restricted)	\$2,067,212	\$2,232,713
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$38,725,448</b>	<b>\$45,068,515</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$60,694,064</b>	<b>\$65,262,576</b>
<b>Program Revenues</b>		
Government Contracts & Service Fees	\$37,083,602	\$38,078,368
Other Programs	\$3,464,988	\$3,650,356
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>\$40,548,590</b>	<b>\$41,728,724</b>
<b>Public Support</b>		
Contributions & Bequests	\$1,646,039	\$1,604,640
In-Kind	\$270,387	\$431,913
Special Events	\$484,812	\$603,259
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$2,401,238</b>	<b>\$2,639,812</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>		
Dividends: Gain/Loss on Investment	\$3,610,300	\$4,230,835
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$46,560,128</b>	<b>\$48,599,371</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	\$33,982,194	\$35,389,242
Support Services	\$6,326,509	\$6,978,323
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,308,703</b>	<b>\$42,367,565</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,251,425</b>	<b>\$6,231,806</b>



## 2020-2025 strategic plan final results

In 2020, Five Acres launched a 5-year strategic plan, which was extended by one year to incorporate the impact of the Eaton Fire before embarking on our next strategic plan this year. We are pleased to share our final outcomes:

### **Client Impact:**

Armed with innovation and creativity, we set a permanency rate goal of 85% and exceeded it with an 87% permanency rate. The permanency rate is an agency rate of the number of clients who maintained or achieved permanent placement with their biological family, a relative, legal guardian, or adoptive family.

### **Financial Vitality:**

We increased new funding sources by 40%, exceeding our goal of 15%. Having a more diverse funding stream enables our agency to grow to reach more children and families in need in various capacities.

### **Workforce Wellness:**

We reduced our workforce turnover to 19.7%, exceeding our goal of 20%. Retention, growth, development and investment in our teams is a priority of Five Acres, and we can see the results with the percentile of staff sharing their intended longevity at the agency rising to the 90th percentile.

### **Operational Efficiency:**

Our goal to create access to care through teleservices was achieved in five days, accelerated by the 2020 pandemic, which enabled us to continue to seamlessly provide services to our clients and families. We also introduced new hybrid work options, when applicable, thanks to our technological efforts.

### **Cause Awareness:**

In 2020, we looked to rally our supporters and friends to increase overall giving per person impacted from \$0.58 a day to \$0.70 a day, and exceeded that goal with \$0.93 a day, \$1.03 with in-kind giving included. Most of Five Acres' funding comes from contracts, government and healthcare, which don't always cover everything our clients need. Your charitable support is a game changer that empowers and enhances our mission of safety, well-being and permanency.

# epilogue: the next chapter for five acres

Our 2026 Centennial celebration will include opportunities for our community to gather together as we reflect on our history and look forward to our future. If you would like more information about Centennial events, or to schedule a tour of our Centennial Exhibit at our historical headquarters, please reach out to [JennyLin@5acres.org](mailto:JennyLin@5acres.org) or call 626-390-8453. You can also view images from our history online at <https://5acres.org/2026-centennial-of-our-historical-headquarters/>



our mission is to promote safety, well-being, and permanency for children and their families by building on their strengths and empowering them within communities.

**we will provide quality care (permanency 85%, safety 75%, wellbeing 90%) to over 7,000 children and their families annually**

**we will keep turnover below 20% and be a place where people want to work, with a satisfaction of 4 out of 5 hearts on the annual staff survey**

## 2030 vision

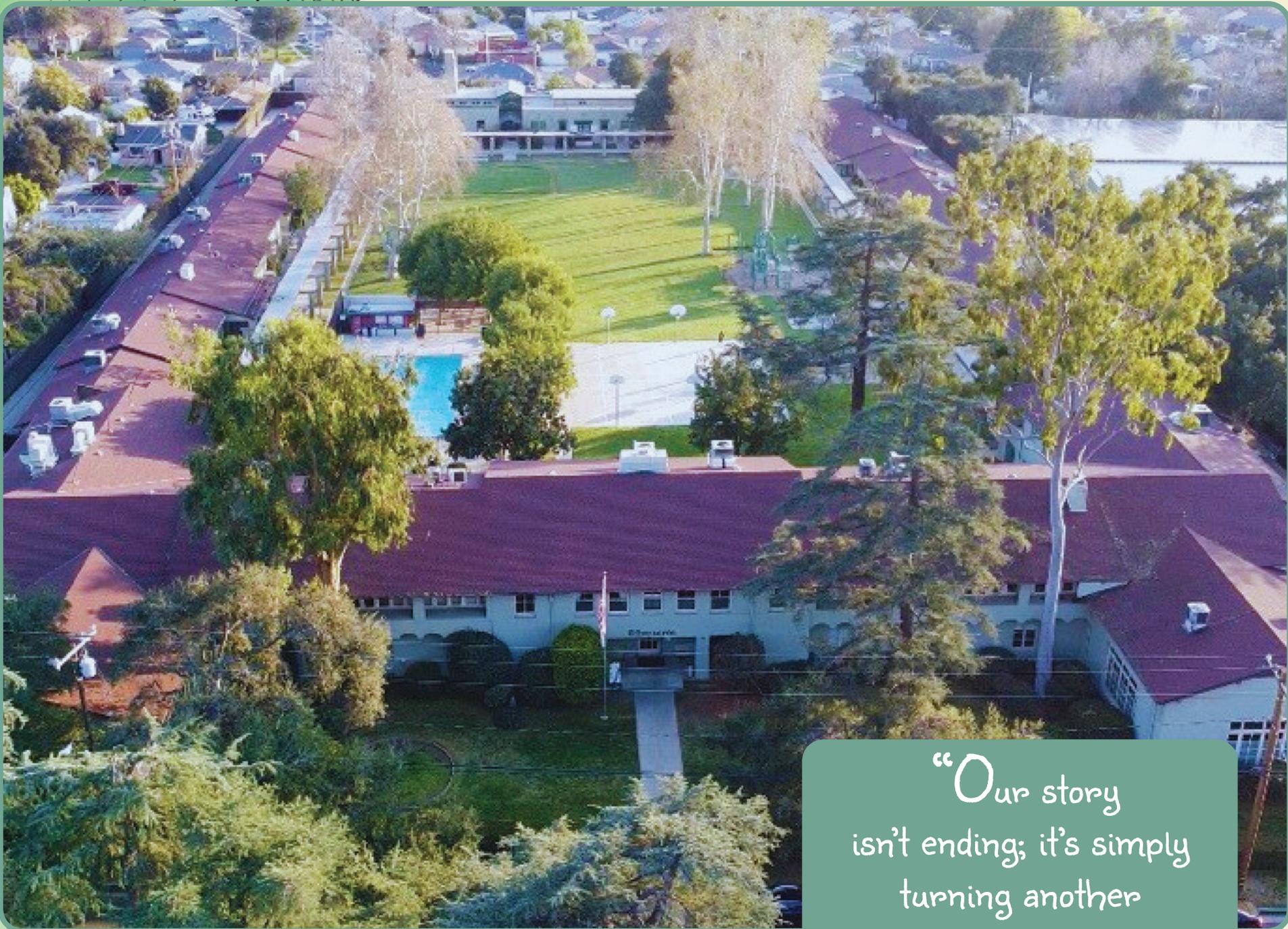
**five acres envisions a world where all children have access to essential care. through our**

### **wear your heart**

**initiative, we will provide compassionate care to promote wellness for children and their families.**

**we will increase and leverage strategic community partnerships and supporter engagement by 20%**

**we will sustain fiscal vitality by optimizing current contracts and preserving operations**



“Our story isn’t ending; it’s simply turning another hopeful page.”



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- 2 S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra  
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- 3 Robert Ketch  
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Pasadena, CA 91103  
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