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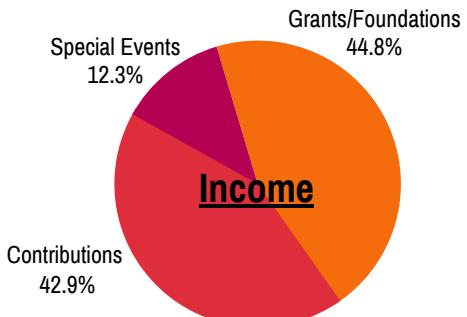
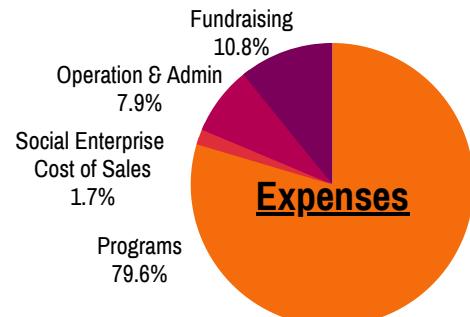
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The community's generosity in 2020 provided vital fiscal stability, making it possible for Women's Empowerment to remain a trusted resource for women and children experiencing homelessness. We remain committed to ensuring every dollar invested is handled responsibly and with great care.



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2020 Impact Report



**WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT**



**Women's Empowerment
educates and empowers
women who are experiencing
homelessness with the skills
and the confidence necessary
to get a job, create a healthy
lifestyle, and regain a home
for themselves and their
children.**

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How WE Met the Moment

When 2020 brought its challenges, many organizations were unable to provide in-person services. Our staff reached out to hundreds of our graduates to ask the question, "What support is needed?" The women expressed fear of falling back into homelessness after working so hard to secure a job and a safe and stable home for themselves and their children. We quickly pivoted our services - not our mission - to meet the most critical needs.

Our success in supporting these extraordinary women was made possible by everyone in the Women's Empowerment (WE) community.

976 Unduplicated Women Served

In addition to our Job-readiness and Empowerment program and advanced job training programs, women had continuous access to mental health counseling, accurate health information in real-time, and assistance with basic needs.

Together, our program team supported women through the pandemic, and associated economic and housing crises through a combined **2,830 appointments** and weekly domestic violence and wellness & recovery groups.



375 Care Packages Delivered

WE students and graduates were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

With our community's help, staff delivered care packages with essential PPE, hygiene products, toilet paper, snacks, water, self-care items, and notes of encouragement.

58 graduates from our Job-readiness and Empowerment Program

We held four socially distanced, in-person sessions of our Job-readiness and Empowerment Program. Volunteers taught classes virtually, providing job-seeking skills, financial literacy, anger management techniques, and housing rights and responsibilities.

Opal graduated from session 80 in August, 2020. After a lifetime of struggling with mental illness and feeling isolated, she came to WE and got the support she needed to build her self-confidence. She is currently working towards her degree in Graphic Design and is now living in stable housing.



14 job training programs

We expanded our community partnerships to provide more paid job training programs to help graduates gain skills and experience to prepare them for careers in recession-resistant fields like property management, green energy, healthcare, assembly & distribution.

Katherine graduated in December of 2019 and began exploring new career options. She enrolled in our property management training program which is a partnership with the International Institute for Real Estate Management, Sacramento. She worked hard managing distance learning and earned her certificate. She now proudly works as a property manager!

177 Jobs Obtained

Employment Specialists supported women as they sought employment, faced lay-offs and navigated new employment challenges.

Despite her challenges with addiction and homelessness before coming to Women's Empowerment, Crystal never gave up. While enrolled in Session 78, Crystal met with her Employment Specialist and remained committed to her ultimate goal of getting a job with the State of California. Today, she is working for the state, living in stable housing, and maintaining her sobriety.



144 Women Gained or Maintained a Safe, Stable Home

With the addition of a Housing Specialist to our team, students and graduates were able to reduce barriers to housing and gain a comprehensive understanding of their housing rights and responsibilities. Women received support completing applications, navigating the competitive process and communicating with landlords.

After graduating from our program and gaining employment, there was still a missing piece for Lonitha; a safe and stable place to call home. Lonitha worked diligently with our Housing Specialist, and just in time for the holidays, she and her son moved into their very own house.

Together, we met the moment.