



TRANSFORMING LIVES

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to connect broken people to a community of support by providing free resources and services that address short and long-term needs in the areas of **homelessness, hunger, poverty, prison, addiction, and abuse.**

Since 1994, the Dream Center has been a beacon of hope to thousands of lives in Los Angeles. Through the various programs available, the Dream Center serves **40,000** people a month.

HOW WE DO IT

A variety of circumstances can result in homelessness, poverty, addiction, or crime. Our programs are made available to provide opportunities for those to seek help and receive a true chance to change their lives.

Our **outreach programs** reach underserved communities to provide resources like food, clothing and other essential items.

Many who are in need of long-term support can choose to enroll in one of our **transitional housing programs** to overcome their addictions, trauma from abuse, or other life-controlling issues.

Resource programs help mobilize our outreach and residential programs. In a typical year, our food bank distributes over five million pounds of food.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

All of our programs are available to anyone at no financial cost. In these programs, recipients are provided with both practical and spiritual support through resources, mentorship, and community. This prepares them for a stable, self-sustained lifestyle supporting a successful transition into long-term independent living.

There are **526 spaces available** for clients to enroll in one of our transitional housing programs:

Homeless Veterans 40 spaces capacity

1-year program designed to equip veterans with the spiritual and practical tools needed to lay a firm foundation for building a successful future after their military service.

Foster Youth 18 spaces capacity

A program for foster youth aging out or have aged out of the foster care system who are currently or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Discipleship (Recovery) 270 spaces capacity

1 year program for adult men and women facing addiction, trauma from abuse, consequences of crime like prison, and other life-controlling issues.

Homeless Families Spaces for up to 32 families (96 spaces)

Available to homeless families to receive free housing for one year (sometimes longer) while they work on achieving goals that will help them to be better able to sustain independent living.

Additional programs that support the successful transition into and out of our housing programs include our **emergency shelter (for victims of abuse and sex trafficking)**, and our **connections and transitions** programs (**102 spaces**).

OUTREACH

Reaching up to **23 neighborhoods** around LA County every week, the Dream Center provides resources and creates relationships with the people of our community. Programs include:

Mobile Food Bank Over 200,000 pounds of food distributed monthly

Distributes food to these communities weekly through four of our mobile food banks (food trucks).

Clothing Outreach 15,000 articles of clothing distributed monthly*

Free clothing is distributed at these communities. This service is also available to the public on the Dream Center campus.

Adopt-A-Block 100 blocks served monthly

To mobilize these services, staff and volunteers make and cultivate relationships with the many members of these communities by distributing food, hygiene items and other essentials.

Foster Care Intervention 52 families united in 2019*

To keep families together instead of being placed in foster care, the Dream Center partners with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), to provide the necessary furniture items, groceries, diapers, and other hygiene items for families every week for up to one year.

Prison Outreach 300 inmates recruited into recovery program

Weekly jail visits that include Saturday night church services and single cell visitations that offer counseling, prayer and awareness of the Dream Center programs.

Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief collaborates with various churches and other organizations in order to quickly respond with resources and support to victims affected by natural disasters occurring in the United States. Resources such as hygiene products, baby products, food and water are just some of the items distributed.

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RESOURCES

The Dream Center's resource programs support transitional housing and outreach programs. Amenities offered include our on-campus diner, gym facility, and adult education tutoring. Through these supplemental programs, families and individuals in the community and on campus are further equipped in their journey to succeed.

Kitchen & Diner

Over 2,000 hot meals served daily

The Carey Kitchen and Diner serves three free hot, nutritionally balanced meals every single day of the year. In addition to feeding the residents of the Dream Center, it is open to the public, including homeless individuals.

Adult Education

765 tutoring sessions completed

Offering free individualized GED tutoring, life skills classes, job readiness classes and additional coaching to Dream Center program residents, our clients are enabled to pursue higher education, successful careers, financial stability and brighter futures. This program is also available to the general public.

Food Bank

Every month, over ***half a million pounds of food gets distributed*** to various communities through the Dream Center's programs such as Foster Care Intervention, Food Truck outreach and Carey Kitchen, as well as other service-led organizations.

Counseling Center*

Mental, emotional, and spiritual recovery play a crucial role for those enrolled in our transitional housing programs in their journey to rebuilding their lives. The Counseling Center has been available for free to these clients, as a part of the program to face and heal from their traumas.

Fitness/Gym

DC Fitness is a fully equipped gym with premium equipment and amenities, set in a modern facility to help Dream Center residents and community members reach their health and fitness goals.

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