



McKinley

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**2023
Annual
Report**

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Hello Friends,

At McKinley, our strength stems from our incredible community members. We are fortunate to have amazing individuals as part of our family: from those we serve, to our dedicated professionals providing compassionate care, selfless volunteers generously contributing their time and talents, and our incredible supportive communities. Together, we embody dedication, focus, and unwavering resilience.

In the past three years, we encountered significant challenges navigating the uncharted waters of a global pandemic. However, adversity unveiled our community's true strength. Together, we weathered the storm, ensuring our unwavering commitment to service.

Our actions are guided by our HUMAN principles: Hopeful, Understanding, Moral by treating everyone with respect, Awesome by recognizing greatness in everyone, and Nurturing. These principles shape an environment where everyone can thrive.

As a growing organization, we are determined to make a profound, positive impact on our communities. We warmly invite you to join our family, explore our mission, and discover how you can be part of our incredible team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported us on this journey. Together, we are creating a brighter, more compassionate world. Thank you for embarking on this journey with us!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in teal ink, appearing to read 'AKV' followed by a flourish.

Anil Vadaparty
President & CEO

Vision, Mission & Values

Vision: Youth and families thriving in life and in their communities

Mission: McKinley is a leader in compassionately transforming the lives of youth and families through innovative education, counseling, and social services; inspiring hope to achieve success.

Values: Be Your Best HUMAN.



Year in Review

Funds were raised to help beautify campuses, increase learning, and enrich the lives of those we serve.



Women's Conference – \$44k

Supporting women leaders and contributing towards the growth of the young women in McKinley's Foster Care program.



Toys n' Joys – 30k+

1000 youth impacted this year! Toys n' Joys helps make this holiday season memorable for the children who need you the most.



Smart Lab – \$250k

We created a state of the art STEM learning environment.



Sensory Playground – \$50k

This playground helps children develop social skills and is a great tool for sensory management.



Digital Library – \$25k

We're making reading a blast! It plants the seeds for lifelong learning and a future full of excitement and knowledge.



Pool Renovation – \$25k

Pools are great for physical fitness, water safety education, and just plain fun!

Programs & Services



Foster Care & Adoptions

Our dedicated foster parents open their homes and their hearts to children who need a caring family. We also help many of our youth find their Forever Families, ending their need to wonder about where they will be staying next.

Unaccompanied Children's Shelter

McKinley is proud to work with the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide a shelter

program for Unaccompanied Children. In our program, we provide a safe home and hope for children who have come to the United States with a dream of a better life. Our team also helps the children locate their families, and arrange for a successful reunification across the country.

STRTP

Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program: This program offers a 7-days-a-week haven for boys between the ages of 10 and 18. The boys reside in cottages on campus that provide a warm, safe environment with individual, group, and family resources that promote emotional health and provide permanency placement upon discharge from our facility.



Mental Health

This program includes rehabilitative and psychological services such as individual and group programs, case consultation, collateral services, crisis intervention, medication support and management services, psychological assessment, and targeted case management. An interdisciplinary team of professionals is available 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies.

CVS & DVS Schools

Canyon View and Desert View Schools, offering a holistic program for children's growth. Aligned with Individualized Educational Plans (IEP), the schools focus on academics and beyond, aiming to foster self-esteem, self-control, and positive efforts. The goal is to provide an individualized learning experience for students to achieve their educational goals and transition back to their original schools successfully.

Success Stories



Kari - FFA

Almost 6 years ago, I remember arriving at my job interview with McKinley and one of the women asked if I was open to interviewing for both the foster care social worker position and the adoption social worker position. I had been a foster care social worker intern for almost a year prior with McKinley and all I wanted to do was get back into the foster care field and possibly reclaim some of the families and children I had been working with.

My immediate answer to her question was no; however, three years later, the opportunity presented itself again. While I accepted the position with an open mind, I wondered if I would have the same passion and drive that I had for foster care (and people will tell you that I fought to keep some of my families!).

The past 3 years in adoptions have challenged me both professionally and personally and I can honestly say that I love my job and the passion I feel is through the roof! I can still remember one of my first matches. It had taken us almost 11 months from the time of certification to find this family their daughter. After countless times having to tell the family that another family had been chosen or a relative had come forward, I finally got the email that changed their lives and honestly, mine too. I walked out of my office in disbelief and told my coworker I had finally made

the match. I could feel the joy and happiness in this mother's voice when I called her and from then, I knew adoptions was where I was meant to be all along. Funny thing is, I was reminded that when I was younger, I talked about wanting to work in an adoption agency but as we grow up, we forget those past dreams.

About a year later, we were able to finalize her adoption. This little girl shares the same birthday as my son which makes it even more special! Oftentimes adoptive parents thank me for what I do but it is really my parents who I thank. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to find your forever kiddos, being patient and vulnerable with the process and sharing your personal, yet so rewarding, journey with me! Your dedication, trust in me and unwavering commitment to our foster kiddos is a reminder every day of how much I love my job and what I am able to do!



Grizelle - UC

I won't ever forget one of my first reunifications since I started working at McKinley. She was only 7 years old, and she hadn't seen her dad for over 5 years. During our flight to New York, her conversation was all about how her dad bought her the shoes she was wearing and how much she loved them. She also shared how excited she was to see him again but nervous at the same time. During the flight, she was able to take a long nap.

Once we arrived she wanted to know if her dad was already informed that we were there. I explained to her that he was already waiting for her and that we were on our way to see him.

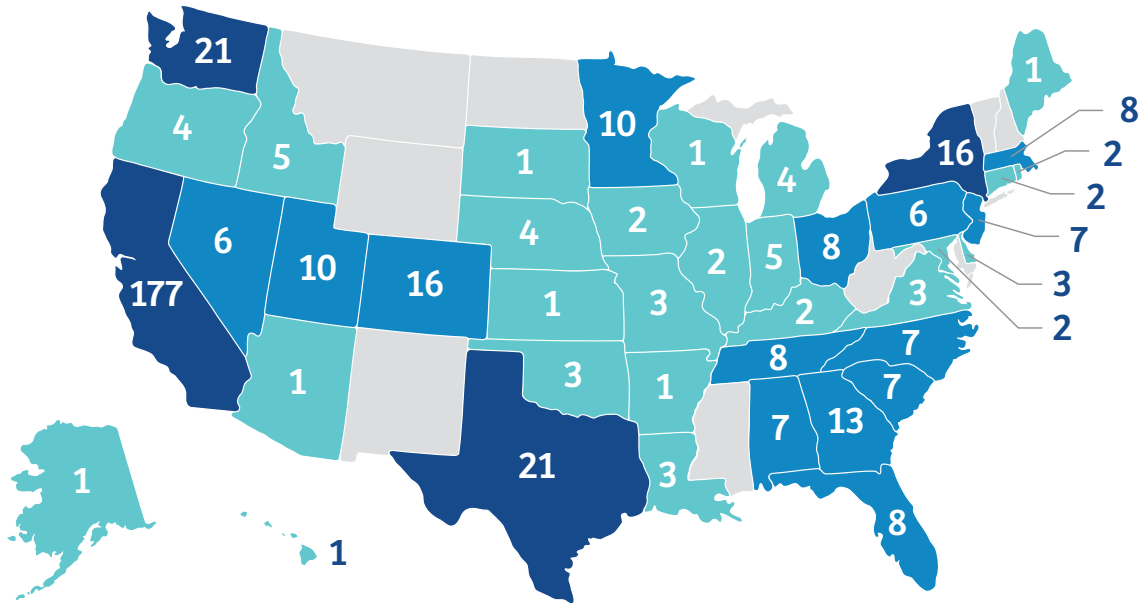
She started jumping and hugging me, telling me how she was probably going to cry but she didn't want to cry. I said to her it's okay if you cry; you are having a lot of emotions at the same time and it's okay. I said your dad is probably going to cry too; she laughed; I said I am probably going to cry too. She looked at me and said you?! And we both laughed. I said yes. It's okay to cry, it's good to show your emotions without shame or feeling embarrassed.

When we walked out to find him. Dad saw us first and ran to the youth. He was carrying a beautiful flower bouquet and gave it to her, which was bigger than her. She gave him a big long hug with tears in her eyes but with the biggest smile on her face. And yes, Dad cried, I cried and everyone around us, it was a very emotional and beautiful moment to be part of.



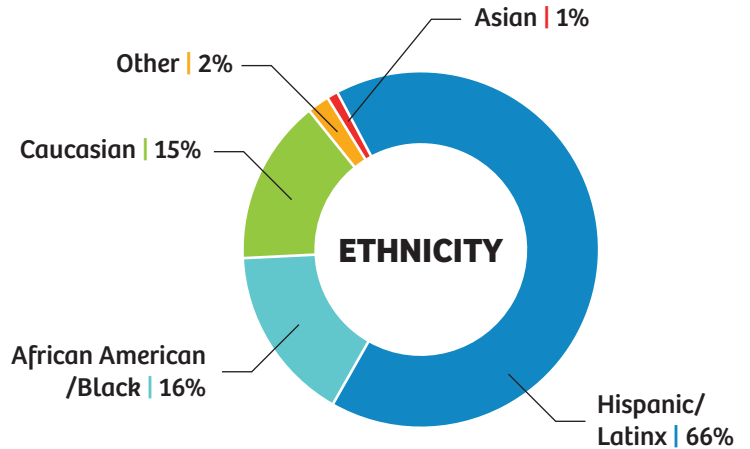
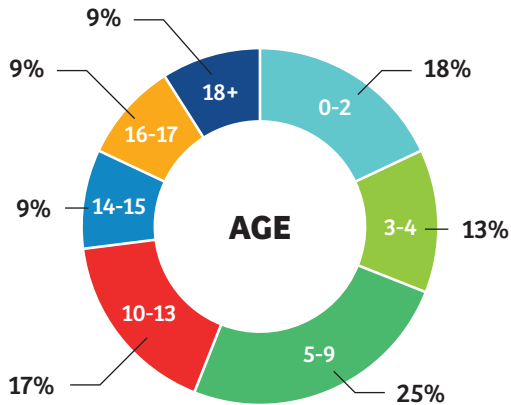
Unaccompanied Children

McKinley helped 416 unaccompanied children reunite with family and loved ones.





Who We Serve



2,144
Individuals Served



Male 49%
Served



198
Families Served



Female 51%
Served

4 Counties

- Los Angeles County – 51.9%
- San Bernardino County – 22.2%
- Orange County – 14.8%
- Riverside County – 11.1%

What's Next at McKinley?

Transitional Housing Program

The Transitional Housing Program aims to boost the self-sufficiency of non-minor dependents by refining their independent living skills. This includes support for educational goals, employment, financial management, maintaining healthy relationships, and daily living skills. Participants reside in community apartments, receiving targeted life skill development from the team.

New Hemet Office

In our ongoing collaboration with Riverside County, we are opening a new clinic in Hemet to serve the mid-county region of Riverside County. This clinic will offer a variety of mental health and supportive services for the local community.

Home Study & Post Release Program (HSPRS):

This program is vital as it helps to ensure a smooth transition and ongoing support for children reuniting with families after their stay in a shelter program. By offering comprehensive assistance, we will facilitate the youth's success in their new communities. This program safeguards the children's well-being, fostering stability and helping them to build their new life in a caring and nurturing environment.



Community Partnerships

A big thank you to our community partners! Your support and donations make a real difference. Together, we're building a stronger, more compassionate community. Grateful for your ongoing partnership!



Volunteer & Staff Contributions



Garden Projects

The on-campus vegetable garden thrived, yielding fresh delights for all. Nature's bounty right at home!



Campus Murals

Our campus murals brought vibrancy and creativity to life, uniting our campus with colorful expressions. Artistry in every corner!



Trunk or Treat

McKinley's 2023 Trunk or Treat was a spooktacular success—costumes, treats, and family-friendly thrills for all!

Community Engagement

Family Resource Centers

Through the generosity of a grant, we have established Family Resource Centers at several locations. These centers offer free drop-in services in areas related to self-care, life skills classes, and linkages to community support.

Awesome McKinley Advocates

Welcome to McKinley's newest volunteer program, where we are committed to making a positive impact in our community.

This well-structured program offers meaningful opportunities for individuals to contribute to the betterment of McKinley and our surrounding community. As we evolve, our emphasis is on diversifying volunteer demographics and expanding

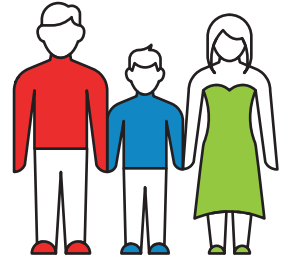
outreach initiatives for broader community involvement. Join us in creating a more connected and vibrant McKinley community through the Awesome McKinley Advocates program!





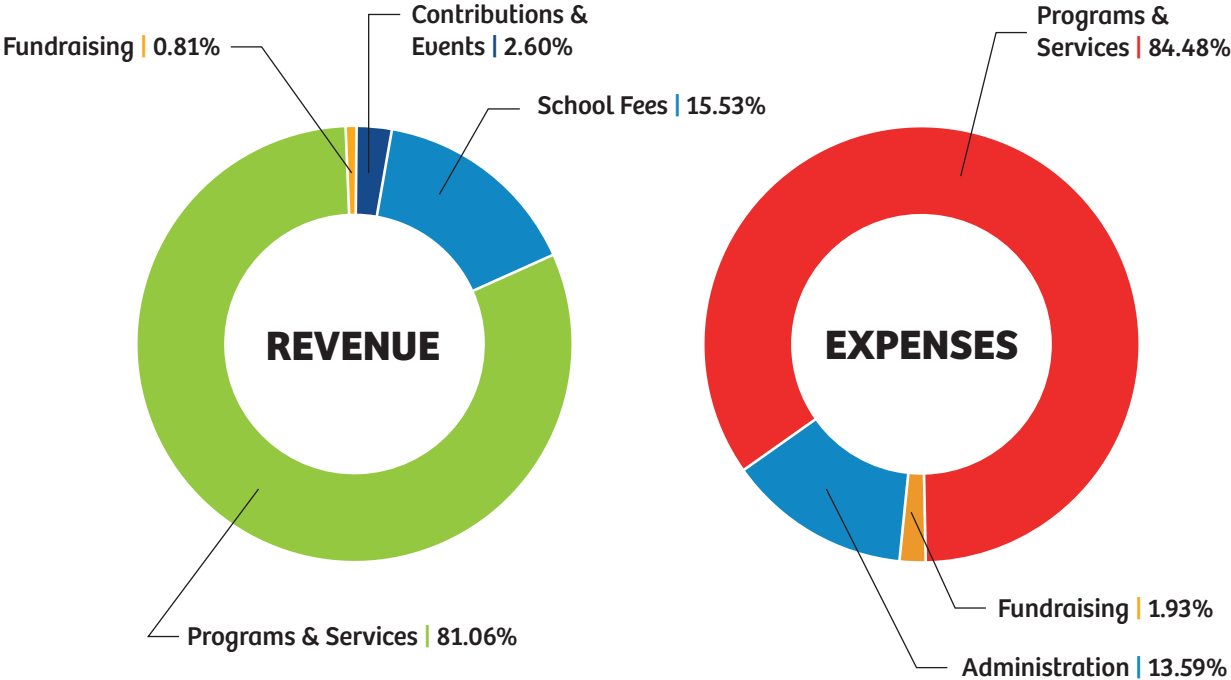


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ADOPTIONS



67,908
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICE HOURS

Financial Summary



Our Board Directors

Heartfelt thanks for your dedicated service and generous support to McKinley and our community. Your commitment is the driving force behind our positive impact, and we are immensely grateful for the transformative change you enable.

Together, we are making a lasting difference!

Kymerli Murray

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Alpha Sunusi

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McKinley Leadership



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Our Locations



**Headquarters, Administration,
Mental Health,
Family Resource Center**

180 Via Verde, Suite 200
San Dimas, Ca 91773



**Canyon View School
and Residential
Programs**

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**Foster Care and
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McKinley and the children
and families we serve!**



