STORIES

STREET FOOD FEST
Our first annual Street Food Fest was an amazing success, and it was not your typical fundraiser. Instead of a multi-course, ultra-expensive meal, we brought in street food vendors representing culinary traditions from around the world.

Instead of a high-rise or hotel ballroom, we threw the party on a paved community space right on El Cajon Blvd. Instead of charging people an arm and a leg for tickets, we kept the cost low, brought in an incredible band, and had a dance party. In short, the focus of this community fundraiser was what we value most: community.

The whole City Heights community, in all its color and kindness, celebrated in style. And we’re only just getting started—be sure to join us for Street Food Fest 2020!

MEET MS. RINGO
There are moments when work is just work, and then there are moments that remind us why we love serving this community alongside you.

This is our friend, Ms. Ringo, and she gave us one of those moments. When her home burned to the ground, Ms. Ringo had nothing left. “Have you ever had no place to go?” Ms. Ringo asked as she blinked back tears.

“Well I have. I tell people about having no place to go, and they nod along all nice like, but I don’t think many people know the feeling. I had nowhere, just the streets, but when I called your director, you guys got me an apartment here.”

When Ms. Ringo was at her worst, the community stepped in. In 2019, we took steps to make sure more people like her will have the support they need to stay in their homes and off the streets.

We founded One Month Away, an eviction prevention program designed to keep people safe and in their homes, with our development partner we acquired four City Heights lots to develop into new affordable housing units, and we helped put a case manager out in the community to provide support and housing assistance to people living on the street.

These solutions were made possible by you, the community, and we are incredibly excited about what’s to come.
10 households are evicted in San Diego every day, but they don’t have to be. **ONE MONTH AWAY** is our new eviction-prevention initiative designed to keep people safe, in their homes, and off the streets.

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PLACEMAKING is the community-driven process of planning, designing, and transforming public spaces so local culture and heritage are highlighted and celebrated, and this year we took big steps toward building on nearly a decade of placemaking work in City Heights. Stay tuned for more!

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2019 WINS

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**INCOME DISTRIBUTION:**

- Housing Development: $206,084
- Grants: $815,518
- Property Management: $62,891
- Resident Services: $169,542
- Rental Income: $122,194
- Donations & Sponsorship: $11,216
- Partnership Distribution: $51,476
- Investment Income: $95,421

**EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION:**

- Programs: $96,059
- Corporate Operations: $427,277
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WHO WE ARE

OUR TEAM:

We've always had a hard time fitting all of our partners on this page so this year we’re making sure all of them fit nicely—magnifying glass not included! They're our friends, colleagues, passionate advocates, and hardworking community members who work everyday to improve the quality of life in City Heights.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Fred Lindahl, Chair
Matthew Finnegan, Treasurer
Stephen Delizo Secretary
William Anderson
Stephanie Perez
Tayari Shorter
Jeff Barger
Miriam Rodriguez
Linda Guzzo
Cristina Sanchez-Kerr

PARTNERSHIP:

211 San Diego/Community Information Exchange
American Association of Retired Persons
American Council for Construction Education
ACOON
Affiliated Housing
Amikas
Bike Del Pueblo
Bike San Diego
Borderlock
CaBike
California Bank & Trust
California Office of Traffic Safety
California Walks
Calltrans
Canyonlands
Capital One Services, LLC
Community Development Block Grant
CDC Small Business Finance
Cesar Chavez Clubs of San Diego
City Heights Business Improvement Association
City Heights Built Environment Team
City Heights Partnership for Children
City Heights Village
City of San Diego
City of San Diego Sustainability Dept.
Climate Action Campaign
CMR Risk
Coal Bros
Comerica Bank
Community Bank
Community Budget Alliance
Community Law Project
Consolida & Consolinda
County of San Diego
Center on Policy Initiatives
Crafty Pop Ups Market
Economic Development and Tourism Support
El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Ellie’s Party Salsa and Mexican Food
Energy Upgrade California
Energy Upgrade Time Of Use
Environmental Health Coalition
Feeding San Diego
FSU-I Law
Groundwork San Diego
Hoover High School
Interfaith Housing
International Rescue Committee
Kitchens for Good
KTS Law
Linda Guzzo
Live Well San Diego
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Mark Kassab
Media Arts Center San Diego
Mid City CAN
National Conflict Resolution Center
National Resources Defense Council
Office of Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez
Office of District 3 Councilmember
Office of District 9 Councilmember
Chris Ward
Georgette Gómez
Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Outdoor Outreach
Parent Voices, San Diego Chapter
Partners for the Advancement of New Americans
PolicyLink
Price Charities
Price Philanthropies
MIYAKO
Pueblo Planning
San Diego Food Bank
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Housing Commission
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
San Diego State University
SAY San Diego
San Diego Bicycle Club
San Diego Gas & Electric
San Diego Housing Federation
Sticky Pot Rice
The California Endowment
The Dojo Coffee, Community and Culture
The Energy Foundation
The San Diego Association of Governments
The San Diego Foundation
The Tower Bar
The Utility Reform Network
Traveling Stories
Union Bank
United Way
Urban Corps of San Diego
US Bank
Versal Security
Wakeland Housing & Development
Weland Landscaping
Words Alive

VOLUNTEERS:

Our volunteers are awesome, too. Countless people contributed hundreds of hours over the last year serving kids in our after-school program, participating in our food distributions, lending a hand at events, helping with community clean-ups, standing with the community through advocacy efforts and so much more.