At Illumination Foundation, we believe every person has the right to health, home, and dignity.

We provide integrated housing, healthcare, and supportive services that serve the most vulnerable individuals, children, and families experiencing homelessness in Southern California.

Illumination Foundation is a recognized leader in the field of homelessness—known for our expertise in healthcare and housing. We meet the complex needs of our clients by addressing barriers to housing and health through a system of care that meets each individual wherever they are.

In 2022, we have been able to bring more light into the lives of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness by adding new programs, new partnerships, and new facilities. We are grateful for all our supporters. Thank you for making an investment in the community. You make a life-saving impact on those we serve!
I’d like to say thank you to all the supporters because without the supporters, who knows where I would be right now. I love Illumination Foundation, they help a lot of people, they’re like my second family.”

— Dan, Illumination Foundation Client
In 2022, we served **6,423 clients**, providing integrated housing, healthcare, and supportive services to those experiencing homelessness.

- **392,391** Safe bednights were provided
- **6,423** Unique individuals were served by Illumination Foundation
- **1,192** Clients experiencing homelessness received recuperative care services
- **258** Children and parents were served in our Family Emergency Shelters
- **476** Individuals were housed
- **321** Family members were housed

“*If they hadn’t stepped in and taken me, I would have been on the streets. I would’ve went right back to drinking. I’d be dead.*”

— Dale, Illumination Foundation Client and beneficiary of CalAIM
2022 Highlights

This year’s highlights include new leadership roles, new programs, new partnerships, new facilities, and new offices.

New Leadership Roles

Illumination Foundation Board of Directors named Dr. Pooja Bhalla and Jack Toan as Co-Chief Executive Officers of Illumination Foundation, effective July 1, 2022. They succeed Co-Founder and former CEO Paul Leon. Dr. Bhalla and Mr. Toan have both made a significant impact in leading the organization in their previous roles. Together they are ushering in a new era for Illumination Foundation and will continue to build upon the legacy of its founders.

New Programs

In January 2022, the Department of Health Care Services launched California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), a long-term commitment to transform and strengthen Medi-Cal, offering California a more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered approach to maximizing health and life trajectory.

Illumination Foundation was well-positioned to provide CalAIM services. We became a CalAIM provider in Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties through local Managed Care Plans. Through CalAIM, Illumination Foundation provides both Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services, including: Housing Transition Navigation Services, Housing Deposits, Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services, Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing, Recuperative Care (Medical Respite), and Day Habilitation programs, with additional services to be rolled out in 2023.

Illumination Foundation has been showcased in a variety of conferences and webinars for other providers as an example of a successful model for implementing CalAIM services.
New Facilities

Illumination Foundation opened four new facilities in 2022:

- **Whittier Recuperative Care** is a recuperative care facility in Whittier that provides people experiencing homelessness a safe environment to recover from injury or illness. We provide case management, medical oversight, substance use and behavioral health counseling, transportation to appointments, housing navigation, and connections to other social services. *Opened February 2022.*

- **Long Beach Project Roomkey** is an adaptive reuse of a hotel in Long Beach that served adults experiencing homelessness with underlying health conditions and/or who are 65 years of age or older. *Opened April 2022.*

- **LifeArk** is a prefabricated, modular building system that creates safe, sustainable, and affordable homes. LifeArk Tyler is a permanent supportive housing community in El Monte. Illumination Foundation provides ongoing intensive case management services onsite to medically vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. LifeArk Tyler features three buildings with 19 single-occupancy units with shared kitchen and living areas, laundry, and patio/deck. *Opened April 2022.*

- **Santa Ana Homeless Shelter** is a year-round, low-barrier, 200-bed facility for individuals, couples, and families with children. The site also supports up to 30 pets. We provide clients with case management, housing navigation, substance use counseling, behavioral health, and transportation services. *Opened June 2022.*

New Offices

We opened two new offices in 2022, one in Cerritos and one in Riverside. Our logistics, infrastructure, warehouse, and maintenance teams are based in Cerritos, along with the CalAIM Enhanced Care Management team and Long Beach Intensive Case Management Services team. Our Inland Empire CalAIM Community Supports team is based in the Riverside office.
New Partnerships

Illumination Foundation has forged several new partnerships and collaborations to help provide our families with needed services. These include the University of California, Irvine Eye Mobile; Healthy Smiles dental mobile clinic; and parenting classes provided by Olive Crest. In a new partnership with CHOC Health Alliance, we are now referring children to CHOC for pediatric care. We also partnered with Team Kids, which is providing a mentoring program for the children in our family shelters, and we began new enrichment programs in partnership with Girl Scouts and Dreams for Schools.

“My life has completely changed from all of the services that have been offered to me. I don’t drink alcohol at all, I don’t smoke cigarettes, I don’t even drink caffeine or soda. I’ve regained my health, and I’ve overcome many battles, like surviving cancer. Everybody deserves a roof over their head and happiness, and that’s something that Illumination Foundation has given to me, and I’m ever so grateful.”

— Nichole, Illumination Foundation Client
Before coming to Illumination Foundation, Megan S. had been panhandling in the streets of Santa Ana for five years. A good day meant food for herself and her dog Bazooka Joe. If she earned enough, she could take a break from the train tracks and stay a night in the local Motel 6. Megan grew up in Laguna Hills, but after long-term substance use coupled with an unhealthy relationship, Megan lost her job and ended up living in her car.

During her time on the streets, Megan met Demetrius, who was also experiencing homelessness. Demetrius made Megan feel safe and helped her take care of Bazooka Joe. In August of 2021, Megan found out she was pregnant. She was immediately excited about fulfilling her dream of having a family. At 40 years old, she knew her pregnancy was high risk. Eventually, a Santa Ana outreach worker connected her to Illumination Foundation.

When she was six-months pregnant, Megan entered an Illumination Foundation facility and was immediately connected to a range of supportive services. Her housing navigator, case manager, and substance use counselor all worked as a team to give Megan a successful and life-changing stay.

Laney, her case manager, was Megan's greatest advocate. Laney helped Megan focus, and together they obtained Megan’s social security card and other vital documents. Through her substance use counselor, Cynthia, Megan was connected to a methadone clinic. This allowed Megan to endure the intense withdrawal process from opioids while pregnant. Cynthia focused on teaching Megan different coping skills so she could continue down her path of sobriety. Coco, Megan’s housing navigator, connected Megan with a housing voucher, which pays part of the rent for an apartment. Megan was even able to take advantage of Illumination Foundation’s dental clinic. Dr. Michelle McGill, Illumination Foundation’s volunteer dentist, was able to restore Megan’s teeth.

In early June, Megan moved into her new apartment with her newborn son, Lyon, and Demetrius, who had secured a job as an electrician’s assistant. Megan said Illumination Foundation saved her life and that she would be lost without the support she received from the Illumination Foundation team. Megan, Demetrius, Lyon, and Bazooka Joe are now together as a happy family in their home.
In 2022, we had 526 general and professional volunteers who contributed 2,152 volunteer hours for a value of $66,790. We had 385 academic interns and nursing students who contributed 6,932 hours of service for a value of $220,029.

Illumination Foundation volunteers make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families that we serve. Volunteers allow us to extend our reach and resources to meet the needs of our clients. They are passionate in their desire to help people experiencing homelessness, and they are committed to our mission.

Our volunteers provide joy to our clients and provide a helping hand to our staff. We have one-time volunteers and ongoing volunteers who have served our clients for years. Illumination Foundation benefits from skills-based volunteering, which allows us to leverage the specialized skills and talents of individuals to help build and sustain our capacity to help disrupt the cycle of homelessness.
2022 Financials

Revenue Growth

Revenue Sources
- Government Contracts — 57%
- Earned Revenue — 31%
- Other (Individual Donors, Foundations, Corporations, Donated Goods and Services, Special Events) — 12%

How Funds Are Spent
- Programs & Services — 90%
- Administrative — 10%

410,934 1,114,317 2,147,342 3,645,014 3,494,348 3,849,179 4,525,891 5,060,896 6,918,105 9,739,948 15,387,710 21,005,322 29,541,539 48,846,458 38,754,842
Thank You to Our Supporters

Thank you to our Board of Directors, corporate partners, academic partners, healthcare professionals, clubs, and organizations who are a constant source of support and advocacy for the most vulnerable in our community. They have kindly given of their time, talent, and treasure through financial contributions, grants, volunteering, in-kind donations, and community engagement.