

2022 Impact Report

Advancing *the Mission* | **Defending** *the Future*

Liberty Hill is the Home for Progressive Los Angeles

Our Mission: Liberty Hill is a laboratory for social justice and social change. We leverage the power of community organizers, donor activists, and allies to advance social justice through strategic investment in grants, leadership training, public partnerships, and campaigns.



Our Vision: Liberty Hill envisions a society in which all people have a powerful voice, including those currently shut out of our democracy, people cut off from opportunities because of their economic status, their skin color, their gender or sexual orientation, or because of where they live, or where they were born.

- We fuel grassroots organizing and activists fighting for change.
- We prioritize building power in communities impacted by systemic oppression.
- We provide a community where donor activists can engage beyond their gift.



By the Numbers

\$17M

Grants Awarded

1,012

Grants Distributed

1,730

Community Activists Trained

18

Rising Activists Organizations Funded

348

Organizations Trained

5

New Commissioners Appointed

1,100+

Individual Gifts to LHF

169

New Donor Activists

\$2.8M+

Raised in Individual Contributions

We will not rest until society provides justice for all.

Victory Takes A Village



As we saw this past year, with the repeal of Roe v. Wade and the renewed attacks on reproductive rights, there will never be a good time to stop fighting for justice.

The freedoms we hold so close to our hearts today can easily be snatched away tomorrow if we don't fight to defend the future we seek. The forces that work to uphold systems of harm and injustice—while silencing and chilling debate—will not stop with one freedom, or one issue, or one group.

At Liberty Hill, we've been supporting frontline grassroots organizing that tackles these challenges head on for more than 40 years. Our partners have continued to mobilize in spite of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, stepping up in new ways to provide mutual aid to their communities and push toward implementation of victories, such as rent control in more jurisdictions. They've kept up the pressure to fund care, not punishment, and fought for the implementation of the new Department of Youth Development, which launched this year. And they're gearing up to defend and implement the recent victory that banned toxic neighborhood oil drilling in L.A. County.

In the fight for the future, implementation is the difference between stalled progress and real change.

In the face of the recent earthshaking Supreme Court decision, we've also seen the intersections between local movements for housing and racial justice, and the fight for reproductive freedom. Our partners across these movements are working together like never before in the face of new challenges.

We've seen the power of these partnerships in places like Bell Gardens where our partners from Unión de Vecinos, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice worked together across their issue areas to help local residents pass a much-needed rent control measure—the first majority Latinx city in California to do so.

These ties that bind our various movements can be strengthened. It's this type of collective power-building that will be necessary if we want to turn our wins into real progress for people impacted by systemic oppression and lack of opportunity.

I believe it takes a village to make victory possible.

And we're all a part of that village—whether you are a frontline organizer, a community leader, a community partner, or a donor activist—you play a unique role in ensuring our wins become real progress.

That's why we are laser-focused on implementation. Victory is in the details—the process that turns protest calls into street marches, door knocking into board motions, and “yes votes” into laws and programs that have the potential to positively affect the lives of millions of Angelenos.

Advancing the Mission, Defending the Future means that we have to fight for the progressive future we want.

We have to continue to defend our values and center people with lived experience. We have to continue to invest in local efforts that prove our methods work. And we have to fight to implement our victories and ensure this critical work is funded and carried out.

Thank you for keeping up the fight and standing beside us as we push forward toward a more just future.

Until Justice for All is realized.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Shane Murphy Goldsmith". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shane Murphy Goldsmith
President/CEO
Liberty Hill Foundation

How Liberty Hill Powers Change



We are a convener and facilitator that brings unusual allies together to effect change.

We give donor activists opportunities to engage beyond their financial commitment.

We fund and support grassroots organizations leading social justice campaigns.

We help organizations build capacity for future success.



We train the next generation of leaders to represent their communities within movement campaigns and government.



Our Priority Areas



A Commitment to Racial Justice

Liberty Hill supports a transformational movement for racial justice that seeks to dismantle systemic racism and traditional systems of harm in America. To strengthen that movement racial justice has always been embedded into the core principles of all of our work.



Youth & Transformative Justice

Our Youth & Transformative Justice priority area is focused on investing in communities, not incarceration. We seek to shift power and resources from current punishment systems to Black, Brown, Native American, and Indigenous peoples who have been most impacted by mass criminalization and systemic injustice. Our goal is to invest in building restorative, community-led solutions that focus on the health and well-being of historically excluded people and communities.

“ I truly appreciate the work you’re doing with Ready to Rise. If it hadn’t been for the Ready to Rise program, we wouldn’t have had the support to get to where we are today so quickly—and to do it in a way that aligns with our values and practice makes me so grateful. — Joel Garcia, Metzli Projects, Ready to Rise Grantee Partner

LGBTQ & Gender Justice

Our LGBTQ and Gender Justice priority area is focused on ensuring that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, and queer leaders are equipped and supported in the fight to end discrimination and expand opportunity. We place a particular focus on low-income, often immigrant, queer people of color who are frequently at the forefront of fights for workers rights, racial justice, and reform of the criminal justice and immigration systems. That’s why we incorporate a focus on LGBTQ and Gender Justice into our other priority areas as well.



Economic & Housing Justice

Liberty Hill supports organizing that builds prosperous communities through living wages, worker protections, and fair housing for all. Through our Economic & Housing Justice priority area, we fund grassroots groups like worker centers, tenant rights groups, and advocacy campaigns fighting for basic labor rights and worker protections, stopping wage theft, ensuring fair wages, and fighting for housing as a human right.



Environmental & Climate Justice

Environmental justice is a cornerstone of social justice. And for low-income communities and communities of color, environmental racism means that low-income communities and communities of color experience disproportionate and often severe exposure to health harms, and a lack of environmental benefits like parks and green space. Through our Environmental & Climate Justice priority area, we support several programs and initiatives to fight for a safer, healthier, greener L.A.

2022 Impact Victory Takes a Village

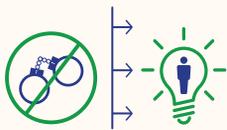
North Star

To Achieve Justice and Equity by Building Power in Communities Most Impacted by Systemic Oppression



In partnership with activists and organizers throughout L.A. County, Liberty Hill contributed to the following victories:

Agenda for a Just Future



Ending Youth Incarceration

- Provided \$487,000 in grants to community partners advocating for alternatives to arrests and incarceration
- Completed our Ready to Rise three-year pilot program by supporting 49 youth development organizations serving over 25,000 youth
- Launched LHF's Liberation Fund to end girls' incarceration
- The new L.A. County Department of Youth Development launched with an initial \$50 million budget



Fighting For A Roof Over Every Head

- Our Stay Housed LA program became the largest eviction prevention program in the country, providing "know your rights" outreach to 1.2 million tenants and legal services to nearly 60,000 people to defend against evictions.
- Our grantees won powerful new tenant protection policies in the cities of Pasadena, Bell Gardens, and Pomona.
- United to House LA was approved by LA City voters to bring over \$800M per year into the city for homelessness prevention, affordable housing, and eviction defense.
- We published a report on Community Land Trusts, titled "Preventing Tenant Displacement through Community Ownership Pathways."



Eliminating Neighborhood Oil Drilling

- LA City Council and LA County Board of Supervisors voted to ban new drilling and phase out existing oil drilling in LA.
- We served on the L.A. County/L.A. City Just Transition Taskforce, which released a public report with recommendations for worker protections, site remediation and reuse, and ongoing programs to provide a smooth pathway for workers who lose jobs related to oil phase-out.
- We led a public input process to ensure equity in city climate and energy policy in partnership with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office.



Investing In Organizing

- Awarded \$17M in total grants to community partners
- 1,012 Grants Distributed
- 18 Rising Activist Organizations Funded
- Supported United to House LA with direct investment of \$325,000 for ballot measure campaign
- Supported Pasadena Rent Control Measure with \$60,000 investment



Leadership Development

- Provided training to more than 340 organizations and over 1,700 individuals
- Launched Healing Justice Program for 14 Rising Activist organizations to create a space for peer learning, support and community building with a focus on healing justice practices
- Trained 17 activists through our Commissions Training Program through special partnership with Supervisor Holly Mitchell
- Appointed five community activists to County and City of Los Angeles Commissions



Expanding Our Home for Progressive Philanthropy

- More than doubled our major donor base from 100 to 234
- More than \$2.8M+ raised in individual contributions
- 169 New Donors Acquired
- Donor Advised Funds and Giving Circles engaged 195 donors
- Donor Advised Funds granted out \$8M, representing 44% of our total grantmaking



Foundation, Corporate & Government Partnerships

- Secured more than \$9M from foundations and corporate funders
- Received revenue of more than \$4.2M from government contracts
- Partnered with Catalyst California to launch Bold Vision, a countywide effort to distribute \$10M from like-minded foundations to support power-building organizations calling for systems change to improve youth outcomes
- Secured 5-year, \$11M commitment from William + Flora Hewlett Foundation and The David & Lucile Packard Foundation for Environmental Leadership Initiative to identify and train 60 diverse leaders to serve as movement builders in climate change & environmental justice organizations throughout the state

Event Highlights: A Year of Homecomings

Upton Sinclair: A Homecoming to Remember

For the first time in more than two years, live in-person events made their return, and the Liberty Hill Community came out in full force to support the fight for social justice. The Upton Sinclair Homecoming Celebration was the talk of the town, bringing more than 700 supporters, community organizers, and friends to the Skirball Cultural Center for a night like no other in the history of this beloved event. A history walk, an LA Photo Wall, live muralist, and Justice for All art installation made the night one to remember.

Check out some of the highlights from this year's live events.



Bringing Donors Together

Libations & Conversations:

As in-person events began to open back up, we launched a new event series called Libations & Conversations to bring our donor activists together for casual drinks and lively conversations about their philanthropic focus and the issues facing Los Angeles.

Our Next-Gen Happy Hour brought the next generation of Liberty Hill Donor Activists together to discuss the pressing issues facing young people in Los Angeles and the country today. And our Donor Advised Funds (DAF) Happy Hour saw our dedicated DAF holders gather to share news and information about the organizations making an impact in Los Angeles and how their support can help. In partnership with Liberty Hill, The OUT Fund Giving Circle—which focuses support on organizations and projects that serve LGBTQIA communities in Los Angeles—hosted a Pride viewing party at the East West Players Theater.



Champion Donors Celebrate Progress



This year's Champions Luncheon took place at the home of Champion Liz Levitt Hirsch, who welcomed guests to her beautiful home for a poolside presentation on the impact our work has had in the past year, and the fights on the horizon to ensure we can implement our victories and turn our wins into real progress.



Conversations From the Frontlines Podcast Launches:

Liberty Hill's inaugural season of the podcast Conversations From the Frontlines was a hit! The podcast, which ran for eight episodes, placed in the top 100 Nonprofit Podcasts on Apple Podcasts. The season featured guests such as Laura Jimenez, executive director of California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, along with other local leaders such as Peter Espinoza, retired Superior Court judge, and a host of others who spoke on a variety of engaging topics that kept the audience coming back for more.

2022 Liberty Hill Foundation Grantees

LA DEFENSA A La Defensa

 ACCE Institute

 Affordable Pasadena

 Amazing Grace Conservatory

 Arts for Healing and Justice Network

 Asian Pacific Islander Equality - Los Angeles

 Asian Pacific Islander Reentry & Inclusion Through Support & Empowerment

 Beverly-Vermont Community Land Trust

 Black Equity Collective

 Brothers, Sons, Selves

 California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative

 California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

 California Native Vote Project

 Cangress

 Chinatown Community for Equitable Development

 CLEAN Carwash Initiative

 Coalition for Economic Survival

 Communities for a Better Environment

 Communities for a Better Environment Action

 Community Power Collective

 Day One

 Dolores Huerta Foundation

 East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

 Eastside LEADS

 El Sereno Community Land Trust

 EPIC Empowering Pacific Islander Communities

 Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

 Families for a Future

 Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

 Fideicomiso Comunitario Tierra Libre

 Filipino Migrant Center

 Garment Worker Center

 Gender Justice LA

 Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network

 Gente Organizada

 Holman United Methodist Church

 Indigenous Pride Los Angeles

 Inquilinos Unidos

 Instituto De Educacion Popular Del Sur de California

 Khmer Girls in Action

 Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates of Southern California

 Korean Resource Center



Liberty Hill Foundation works in collaboration with many organizations and individuals who spearhead campaigns for social justice and lead the way for transformative victories across Los Angeles. We're deeply grateful for the partnerships we have with all of our program grantees. To dive deeper into our work and learn more about our grantee partners, visit our website.

-  Latino/a Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley
-  Liberty Community Land Trust
-  Long Beach Residents Empowered
-  Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
-  Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade, Inc.
-  Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action
-  Los Angeles Waterkeeper
-  Los Angeles Youth Uprising Coalition
-  Pacoima Beautiful
-  Pasadenans Organizing for Progress
-  People Organized for Westside Renewal
-  Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles
-  Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California
-  Pomona Economic Opportunity Center
-  Pomona Kids First
-  Redeemer Community Partnership
-  Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles
-  Rideshare Drivers United
-  Sacred Places Institute
-  Salva
-  Social Justice Learning Institute Inc
-  Southeast Asian Community Alliance
-  Southern California Education Fund IAF
-  Southern California Pacific Islander COVID-19 Response Team
-  Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
-  Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education
-  Students Deserve
-  Tenemos que Reclamar y Unidos Salvar la Tierra - South L.A.
-  Thai Community Development Center
-  The Abolition Dream Lab
-  The Anti-Recidivism Coalition
-  The Community Action League
-  The TransLatin@ Coalition
-  TODEC Legal Center Perris
-  UCLA School of Law, Criminal Justice Program
-  UFCW Local 770 – Icaza Foundation
-  United American Indian Involvement
-  United to House LA
-  Vigilant Love
-  Warehouse Worker Resource Center
-  Young Women's Freedom Center



Power In Partnership: From Wins to Implementation

No movement is an island. Our grantees work across many issue areas and often partner with other community organizations and unique partners to make change possible through collective power-building, strategy and campaigns. Together, they are fighting to implement the policy victories that have been so hard fought through the movements for racial justice, economic and housing justice, environmental and climate justice, youth and transformative justice, and LGBTQ and gender justice.

Canvassing to Save Lives

Working Together to End Toxic Neighborhood Drilling

Ending toxic neighborhood oil drilling has been one of the key elements of our Agenda for a Just Future, and our partners have made incredible progress toward implementing this goal across Los Angeles City and County, resulting in both legislatures banning all new drilling and setting existing oil wells on a path to phase-out as soon as possible.

This past year, our partners in the STAND-L.A. coalition came together across their various movements and focus areas to launch a canvassing effort with the goal of ensuring the problematic Inglewood Oil Field—which sits in unincorporated LA County and currently has more than 850 active and idle wells—is included in implementation efforts to phase out oil drilling countywide.

The efforts to contact and engage communities surrounding the Oil Field, which are predominantly Black and Latinx, were undertaken by teams of canvassers from both SCOPE and Black Women for Wellness, who knocked on doors around the area for four weeks. They connected with nearly 5,000 families and learned that many people reported that living near the Inglewood Oil Field had caused negative health impacts in their community. Residents expressed anger that toxic industries had targeted their community, and fear for the health and safety of their families.

More than 750 residents took time to send an email or postcard urging the Board of Supervisors to move forward with making oil drilling a nonconforming use, expediting the phase-out period countywide, and implementing a just transition to help workers in the affected industries.

Thanks to their efforts, these residents are now more engaged than ever in ensuring the implementation of the County's oil drilling phase-out process, and eager to fight to protect their neighborhoods.



“This success is the result of years of tireless advocacy from the partners in STAND-L.A. and our allies—but most importantly—this victory exemplifies the community power you can build through organizing. BWW fully intends to remain part of these efforts to center the voices of Black South LA residents who’ve too long been oppressed by environmental racism.”

—Tianna Shaw Wakeman, Black Women for Wellness

Due to the complex zoning code in LA County, additional ordinances will be coming up in 2023 to ensure that the oil drilling phase-out is comprehensive and takes effect as soon as possible. And the voices of the neighbors who live adjacent to the Inglewood field will be more important than ever.

Creating Care-First Models For Youth

This year, Liberty Hill and our community partners achieved groundbreaking wins for youth and transformative justice. Dedicated activists, organizers, and young people on the frontlines of youth justice paved the road to these victories with determination, resiliency, and passion.

Community-led, care-first strategies are now front and center and widely understood. Thousands of young people are now entering youth centers instead of jail cells, engaging with counselors instead of police and probation officers, and nurturing their hopes instead of feeding their fears.

Los Angeles has a strong network of youth organizing, advocacy, and development organizations, such as the Los Angeles Youth Uprising (LAYUP) coalition, which brings together the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Arts for Healing and Justice Network, Children's Defense Fund-California, Urban Peace Institute, and the Youth Justice Coalition to push for real systemic change.

The First Steps to Ending Youth Incarceration As We Know It

Thanks to the work of frontline partners like these, Liberty Hill's vision to end youth incarceration as we know it is coming to life through systemic changes such as: the decline in youth incarceration and arrest rates by 51% and 60%, respectively; the launch of the LA County Department of Youth Development with initial funding of \$50 million; the earmarking of \$287 million by the County Board of Supervisors for the Care First Community Investment (Measure J) initiative; and the reallocation of nearly \$40 million away from law enforcement approaches to youth development programs through the Ready to Rise partnership, which served more than 25,000 youth.

“This work is the culmination of days, months, and years of collaboration, learning, strategizing, and organizing between dozens of organizations and hundreds of people. Educating and mobilizing are key to building power, and that is what LAYUP and its coordinating partners seek to achieve—people power.”

—Milinda Kakani, Children's Defense Fund – California



Bridging the Fights for Reproductive Health & Housing Justice

Bell Gardens Rent Control

Amidst the housing crisis, organizers and advocates in smaller cities throughout Los Angeles County have been advancing tenant protections and rent control campaigns to help keep people in their homes. And the movement for housing justice is finding new allies in parallel movements like reproductive justice in which the concerns of residents overlap and partnership can be the difference between victory and implementation.

As we saw this past year, with the repeal of Roe v. Wade, and the restrictions on reproductive health that followed, in order to win the fight to protect our rights and freedoms we have to be in it together.

Thanks to the collective work of our partners from Unión de Vecinas, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ), and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)—who came together from across their various movements—the Bell Gardens City Council unanimously passed a rent stabilization ordinance that limited annual rent increases to once a year with a 4% ceiling. The tireless work of our cross-movement coalition of partners was crucial to making Bell Gardens the first city in South East LA—and the first majority Latinx city in the state—to pass a rent control measure. This is the true power of coalition-building.

““ *When the pandemic hit, we had to adjust all of our strategies. We worked with our partners and a group of Latina women in Bell Gardens for two years, organizing a pilot program, listening and engaging with the community to find out what they needed.* ““

This is a community that is composed of more than 80% renters, and 95% are Latinx families, so there was a need to broaden the idea and scope of what reproductive justice can be. If you're thinking about having children, one of the first things you're going to consider is do you have a stable place to live—are you in a violent relationship, a neighborhood where police violence against people of color is high, an apartment where the landlord won't make critical repairs or quality-of-life improvements—these are all questions we have to look at as reproductive justice issues as well.

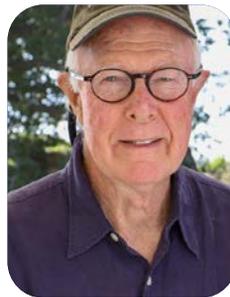
As a reproductive justice organization, we had never done housing work before, but we were able to jump into coalitions and learn a lot from our partners in this housing justice work about what had been going on locally in Bell Gardens.

Looking at this through a reproductive justice lens allowed us to understand that whether you have an abortion or whether or not you have children is almost never just a question of what's happening inside your body, it's also a function of the environment in which you live.

—Laura Jimenez, Executive Director – CA Latinas for Reproductive Justice

Putting A Passion For Justice Into Action

Our Donor Activists put their passion into action to help make Los Angeles a more just and equitable place. Their generous unrestricted gifts allow us to continue to power the grassroots movements shaping LA. Whether they are sending postcards in support of youth development, signing petitions to end oil drilling across the county, or attending our events to raise funds to support this critical work, Liberty Hill's Donor Activists show up for social justice. We couldn't do this work without their support.



Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

Our Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) are a crucial component of Liberty Hill's laboratory of social change philanthropy, offering opportunities to fund new and innovative models for empowering the most oppressed communities and supporting systemic change, while managing your philanthropy efficiently in one place.

“ We have millions of people who live here in L.A. so organizations that bring people together around shared values are critically important. My siblings and their families have Donor Advised Funds at Liberty Hill, and we feel like of all the places you might choose to be philanthropic, Liberty Hill is a place where we can identify our values. ”

—Donor Activist Julia Meltzer

Meltzer Family: 2022 Upton Sinclair Founders Award Honorees



“ I think there's almost never been a more important time to support community organizations, organizers, and activists. ”

—Donor Activist Adam Gunther

“ *Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.* ”

—Former President Barack Obama

Giving Circles: Collective Impact Through Philanthropy

Liberty Hill’s Giving Circles are self-directed groups of dynamic individuals who pool their donations to make a greater impact on the issues that matter to them. These Donor Activists collaborate and research targeted opportunities for grantmaking that leverage their collective power as philanthropists.



Liberty Hill Giving Circles:



Donor Activist Spotlight - Andy Bartholomew

Championing the Next Generation of Donor Activists

Donor Activist Andy Bartholomew is thinking about the future, but he’s not waiting for some far off day on the horizon to start making an impact. After getting involved with a group called Resource Generation—which is dedicated to helping young adults with wealth and class privilege commit to equitable distribution of wealth, land, and power—he started thinking about his own potential to make a difference at an earlier age. His focus on the social justice landscape, giving to organizations fighting for systemic changes—and led by the people most impacted by injustice—is what led him to Liberty Hill. And now he’s thinking about the entire concept of philanthropy differently.

When it comes to his giving, Andy has been strategic and intentional about making an impact on causes close to his heart by supporting Liberty Hill and the organizations and activists on the frontlines of issues such as environmental, youth, and housing justice.

“ *The time is now.* ”

—Donor Activist Andy Bartholomew



“ *Investing in grassroots organizations and funding them as they develop and build their capacity is a great way to effect lasting change,” said Andy. “Now that I have a daughter, I’m definitely thinking about the future in a different way. And that’s why I believe you don’t have to wait for the future to come to you. As young people, we can get involved now and start investing in the future we want to create today. And Liberty Hill is a great place to do that.* ”

Partnerships Lead The Way To Progress



CALIFORNIA FUNDERS
for Boys & Men of Color



CFBMOC in Partnership

Liberty Hill serves as the backbone for the California Funders for Boys & Men of Color (CFBMOC) Southern California Regional Action Committee, which aligns the resources, networks, and voices of California's foundations—from family and private foundations to corporate and community funders—with the goal of improving opportunities for boys and men of color. Since the inception of CFBMOC So Cal and the launch of the Our Kids, Our Future Fund in 2018, we have awarded more than \$7 million to organizations and coalitions working to end youth incarceration as we know it in L.A. County.

Stay Housed Program Increases Impact

Our Stay Housed L.A. partnership between Liberty Hill, the County and City of Los Angeles, tenant-led community organizations, and legal services providers continues to make an impact in Los Angeles. Since its inception, the Stay Housed L.A. program has reached more than 1,200,000 vulnerable people and held more than 617 educational events across the region. Stay Housed L.A. is now on track to help more than 58,000 people avoid eviction through tenant outreach, education, mobilization, and the provision of legal services. And in a show of solidarity and collaboration, most of the tenants' rights groups in LA County have also joined forces and are actively coordinating services under the Stay Housed L.A. program.



STAND-L.A. Coalition Moves Mountains Together

Liberty Hill is a founding member and main funder and fundraiser for the STAND-L.A. coalition, which is composed of community organizations on the forefront of ending toxic neighborhood oil drilling. This past year, STAND-L.A. moved mountains, achieving many milestones, chief among them, the monumental decision by both legislatures to ban new neighborhood oil drilling throughout the city and county, and begin a phase-out as quickly as possible of existing neighborhood drilling. This monumental victory was 10 years in the making and will bring long-overdue relief to environmental justice neighborhoods that now host more than 2,000 active and idle wells. It will also end L.A.'s historic role as a center of oil extraction, setting us on a new path towards renewable clean energy.

This is truly a watershed moment and unprecedented policy victory in the largest urban oil field in the country. After many years of tireless organizing by our dedicated community partners, this victory is proof that investing in community-led solutions is the path to change.



EmPOWER Program Expands

Everyone has the right to live in a healthy community, free from pollution, and with access to safe, accessible, and affordable utilities that can help keep residents safe from extreme weather conditions. That's why "emPOWER," a groundbreaking local environmental justice program, expanded beyond L.A. County this year to bring over a million dollars in subsidies, upgrades, and clean energy to more low-income Southern California residents. The program has supported hundreds of families managing skyrocketing utility costs.



The current expansion brings services to expanded areas of Los Angeles County, as well as Riverside and San Bernardino counties, working with local organizations to build a model that overcomes barriers to sustainable energy usage commonly experienced in low-income and working-class communities of color.

“The greatest responsibility is figuring out a way to bring community organizations together so we can strategize and continue to ensure resources are available where they’re needed to make change. I believe Liberty Hill really lives up to this.”

–Joe Barnes, Former Program Director, SCOPE LA



Three Years & A Model for Success

The Ready to Rise public/private partnership between Liberty Hill and the California Community Foundation began in 2019 as a \$3.2 million pilot with a goal of advancing youth development programs as an alternative to law enforcement-based punishment across L.A. County. With a focus on diversion and prevention, the program expanded to a \$38 million multi-year initiative, providing funding and capacity building to 49 community-based organizations and connecting more than 25,000 youth with civic engagement, leadership development, arts, wellness, and academic enrichment. Over the past three years, Ready to Rise has proven to be an equitable, efficient vehicle for distributing public dollars and growing the organizational capacity of youth service providers, which have received more than \$22.4 million in grants to fuel their programming. The program also achieved its goal of strengthening the overall ecosystem for youth development by improving educational, personal, and professional outcomes for L.A. County’s youth.

• 25,594 Youth Served • 7,023 Capacity Building Hours Provided

WMLI/Capacity Building

Named in memory of longtime Liberty Hill donor-activist and Board member Wally Marks, the Wally Marks Leadership Institute provides specialized training, capacity building, and coaching services for community organizations focused on organizing. And our Commissions Training program prepares the leaders of tomorrow with the skills to actively participate in boards and commissions that oversee city and county agencies. This year, we provided training to 348 organizations, trained a cohort of 17 new potential commissioners, and provided rising activist organizations—groups with smaller budgets and staff sizes—with more than 250 hours of coaching to improve their organizational effectiveness.



Community Land Trust Report Launches



“As the pandemic exposed more vulnerable Angelenos to displacement, a coalition of activists, public agencies, community-based organizations, and community land trusts all came together in an unprecedented way. And we seized this opportunity to conceive a new, forward-thinking model of affordable housing preservation in the region that can serve as a model for other municipalities.”

– Hilda L. Solis
Los Angeles County
Supervisor – First District

A Community Land Trust (CLT) is a nonprofit organization designed to ensure community stewardship of land. This year, the Los Angeles Community Land Trust Program released a report—commissioned by Liberty Hill Foundation with support from The California Endowment—titled “Preventing Tenant Displacement through Community Ownership Pathways.” The report showcases the power of community ownership strategies and explores the CLT model as a way to address long-term housing affordability and systemic racial inequities for immigrant, working class, and communities of color. Among the report’s findings is the recommendation that the CLT model become a permanent program across the City and County, with expanded public and private funding to support acquisition and rehabilitation of more small-scale at-risk multifamily properties.

DONORS BENDING THE ARC TOWARD JUSTICE

CHAMPIONS

Michele Asselin & Joe Meltzer
Diana & Daniel Attias
Sandra Ball-Rokeach
Siena Aguayo
& Andrew Bartholomew
The Beall Family
Vince Beiser & Kaile Shilling
Jessica Bendit
& Dickran Jebejian
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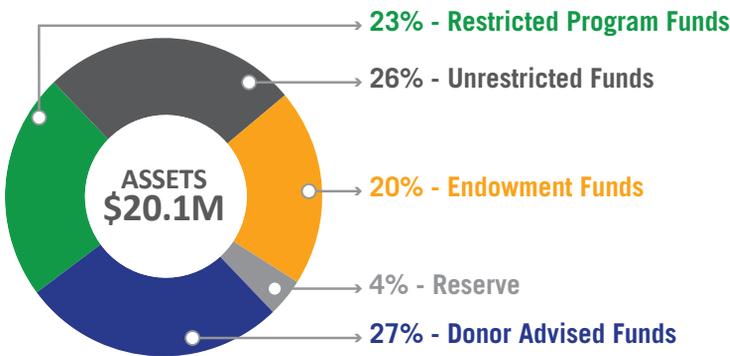
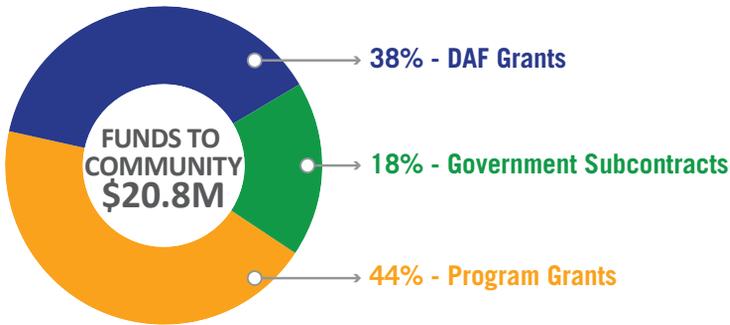
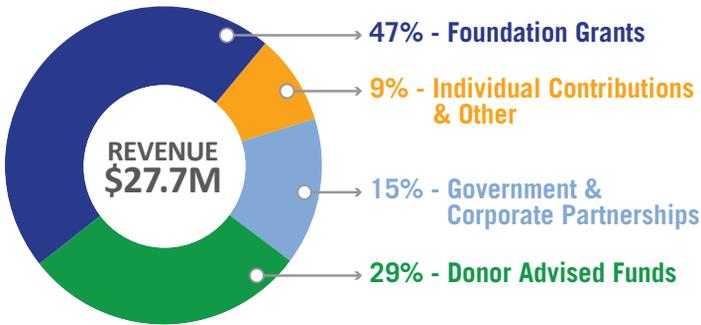
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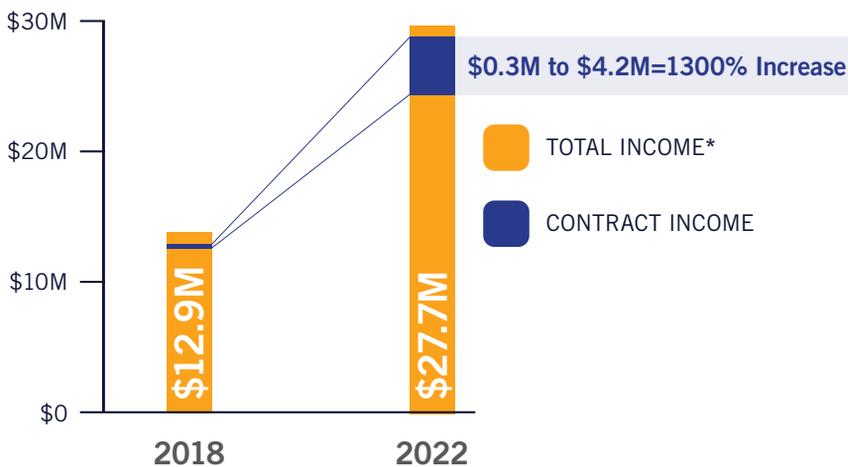
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