



**UNITED TO END  
HOMELESSNESS**

# MONTHLY UPDATE

**JUNE 2021**



## NEW THIS MONTH

- WelcomeHomeOC housed 30 individuals in 19 households in the month of May.
- Housing Champions successfully advocated for the approval of a 189 unit, 100% affordable housing development in the City of Placentia which will serve residents making between 30% and 70% of the area median income. Four Housing Champion teams are also continuing to work with the cities of Fullerton, Garden Grove, Mission Viejo, and Tustin as they update their Housing Elements.
- United to End Homelessness hosted a Homelessness 101 class for the UCI Alumni Association for their Day of Service in May.
- The Community Chat series continued in May, focusing on transitional age youth homelessness in Orange County. Panelists included Justine Palmore, Executive Director for StandUp for Kids, Chris Simonsen, Chief Executive Officer for Orangewood Foundation, and Jaime Munoz who oversees the Extended Foster Care Program for the OC Social Services Agency.

## TOTALS AT A GLANCE

**434 PEOPLE IN  
287 HOMES**

Housed through  
WelcomeHomeOC

**70**

Property Owners  
in the Network

**35,478 PEOPLE**

Engaged through  
Public Awareness, Events,  
and Social Media

**176**

Housing Champions  
Advocating for Affordable and  
Permanent Supportive Housing



*"I'm so happy with where I am in my life, and I'm happy that every day I get to spend time with my son in this home and safe place that we've created for ourselves." – Evelyn, former foster youth*

In 2009, when Evelyn was just 13 years old, she entered the foster care system. When she aged out of the foster care system at 22, she felt alone and also had a then three-year-old son to take care of.

Evelyn did not give up hope though. She applied to massage therapist trade school and graduated with the goal of building her career. Even though Evelyn was working, she could not afford rent on her own, and had to live with a friend. She needed additional support to find a place to call home and applied for a Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) voucher. With the help of WelcomeHomeOC, Evelyn found the right space for her and her son. WelcomeHomeOC helped furnish their new home and assisted with the security deposit payment.

**\$3.51M**

Pledged to Support the Initiative  
for 2021 Calendar Year

**\$2.34M**

Still Needed  
This Calendar Year

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