Wesley House 2025

Wesley House Resident Graduate, 2025

WESLEY HOUSE

Indelible Impact

With the support of our volunteers, donors, funders, and community partners, Wesley House is supporting more students than ever before as they complete their time in higher education. Most incredibly, we now know that our work continues to resonate and influence beyond the degree as graduates enter the workforce and carry with them the lessons learned at Wesley House.

Our work has never been so critical to the success, stability, and physical and mental health of our students. New policies at the federal level have created new challenges for those enrolled in higher education, making it more difficult for those dreaming of going to college to realize their ambitions. Never to be discouraged, our leadership, staff, and volunteers continue to be inspired by the students who persevere in the face of new challenges.

I hope you are heartened and emboldened by the incredible impact Wesley House achieved in 2025. We are at our best when community comes together to support our most vulnerable.

With gratitude,

Lisa Norombaba
Executive Director

2025 Funders

Jewish Community Foundation San Diego

ASML

LIFE SCIENCE CARES san diego

ZABLE FOUNDATION

Albertsons nourishing neighbors

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LAS PRIMERAS

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

The City of SAN DIEGO Community Development Block Grant

ROSS DRESS FOR LESS

WESLEY

LIVING • LEARNING • LIFE CHANGING

Since 2005. . .

Wesley House has broken barriers to higher education often experienced by low-income individuals. Our goal is to break the cycle of poverty through access to higher education.

Our Mission

To break the cycle of poverty and build strong communities by supporting access to higher education through affordable housing and support services.

Our Vision

We envision a San Diego County where all students have the opportunity to build self-confidence and career stability through access to higher education.

Who we serve

Wesley House supports low-income, system-impacted post-secondary students enrolled in San Diego institutions. Our students' experiences often include: homelessness, incarceration, transition from foster care, and/or being the first in their families to attend a college, university, or vocational school.

Wesley House Programs

AFFORDABLE HOUSING **Wesley House was founded as an affordable supportive student housing complex and we remain committed to that mission today. We house up to 26 students in our complex every year with a high persistence and graduation rate that serves as a proof of concept for our holistic approach to academic success. We are proud of all that our student residents accomplish.**

60%
of Residents are 1st generation college students.

Wesley House Residents

29
low-income and system-impacted students housed in our affordable supportive student housing.

60%
of residents were formerly homeless.

Halloween Celebration

100%
of students who transitioned out of Wesley House moved into stable permanent housing.

9 student residents graduated from their programs in 2025..

2025 Graduation Celebration

2 out of 3

Community college students experience housing and/or food insecurity.

Wesley House Programs

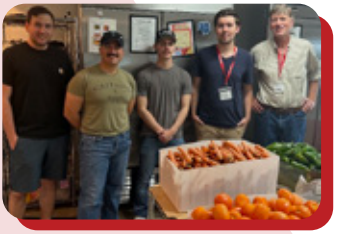
FOOD PANTRY **Wesley House provides the only food pantry in the College Area open to all low-income post-secondary students in San Diego County. The pantry is set up as a small grocery store, stocked with fresh produce, dairy, meat, and shelf-stable products donated by our amazing partners at Target, Sprouts, and Trader Joe's, and purchased from the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank.**

>3 tons
of food was donated to Wesley House through our virtual Amazon Wish List food drive.

Student Food Panty

230,000
lbs of food rescued from landfill in 2025. That's over 167K meal!

2,003
people visited our food pantry in 2025; 25% more than the year before!


Volunteers restocking

2X
The pantry was expanded to double its size or nearly 800 sqft!

>15,000 visits to the Wesley House food pantry in 2025.

New Pantry Expansion

60-80 students come through the Wesley House Food Pantry every day.

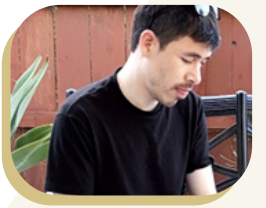
Wesley House Programs

HOUSING NAVIGATION **With over twenty years of housing experience, Wesley House has taken the next step in reaching as many housing-insecure students as we can. Housing Navigation provides students with expert guidance finding affordable and appropriate accomodations and the resources they need to ensure they stay housed.**

100%
of students who received housing navigation remained on-course to maintain self-sufficiency after receiving services.

75
students received housing navigation and got help increasing their monthly income, finding or keeping a place to live, or received rental assistance.

$20,000
financial rental assistance disbursed to students in 2025.


Housing Navigation Student

6 months
This program ran for only 6 months out of 2025 and got these results!

16 the number of different campuses our students attend.

Housing Navigation Students

14%
of San Diego college students experience homelessness at some point during the year.

Wesley House Programs

SUPPORTING SUCCESS **Wesley House is more than just student services, we are a community center where students can find support for any challenges they may meet during their academic journeys. From equipment donations to case management, we know from experience that tailored support keeps students in school.**

95%
of those receiving support services were able to continue their academic journey.

Maria, CalFresh Coordinator

234
people got help from our CalFresh Outreach Coordinator to access CalFresh/ Food Stamps.

> 700
articles of professional clothing distributed to graduating seniors.

Computer Giveaway

30
computers distributed to our students by funding partner Life Science Cares.

>1,000 hours of one-on-one meetings with clients!

Professional Clothing Giveaway

One

The number of nonprofits in San Diego County combining affordable housing and basic needs support tailored for college students.

Wesley House Programs

BUILDING COMMUNITY **Wesley House brings people together through workshops, community advocacy, and volunteer opportunities. We could not do this type of work without the support of the entire San Diego community, its experts, advocates, funders, and passionate good samaritans.**

22 workshops/ seminars presented in 2025.

Volunteer Day

6 experts presented workshops/ seminars in 2025.

Food Pantry Helper

> 500 volunteers supported student success in 2025!

100 Volunteer Hours!

31 engagements at community events representing Wesley House and our students.

Food Pantry Volunteers

42 Community Partners work with us to support student success!

Thank you to our donors!

World Shaper
ASML
Life Science Cares
Jewish Community Foundation
John Kikuchi
City of San Diego CDBG
Megan Rountree
Kaiser Permanente
Nordson Corporation Foundation
The Zable Foundation
Albertsons Nourish Neighbors

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Brittany Malowney

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Michelle Myhra
Judy & Bob Sharp
Jade Skoor
Charles Smith
Riviera Supper Club
Frank Vongsotsavahn
Richard Weintraub
Jennifer Wieder
Debbie Yee

2025 Financial Summary*

Total Revenue	**$742,774**
Total Expenses	**$623,929**
Program Expenses	$300,939
Fundraising Expenses	$61,333
Administrative Expenses	$70,362
Total Fixed Assets	**$1,786,098**
Total Investments	**$227,395**
Total Liabilities	**$998,258**
Ending Net Assets	**$1,134,080**

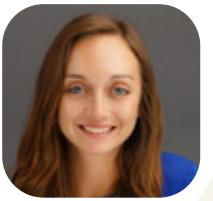
*unaudited

Meet our leadership

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Hanna-Bernabe
Board Chair

Federico Caion Demaestri
Vice Chair

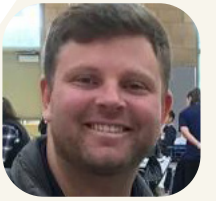


Jennifer Cook, CPA
Treasurer

Amelita Ebuña
Board Secretary

Spencer Dok

Marisa Felix



Casey Graver

Parish Jefferson, PhD

John Kikuchi, CPA

Brittany Malowney, MBA

Thank you to our community partners:

San Diego Food Bank

The Old Globe

San Diego Youth Services

Brightside Produce Distribution

Promises2Kids

Feeding San Diego

Father Joe's Villages

monarch school

Just in Time for Foster Youth

County of San Diego

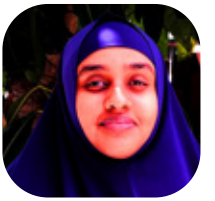
Meet the team

WESLEY HOUSE STAFF

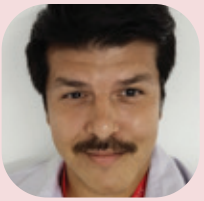
Lisa Norombaba
Executive Director

Joe Shumate
Dir. of Development & Marketing

Mattison Walker
Housing & Student Services Manager



Sagal Abdullahi
Intern Supervisor



Robert Becerra
Housing Navigator

Maria Khalifa
CalFresh Outreach Coordinator

Kimberly Kritzer
Student Ambassador

Amber Miller
Food Pantry Supervisor

2025 Interns:

Katelyn Medley (2024-2025)

Elizabeth Ortega (2024-2025)

Aranzazu Salgado-Gutierrez (2025-2026)

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District

San Diego State University Economic Crisis Response Team

Life Science Cares San Diego

Trader Joe's

Home Start

San Diego City College

Sprouts Farmers Market

Target

Smart & Final

San Diego Hunger Coalition

Student Testimonials

“Wesley House has honestly become home to me. It’s given me a sense of belonging and community and has significantly improved my academic life, my work life, my mental health, and my physical health.”

Alexis
Wesley House Resident

“I am really honored to have a place at Wesley House. Finding housing I can afford is a major challenge. I am greatful for the team here who finds meaningful ways to support students and the community.”

Hardik
Class of 2025

“When I need resources or even to just talk to someone, I’d be like, ‘Where do I go?” But at Wesley House, I always feel welcome. Knowing that I can come into a safe place means everything.”

Amalia
Class of 2023

Student Testimonials

"Wesley House is not only a place for me to be, but the staff is so supportive and encouraging . . . Wesley House support has been instrumental in my life and continues to push me forward and make me feel like I can make my dreams come true."

Kim
Class of 2025

"I start struggling the 3rd or 4th week of the month and that's when the food pantry comes into play. I wouldn't be getting such good grades because I'd be focusing more on how I'm going to get food."

Amber
Class of 2023

"I hope everyone understands the community that is Wesley House and how important we all are. We're an inspiration for those who haven't been to college. Everyone who lives at Wesley House is a superhero. I hope this community grows and thrives."

Shawn
Class of 2021

WESLEY HOUSE

Graduating Class of 2025

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