

WESLEY HOUSE 2023



Amber, 2023 Graduate

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HOUSE

From Homeless to Hope



At Wesley House, we aim to break the cycle of poverty and build strong communities by supporting equitable access to higher education. We envision a day when all students, regardless of economic, social, or ethnic background, can build self-confidence and career stability through a post-secondary education.

The students we serve remain an inspiration and a reminder of the power of a post-secondary education. They champion our cause and validate our mission as they spread the message that equitable access to higher education is for everyone.

2023 was a year of tremendous growth. Last year, Wesley House Student Residence:

- Quadrupled the size of our food pantry, the only one serving San Diego's College area.
- More than doubled the number of students served through our housing, pantry and on-site programming.
- Matched 20 residents with volunteer mentors and increased our food rescue and distribution with the help of more than 30 volunteers.

I am privileged to experience incredible stories of triumph despite the odds and an appreciation for the impact our housing and services have on students who are gaining confidence, finding their voice and realizing their potential.

Thank you to our amazing staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and donors without whom the students we serve might never achieve their dreams. I look forward to continuing this mission-driven work with you as we reach out to more students in service to our vision of educational equality.

With gratitude,

Lisa Norombaba
Executive Director

2023 Funders





SINCE 2005...

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

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

We envision a San Diego County where all students, regardless of economic, social, or ethnic background, have the opportunity to build self-confidence and career stability through equitable access to higher education.

WHO WE SERVE

Wesley House supports low-income, system-impacted post-secondary students enrolled in San Diego institutions. Our students often identify as: experiencing homelessness, formerly incarcerated, former foster youth, first-generation college student, first-generation American, and/or BIPOC.

The Need



2 out of 3

Community college students experience housing and/or food insecurity.

30-60

students come through the Wesley House Food Pantry every weekday.



2 out of 5

or 43% of community college students in San Diego experience food insecurity.

71%

of Wesley House Students do not receive federal food assistance (CalFresh).



One

The number of nonprofits in San Diego County combining affordable housing and basic needs support to equip post-secondary students for success.

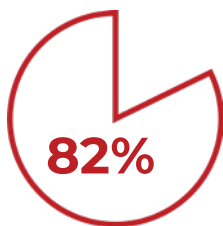
“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-- Benjamin Franklin

Wesley House Programs

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We are committed to providing affordable housing to college students building a better future for themselves and their families.



82%
of Residents are 1st generation college students.



Wesley House Residents

28

low-income and system-impacted post-secondary students housed.

61%

of residents were formerly homeless.



Wesley House Residents

100%

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

6 residents graduated (2 comm. college, 1 undergrad, 2 graduate).

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

Shawn

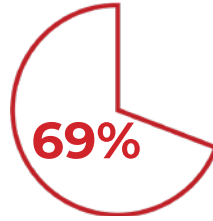
(Class of 2021)



Wesley House Programs

FOOD PANTRY

We are the only pantry in the area open M-F. Shelf-stable staples, fresh produce, dairy, and meat provide the nutrition students need to succeed.



69%

of participants are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color.



Wesley House Expanded Food Pantry

4X

We expanded our pantry from 50ft² to 200ft² with commercial cold storage and room for clothing and non-food essentials.

56K

lbs of food, rescued from the landfill in 2023. That's over 46K meals!



Wesley House Food Pantry

911

people supported by our pantry in 2023.

17,766 visits to the Wesley House food pantry in 2023.

"I usually start struggling the third or fourth week of the month and that's when the Wesley House Food Pantry comes into play. Without it, I wouldn't be getting such good grades because I'd be focusing more on how I'm going to get food."

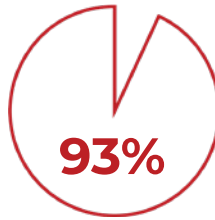
Amber
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Wesley House Programs

Supporting Success

Students create a community of support through mentoring and case management.



93% of those receiving support services were able to continue their academic journey.



Student Services Coordinator, Sagal, with her students.

204

meetings and over 600 hours with our on-site social worker for resources, support, and counseling.

55

students received case management.



Wesley House Food Pantry

20

student-mentor pairs facilitated by Wesley House in 2023.

29 students received application assistance for college, financial aid, and public assistance.



"When I need resources or even to just talk to someone, I'd be like, 'Oh, where do I go?' But at Wesley House, I always feel welcome. Being able to know that I can come into a safe space means everything."

Amalia
(Class of 2023)

Wesley House Programs

Building Community

Wesley House brings people together through workshops, community advocacy, and volunteer opportunities.

100%

100% positive feedback on usefulness of workshops.

11

workshops/
seminars
offered in 2023.



SDSU Police present an Active Shooter Training.

7

experts
presented
workshops/
seminars in
2023.

69

volunteers
donated their
time in 2023.



PNK Aerospace employees volunteering their time.

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

"It's really fun to know that I'm helping students who really need help. What better way than helping them get an education? I was a resident at Wesley House in the 1980's. This is a good way to give back for the help they provided to me."

Tom
(Volunteer)



Thank you to our donors!

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SDSU Rotoract donates Thanksgiving fixings to our students.

2023 Financial Summary*

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Revenue | \$532,315 |
| Total Expenses | \$410,162 |
| Program Expenses | \$295,317 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$61,536 |
| Administrative Expenses | \$53,309 |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$1,880,328 |
| Total Investments | \$202,664 |
| Total Liabilities | \$1,003,016 |
| Ending Net Assets | \$1,212,902 |

*unaudited

Meet our leadership

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dani Halton
Board Chair



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Let's build a community of support together!



Meet the team

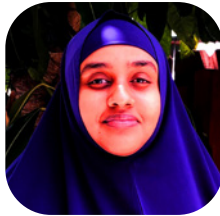
WESLEY HOUSE STAFF



Lisa Norombaba
Executive Director



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Dir. of Development &
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Coordinator



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Assistant

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