

29 YEARS OF IMPACT | JULY 2022-JUNE 2023

Pioneering Potential



Table of Contents



four
4

Mission + Vision

six
6

Pillars of Transformation

eight
8

Limitless Potential

twelve
12

Reaching People

fourteen
14

Equipping with Essentials

eighteen
18

Residential Restoration

twentyfour
24

Empowering Futures

twentyeight
28

Engaging Community



LETTER FROM THE CEO | MATTHEW BARNETT

I am grateful for every friend, organization, business, church, volunteer, supporter and staff who have shown heroic kindness and support to our mission for the past 29 years.

Because of selfless pioneers like you, the Dream Center has been able to help countless lives reach their potential! You inspire me with your sacrifice. By partnering together, we are able to make a lasting impact on the lives of people who make this city great, and continue to change the landscape of Los Angeles for the better.

Together, we are able to distribute 5 million pounds of food every year, house and empower more than 500 people at a time, and offer more than 50 courses through our education programs.

The only way I can adequately thank you is by being good stewards of your generosity and continuing forward with God's mission. I am excited to share how we have been able to strengthen and optimize our programs and services together, to better empower the people we serve.

Thank you for partnering with our mission.

Pastor Matthew Barnett
Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Dream Center



@Matthewbarnett1



In 1994, Tommy Barnett and son, Matthew Barnett, founded the Dream Center, a nonprofit organization committed to empowering people and communities to flourish by providing aid, relief, and care. Since then, the Dream Center has been a catalyst for millions of people to change their lives and pursue their dreams. Matthew is also the Senior Pastor of Angelus Temple, the historic International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Echo Park, which reaches up to 2,000 people weekly.

Pastor

Matthew Barnett | Chief Executive Officer

Co-Founder of the Dream Center

Senior Pastor of Angelus Temple Church of the Dream Center

Pastor

Tommy Barnett | Chairman

Co-Founder of the Dream Center

Pastor of Phoenix Dream City Church



Board of Directors

Pastor Tommy Barnett | Chairman

Pastor, *Phoenix Dream City Church*;

Co-Founder, *Los Angeles Dream Center*

Pastor Caroline Barnett | Vice President

Executive Director, *Dream Center Foundation*

David Oddo | Treasurer

President, *Pinnacle Precision Sheet Metal Corporation*;

President, *Corsair Management, Board of Trustees, Vanguard University*

Jack Carey | Secretary

Sandra Carey

Tim Hunt

Co-founder & President, *Huntwood Industries*

Resa Hunt

Co-founder & Vice President, *Huntwood Industries*

Mike Rogers

Founder & Owner, *Rogers Consulting Ltd.*

Pastor Charles Nieman

Pastor & Founder, *Abundant Living Faith Center*

Rodney Jerkins

Record Producer

Joy Enriquez

Singer & Actress

Mission

Empower lives and communities through the transforming love of Christ; spirit, soul, and body.

Vision

The Dream Center envisions for every person to have the opportunity to live their God-given dream.



The Dream Center is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering lives and underserved communities in the city of Los Angeles since 1994. By offering various programs and services that aid people facing homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, and abuse, the Dream Center is committed to enabling immediate relief and long-term transformation.

PILLARS OF TRANSFORMATION



Restoration
& Transformation



Food & Essential
Resources



Empowerment
through Education



Community
Engagement

We Get
to **SERVE**

Limitless



Potential

In recent years, with the increased numbers of homelessness, poverty, addiction and crime, people are in need more than ever.



The 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results were released, showing a **9% rise in homelessness** on any given night in Los Angeles County to an estimated **75,518 people** and a 10% rise in the City of Los Angeles to an estimated 46,260 people.

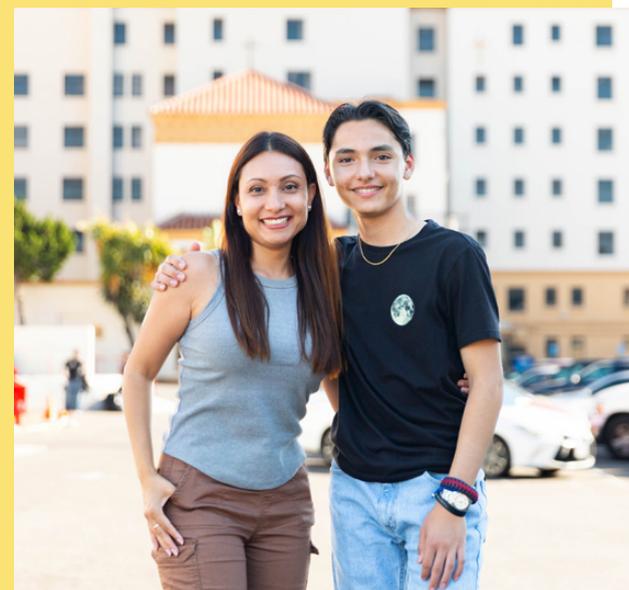
The number of deaths linked to fentanyl rose 1,280%, according to the Public Health Department.

LA Times



Limitless Potential

The Dream Center has witnessed the landscape of Los Angeles change through various challenges and more throughout nearly three decades. Although these numbers may seem daunting, experience has proven that success is possible by shifting perspective beyond statistics, and seeing them as people with the potential to accomplish great things.



TRANSFORMATION *begins with recognizing* POTENTIAL.

All it takes is for someone to see and believe in the potential before they do, with a support system available to help them reach it. A path to success is possible with the right resources, shelter, education, and the time to rebuild.

Reaching People

Over 29 years, the Dream Center has been able to cultivate long-established relationships and build new ones with surrounding underserved communities throughout Los Angeles, reaching a 19 mile radius. From beautification projects and children's programs, to ministering to the unhoused, underserved youth, and incarcerated populations, these efforts reach thousands of individuals through compassion and encouragement. Often, many are recruited into recovery or transitional housing programs available at the Dream Center.



Adopt A Block

65,874 INDIVIDUALS SERVED through relationships fostered with underserved communities via door-to-door visits.



OUR

Kidz Jam

1,320 CHILDREN IMPACTED

per month where they get to play games, listen to gospel messages, and experience community.

Youth Leagues

160 PLAYERS REGISTERED

and over 36 local high schools and middle schools represented.

Union Station

10,074 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS

reached and ministered to.

Prison Outreach

8,010 INMATES MINISTERED

and counseled to, including 25 individuals who are now in our recovery programs.

IMPACT

Fueling through Food and Fundamentals

Dream Center's essential onsite and offsite programs and services relieve thousands of individuals who are in dire need and depend on these vital resources.

Over the years, living costs in Los Angeles have been rising. As a result, many LA residents struggle to make ends meet. The post-pandemic inflation only worsened this issue, leaving many families without stable housing, access to affordable food and other essential needs.



Food prices nationally have gone up **9%** in 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1 out of 4 people in L.A. County suffers from food insecurity.

USC Research

Providing food offers more than a full stomach. It can be a source of stability, lightening the load for struggling households.

OUR

The Dream Center addresses these needs by distributing food in neighborhoods across the community, providing free groceries onsite, and serving free hot meals every day.

Food Bank

5,141,432 POUNDS OF FOOD distributed to Dream Center programs and to 25 other organizations.

Carey Kitchen

261,360 MEALS SERVED to individuals and families in need.

Mobile Food Banks

274,493 INDIVIDUALS SERVED at 24 sites with more than 1,200 total visits.

IMPACT

Feeding LA Together

Partners like Food Forward, Golden West Food Group, Frito Lay, and Feed the Children contribute to thousands of pounds of produce, protein, packaged foods and more every year. The Kid Laroi Foundation was also able to provide a vehicle this year for mobile food bank distribution.



Mario & Andrea Solorzano | Food Bank Beneficiaries
Someone Loves You - Nonprofit organization, located in Downtown LA

“The Dream Center has helped our ministry feed homeless people and low-income families for almost 10 years. We are grateful for their provisions.”

Other Essentials

Access to free clothing is essential to not only the overall well-being of a person but for job interviews, appointments, and everyday use.

Clothing Outreach

207,891 ITEMS DISTRIBUTED
16,551 INDIVIDUALS SERVED



Many families who struggle to make ends meet often face the challenge of being able to afford household items and furniture. Such obstacles can put families at risk of being separated due to poverty.

Organizations like Para Los Ninos, the Children’s Institute, and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), identify and refer at-risk families to the Dream Center.

Foster Care Intervention

1,679 ITEMS PROVIDED
(furniture + other essential items)

282 FAMILIES SERVED

47 FAMILIES AVOIDED SEPARATION

30 FAMILIES REUNITED

81 FAMILIES ASSISTED IN CLOSING THEIR CASES WITH DCFS

Residential Restoration

Hope Starts with Home

Transitional housing programs offer temporary housing and supportive services to help individuals and families heal from trauma, access resources, receive personalized care through case management, and gain skills for long-term success and eventual permanent housing.

This year an advanced, data-driven electronic health record and client management platform has been added for better outcomes and improved care for all transitional housing programs. This technology will not only enhance the quality of care but also optimize efficiency.



OUR

These programs are available for families, men and women veterans, and foster youth who have emancipated.

Families

37 FAMILIES HOUSED

Single family units

Veterans

38 VETERANS HOUSED

Men and women adults 18+

Foster Youth

79 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED

Young adults 18-24

IMPACT

Recovery

SAMHSA reports that many unhoused individuals have high rates of chronic and co-occurring health conditions, mental and substance use disorders. Individuals may be dealing with trauma, and unhoused children are at risk for emotional and behavioral problems.

Nearly 2,000 unhoused people died in the city from April 2020 to March 2021, a 56% increase from the previous year, according to a report released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Overdose was the leading cause of death.

Journey



Recovery is Possible!

To enable success, a long-term, structured and safe environment equipped with essentials and a supportive community is vital. Recovery programs provide free housing, education, counseling, mentorship, job training and more to equip a grounded transition into sober independent living.

Individuals can experience and maintain holistic recovery. They are no longer surviving; they can thrive.

These programs are designed in phases for advancement in their restoration journey, from a supervised disciplined start to an empowered independence.

Discipleship

422 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED

Connections

78 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED

Transitions

63 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED

135 TOTAL GRADUATES

Trailblazing Transition Together

These efforts are possible through strategic collaboration and teamwork with other organizations and enterprises.

Partnering with places like SSG/Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center and El Nido Family Centers, clients are able to receive counseling and therapy services for substance abuse as well as family life education for youth and families.

Claris Health and Clinica Romero are able to provide healthcare services, education and referrals.



Collaborating with a network of other missions and similar agencies like Union Rescue Mission, PATH, and the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN), the Dream Center is able to acquire or refer individuals to ensure the best care according to their unique needs.

Health care services are available through Clinica Romero, and immigration legal services are also now available for undocumented clients through the partnership with Catholic Charities of Los Angeles.



Stirling | Recovery Program Graduate

“After my partner experienced multiple miscarriages, my depression and drug abuse got worse. It pushed me to homelessness and psychiatric hospitals. I completely believe that I would not be alive today if it wasn’t for the Dream Center. The revelation I have received here has been paramount in my recovery. I’ve had the time to step back and evaluate my pain and heal.”

Stirling has successfully transitioned into permanent housing and is currently working as a drug counselor at Tarzana Treatment Center.

Empowering Futures

Education

Education and training are critical to a sustainable future. Because of various life challenges and traumas, many individuals have not been able to gain valuable life skills and complete their high school education. Access to higher education, employment, and financial stability can break the cycles of poverty.

Learning opportunities in areas like maintaining healthy relationships, goal-setting, financial discipline, job readiness, and anger management are available in addition to G.E.D classes.



In the past year, more than **15 new courses** have been added, contributing to over **60 courses** now offered.

Adult Education

343 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

through classes, workshops, and tutoring



Granting Opportunities

Various grants, offered through the state and private foundations, have opened up new resources and possibilities.

A California Violence Intervention and Prevention program has been added this year through a state grant, to reduce and prevent violent behavior for high-risk populations.

30 new computers and an upgraded computer lab are now accessible for students thanks to private foundations like James L. Stamps Foundation, Skylight Foundation and The Gary and Carol Milgard Family.

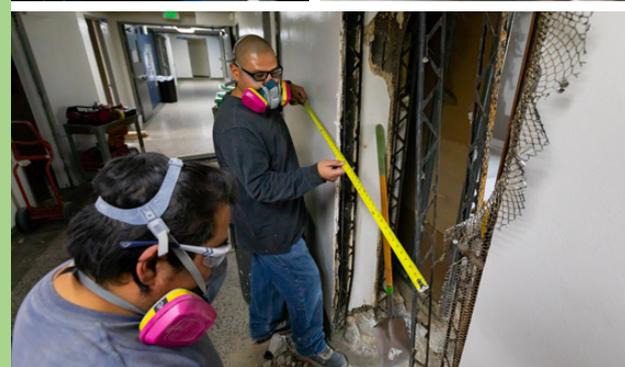


Workforce and Leadership Development

Training

Experience and training are also integral to the rebuilding journey. Many are learning and discovering a new approach to reintegrate into the workforce.

Gaining experience is optimal for individuals to build confidence by co-serving in various areas available through work therapy. Opportunities include serving in the food bank, the kitchen, campus beautification and more.



Employment

Employment assistance is available by helping job seekers find work opportunities. This includes facilitating certifications and licenses such as forklift certifications, food handling licenses, and security guard cards.

By bridging with potential employers, a variety of industries are available for prospects. R.C. Provisions have made jobs available in the meat industry, and Teen Challenge has opened up opportunities in their moving services.

Connecting with several unions in L.A. has made available paid apprenticeship opportunities in the construction industry for electricians, plumbers, iron workers, sheet metal workers and more.

Engaging Community

For nearly three decades, the heart and commitment of volunteers have propelled the mission forward. By collaborating with missionaries, corporations, churches, organizations, institutions, and compassionate individuals, the Dream Center is able to push the limits and reach its potential of serving people in need beyond the city of Los Angeles.



Volunteerism

1000 HOURS SERVED MONTHLY
243 VOLUNTEERS MONTHLY

By partnering with AbilityFirst, individuals with disabilities and their life coaches are able to serve the community with the Dream Center team in the kitchen. Through the Court Referred Volunteer Center program, the Assistance Leagues of Los Angeles also refers volunteers who are looking for community service opportunities.

Learn more: dreamcenter.org/volunteer



Grounds for Mobilizing Servant Leaders Worldwide

Students, missionaries, and church teams travel from various parts of the world to serve the communities of Los Angeles while gaining skills and experience to engage in their own communities.

Short Term Missions

2,218 VOLUNTEERS

from over 175 organizations, including 23 international teams.

Dream Center Leadership School | Immersion Program

1,805 STUDENTS GRADUATED
to date.



Matthew Gillespie | DCLS Class of 2015

“DCLS prepared me for servant leadership in my first steps into college and career.”

Matthew is now a professional graphic designer, serving churches and other charitable organizations across the nation.

In the last year, Liberty University has mobilized multiple students individually and in teams, with plans to engage professors in the upcoming year.

River Valley Church has been a long-time patron and friend, committing and enlisting over 100 teams over the years, including four teams this past year.

DC Network

The Dream Center Network continues to break ground each year, reaching thousands of people across the globe.

75 DREAM CENTERS

around the world including centers in

29 STATES AND
11 COUNTRIES



Eventful in Impact

By working together with community partners, local businesses and more, the Dream Center is able to host multiple benefitting events.



Kicks4Kids

2,500 PAIRS OF SHOES

Presented by Shawn Meaie and Family First Life and collaborating with Shoes that Fit, 2,500 pairs of free shoes were distributed to families in need through this annual Kicks4Kids event.



Back to School Bash

2,500 BACKPACKS

Kershaw's Challenge co-hosted the 9th Back to School Bash at the Dream Center to distribute 2,500 backpacks in preparation for the 2022 school year.

Christmas Dreamland

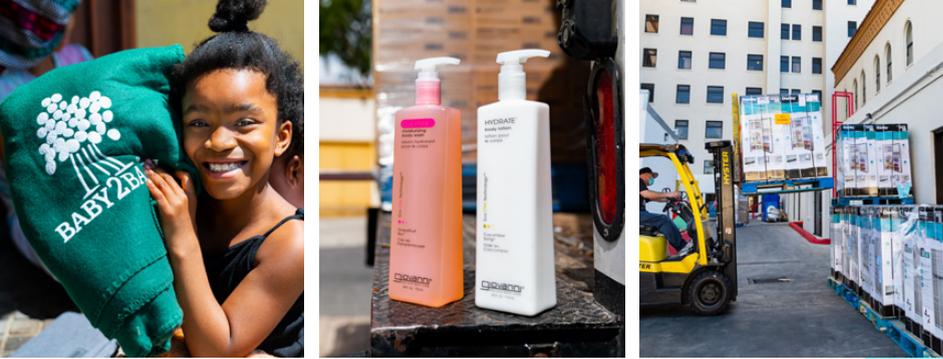
5,500 TOYS DISTRIBUTED

Shawn Meaie and his team at Family First Life sponsored the Annual Christmas Dreamland for many families in Los Angeles struggling financially due to inflation. 5,500 toys were distributed and families enjoyed a Christmas carnival.



Ellen + Clayton Kershaw | Kershaw's Challenge

“Since the beginning of our time in Los Angeles, the Dream Center has been a huge part of our story and family. It has been a blessing to participate in so many different areas of impact — including the Foster Care Intervention Program, the Transitional Housing program and of course our very favorite — the Back to School Bash. Every year, this event is a cornerstone of our summer. We love everything the Dream Center stands for in the city that we love.”



Advancement through Investment

Corporate Partnerships and In-Kind Donations

Through in-kind donations, businesses and organizations can make an impact. Partners include World Vision, Crate&Barrel, Target, Baby2Baby, and Giovanni Cosmetics.

To find out how your contributions can change lives, visit dreamcenter.org/partner-with-us.

Adopt-A-Bed

Adopting a bed at \$650 a month provides people more than a safe place to sleep, but a place to rebuild for a brighter future. To recognize the opportunity for life change, a personalized plaque is placed on the sponsored bed. In addition, program beneficiaries send a personal note of appreciation.



Through these partnerships, **client beneficiaries are able to:**

RECEIVE



Food and Clothing



Shelter



Hygiene Products



Other Necessities and Essentials

ACHIEVE



Education/Career



Life Skills



Financial Management Skills



Trauma and Addiction Recovery



Restored Relationships



Family Foundations



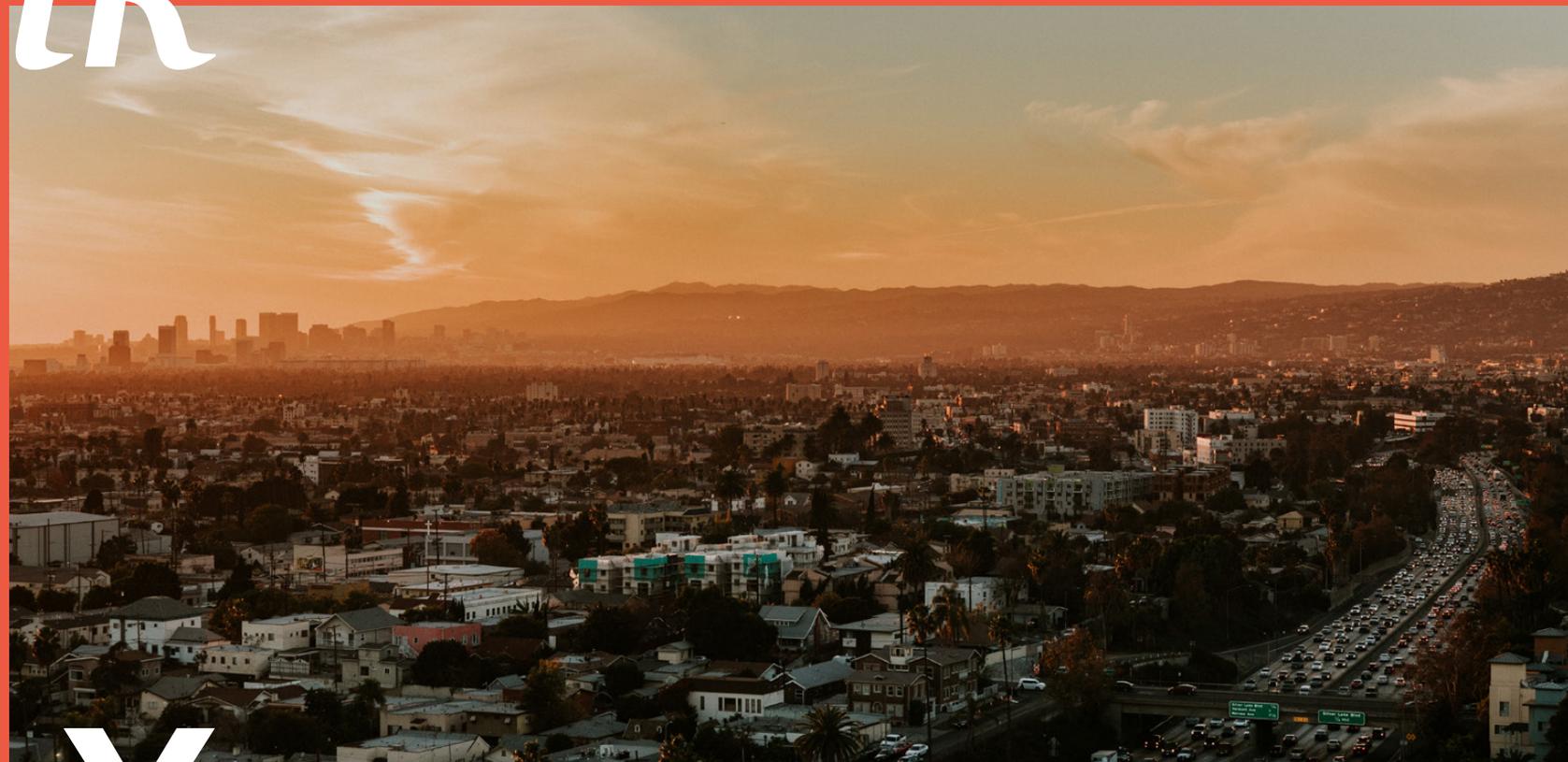
Identity In Christ

Thank

for making a difference.

We thank every friend, corporation, church, organization, volunteer, supporter, and staff who have come alongside us believing that change is possible.

*Dream Center is a 501 (c)(3). Tax ID 41-2269686
An audited annual financial report is available upon request.*



You

“We see everyone’s potential like God sees their potential.”

- Matthew Barnett

Contact Us

If you are interested in providing financial support or partnering with the Dream Center, please contact:

Justin High | Director of Development
213-273-7017 | jhigh@dreamcenter.org

or **scan the QR code** to learn more:





2301 Bellevue Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

213.273.7000
dreamcenter.org

info@dreamcenter.org
   @LAdreamcenter



Transforming lives since 1994.