



Strong Families, Safe Kids

2022 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Serving children and families in crisis in
California, Nevada, and Washington since 1973.

Dear Friend,

During this last year, the number of child abuse cases have skyrocketed, more families are struggling, and too many children are in crisis every day. Homelessness, substance abuse, and depression are common realities for too many individuals in our community.

But, together with your prayer and support, we were able to meet children and families at their lowest point and show them the kindness and compassion they deserve. Moreover, this has been a year when our Olive Crest families, supporters, and volunteers stepped in to fill the gaps to make sure children and families in crisis felt loved and never went without. Through the healing power of God, family, and community these children and families found safety, hope, and stability in the darkest of times.

I am pleased to share the success and transformation you were a part of this last fiscal year. It is my hope that these stories and numbers will show how the financial contributions you have made have positively and completely changed the lives of almost 17,886 children and families.

This next year, Olive Crest will be celebrating 50 years of transforming lives – a milestone that would not be possible without your unwavering dedication. As we look toward the next 50 years and how we will continue to strengthen, equip, and restore more children and families in crisis, we know one thing is for sure – that every child deserves a strong family, and we will not stop until that is accomplished!

It truly is an honor to partner with you in this important work. Thank you!



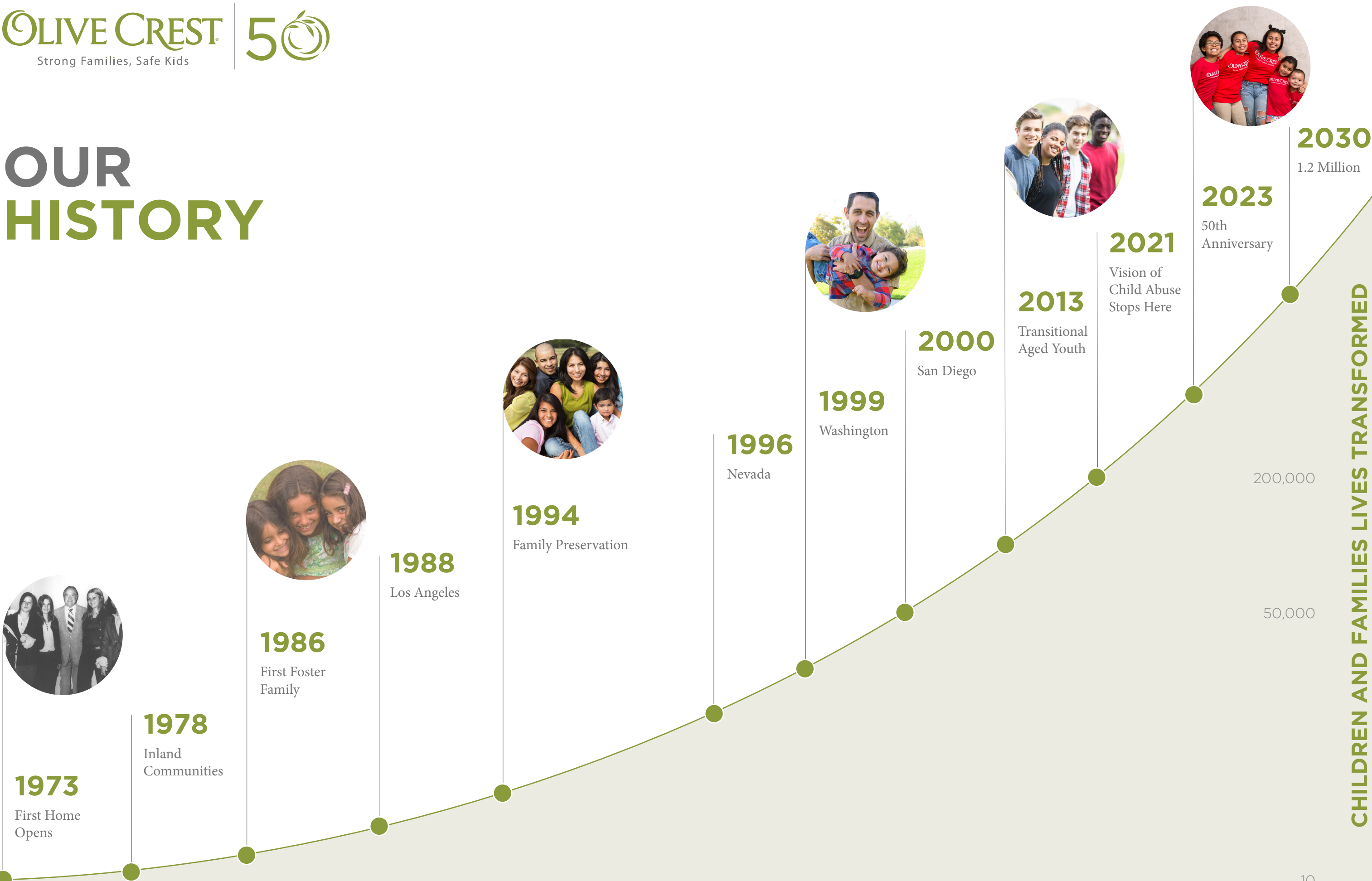
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DONALD VERLEUR
CEO, OLIVE CREST



Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse by strengthening, equipping, and restoring children and families in crisis... **“One life at a time”®**




OUR HISTORY



CONTINUUM OF CARE



CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN CRISIS

-  ABUSE
-  NEGLECT
-  ISOLATION



SAFE **HOME**

-  SAFETY
-  BELONGING
-  STABILITY




EQUIPPING **FOR LIFE**

-  COUNSELING
-  EDUCATION
-  LIFE SKILLS



STRONG **FAMILY**

-  COMMUNITY
-  CONFIDENCE
-  PERMANENCY



Together, we can ensure child abuse stops here. Your involvement and support **help create the solution.**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Right now, there are too many children and families in crisis. For them, hope for a brighter tomorrow seems like an impossible dream and the crushing isolation they experience only perpetuates the cycle of abuse and neglect. But there is hope! Every day, our compassionate Olive Crest community is unwavering in our mission to stop child abuse, one family, one child, “One Life At A Time”®

Every day there are an average of **8,640 reports of child abuse** in our country affecting over 16,000 **children.**

This last year, the Smith family welcomed three siblings into their home. The initial placement was supposed to last anywhere from 30-60 days, giving the children a safe place to stay, get medical and dental care, and determine if the children would return home, go to available relatives, or be placed in long-term foster care. Lily (8), Mia (7), and Owen (4) came to the Smiths with food insecurity and they struggled with being parented by the Smiths.

Over the course of that initial 60 days, the Smiths grew to care deeply for the kids and wanted to ensure that the three siblings would remain together until they could return home or go to relatives. The temporary stay turned into a year with the Smiths constantly pouring their love and time into each of the three siblings. Ultimately, the children’s grandparents, who lived in another state, stepped forward to care for the children.

During this process, the Smiths facilitated virtual visits so the children could grow closer with their grandparents. They would all get together once a week on Zoom along with the Smiths maintaining contact with the grandparents separately. They were provided Christmas gifts and celebrated Christmas together via Zoom on Christmas morning. The children loved each of these visits.

When it was time for the children to be united with their grandparents, the Smiths were offered the unique opportunity to accompany the children to their new home. From their continuous communication and the bonds that had been formed amongst all of them, the grandparents offered to have the Smiths stay with them for a long weekend, before returning home.

Through this entire process, the community rallied behind the Smiths by donating items, offering to babysit, bringing meals to their home, etc. It was with this outpouring of love from this network of support and the Smiths that the children were able to stay together and transition safely and comfortably into this next chapter of their lives.

SAFE HOME

A safe home is more than a bed and a roof over your head; it's a place to experience healing, belonging, and the love of a family. **For many children in crisis, a safe home is a true miracle.**

20-year-old Karen came to Olive Crest with a 1-year-old child and pregnant. She was very quiet and hung her head low as she shared that she did not have any support, any family, and was nervous she wouldn't be able to parent her children by herself. At the time, Karen thought her only option for her children was adoption. Karen endured a rough childhood, full of trauma and abuse. At the age of 17, Karen was admitted to a psychiatric hospital. When she was released, she found herself homeless and in an abusive relationship.

Karen became pregnant again and at that point, knew that she wanted to provide a better life for her children and decided to leave the relationship. When Karen's daughter came to Olive Crest, she was introduced to the Brown family. The Browns happened to attend the same church as Karen and had a heart to serve single mothers.

The Brown family was overjoyed to meet Karen and were ready and willing to be a support system to her and her child as they entered this new season of life.

Karen was due to deliver her baby and the Brown family had agreed to open their home and voluntarily host her older daughter so that she had a safe place to stay while her mother gave birth to her new baby sibling.

Through this network of support, Karen and her two children were able to remain a family and she has learned how to confidently parent them. She shared that because of the Browns, she already doesn't feel so alone and has hope for her and her children and their future.



EQUIPPING FOR LIFE

Children who are safe and stable can begin to heal. But this is just the beginning. To break the cycle of abuse, children and their families must be equipped with the skills and tools they need to live healthy, productive lives.



When Shonda came to Olive Crest, she had a history of trauma and struggled with maintaining a safe, stable environment. She spent most of her life in a group home with little family support, but when she left the child welfare system at 18, Shonda was referred to Olive Crest's Transitional Housing Program to assist her in building a successful future for herself – one that she would be proud of. She was able to move into her own apartment and have her own space, which is something she never experienced before coming to Olive Crest.

Initially, with being on her own and holding these new responsibilities, Shonda struggled to enroll in school, secure employment, and maintain her apartment. **With her case manager's support and guiding hand, they were able to establish a plan that would help Shonda reach the goals she had set for herself.**

Just as everything seemed to be falling into place for Shonda, she was involved in a traumatic event that left her fearful and anxious. At first, she was apprehensive to addressing these feelings, but after several discussions with her case manager, Shonda agreed to receive therapy services.

Despite Shonda's past and all she endured, she was able to overcome obstacles and focus her attention on her education. She obtained her high school diploma and with the help of her Olive Crest team, even applied to college. **This past year, Shonda graduated from Olive Crest's program and continues to maintain her independence as she continues down a path of success.**

STRONG FAMILY

Everything we do, from providing safe homes, to equipping children and families for life, is propelled by a vision of a strong family for every child.

Logan's home life was rough. His parents were teenagers when they had him and they were never able to provide a safe and stable home life for him. So, when Logan was 12, he was removed from his home and his parent's rights were terminated.

After living with a family member who also could not care well for him, his uncle stepped in. His uncle was a great role model, but because he never had kids of his own, it was a big transition for him to go from uncle to now a father figure.

As Logan's situation with his uncle moved to a more permanent solution, his uncle realized that he needed training, resources, and a community of support to be the best parent to Logan he could be. That's when he turned to Olive Crest. Through various Olive Crest trainings and programs, Logan's uncle learned to recognize when Logan was struggling. Because many of Logan's formative years were spent in an environment of instability, Logan would overcompensate when he was feeling scared. On days that he felt anxious, Logan would wear a suit and tie, and also act over-confident and even aggressive. His uncle has developed empathy for Logan on these unsteady days and has learned new ways to connect and validate him. And as their relationship has grown deeper, Logan's uncle has noticed that the suit comes on less frequently and Logan is able to enjoy being a kid again.

This, along with many other tools Logan's uncle now puts into practice, has led him to be a more confident father to Logan. He even told the Olive Crest team that, "I'm enjoying parenting." He has learned a lot about how trauma has affected Logan's life and how we can parent him in a way that's more effective.

A strong family for every child...this is Olive Crest's vision



A GIVING HEART...

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

OLIVE CREST IS BLESSED WITH THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS. BELOW ARE A FEW UNIQUE HIGHLIGHTS.

WILLIAM POTTER

Bill gained success at a young age. He recognized his own blessings and wanted to do something of significance to give back. He found Olive Crest and has been a long-time supporter and advocate, serving on the Board of Directors for many years. His heart has been to help transitional aged youth with life and business skills. **A recent business transaction put Bill in a position to make a substantial gift, but he wanted his gift to have an even bigger impact.** That's when he came up with the matching gift for Olive Crest's monthly sustainers program, called Kids at Heart. **Bill established a fund that would match all new Kids at Heart donations, up to \$100/month, with an ultimate goal of \$500,000! Since his match, there has been an increase of over 250 new Kids at Heart supporters, and the number continues to grow.**

SUSAN PEBLEY

Sue and her family have played an instrumental role with helping children and families in crisis. **Over 20 years ago, Sue mentored a girl at Olive Crest who was a survivor of human trafficking.** They established a friendship and remain close today. Sue had it on her heart to do something about the epidemic of human trafficking, especially with the vulnerability of young women aging out of foster care. When she learned about Olive Crest's expansion into Santa Barbara, she was moved to make a difference. **She donated the proceeds from a recent sale of property, which enabled Olive Crest to grow its intervention and prevention program for human trafficking and to acquire a program that can serve up to 30 girls ages 12-17.** Sue believes that God opened the door to a wonderful opportunity to help so many young women in difficult circumstances.

MARY THOMPSON

Mary's passion for children and families in crisis is evident. **She has served as an Olive Crest Trustee of the Las Vegas chapter for the past 10 years and is a valued Kids at Heart donor. In her position as President at Capstone Brokerage, Mary sets the standard for her company to always give back to the community.** Through a long-standing partnership with Olive Crest, Capstone employees have raised monetary and in-kind donations through drives for diapers, backpacks filled with school supplies, and essential bags with hygiene items. During the holidays, the team at Capstone also supports young adults transitioning out of the foster care system with gifts and other essential supplies they may need. "Corporate responsibility is an important part of our company culture," says Mary. "Not only does it benefit the community, it also brings us closer together as a team. It's a win-win."

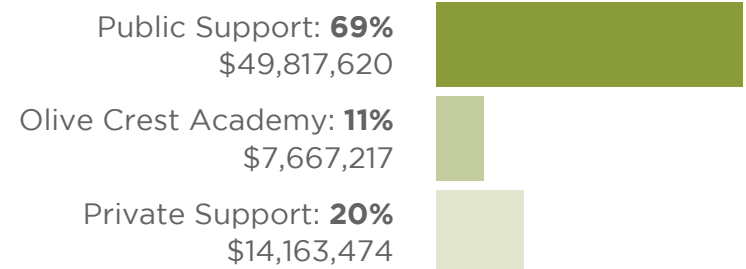
DR. JAMES AND MRS. LORRAINE BRINTON

Through the fervent and determined efforts of Jim and Lorraine Brinton, hundreds of lives have been impacted in the Coachella Valley. In 2000, when the Brintons first moved to the Desert from Orange County, they developed an inaugural Olive Crest Trustee Chapter in Coachella. Under their leadership, the Trustees commenced a capital campaign and in less than 4 years, raised enough money to purchase 5 acres of land. In 2008, after the Trustees raised more than \$3 million, four residential homes were completed on the Coachella property. Because of their efforts, Olive Crest programs in Coachella have expanded to serve even more. The Brintons continue to support Olive Crest through an IRA rollover distribution. They believe giving through an estate gift offers something for everyone to make a difference.

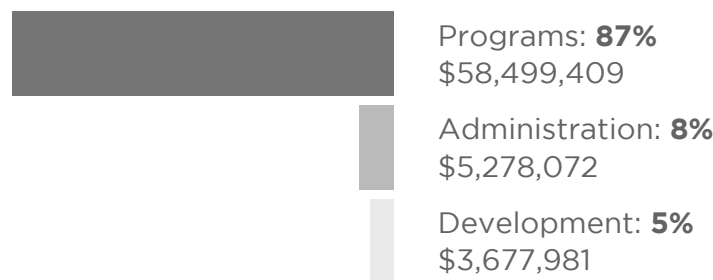
2022 FINANCIALS

AND IMPACT

FUNDING SOURCES



FUNDING ALLOCATION



285 TRANSITIONAL
AGE YOUTH
EQUIPPED FOR LIFE

91 ADOPTIONS
FINALIZED

791,651
CUMULATIVE SAFE DAYS
1 Individual x 24 hrs Free from Crisis = 1 Safe Day

41,179
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
IN CRISIS STRENGTHENED

4,000
CHILDREN & YOUTH
SERVED EVERY DAY

99.3% OF CHILDREN
IN OUR CARE
FOUND SAFETY &
STABILITY

303,316 VOLUNTEER
HOURS
= \$4,665,628 COST SAVINGS

406,709
COUNSELING
SESSIONS

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