SANTA CLARA COUNTY
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEM

DESTINATION: HOME

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2017, Destination: Home helped launch a countywide Homelessness Prevention System - a unique partnership between public agencies, private funders, and non-profit organizations to help at-risk families and individuals maintain their housing and avoid falling into homelessness. Based on the promising results from this initiative, we believe that homelessness prevention can play a critical role in reducing, and ultimately, ending homelessness in our community.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

The Homelessness Prevention System provides critical assistance to low-income households at imminent risk of becoming homeless, including:

Temporary Financial Assistance

Legal Support

Case Management and other services

The system prioritizes those at the highest-risk of falling into homelessness, utilizing a standardized pre-screening interview and questionnaire to help evaluate each household's risk and the amount and type of assistance they need to stay housed.

In addition, the system is administered through a unique partnership with 19 community-serving non-profit organizations - ensuring residents can receive Homelessness Prevention assistance at locations throughout the county and easily accessing the many other services provided by these non-profits.

WHY PREVENTION?

Homelessness prevention strategies have long held potential for reducing homelessness at a lower-cost and with much less suffering than assisting a family or individual who's been pushed onto the streets. But prevention is more important than ever, as we see more of our neighbors being pushed into homelessness than ever before.

In Santa Clara County:

- **69%** of **extremely low-income** households and **31%** of **very low-income** households are severely rent-burdened, and often just one unexpected expense away from being unable to make rent and losing their home.

- For every one homeless household we connect to housing, **another 1.7** are experiencing **homelessness for the very first time**.

PARTNER AGENCIES

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE

BAY AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment "Connecting resources to people"

CSA Community Services Agency The community's safety net since 1957

HOMEFIRST Where Homelessness Ends.

Housing Choices

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THE SALVATION ARMY

St. Joseph's Family Center

Sunnyvale Community Services

LifeMoves Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

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PALO ALTO, MILPITAS, SUNNYVALE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, SANTA CLARA, SARATOGA, LOS GATOS, SAN JOSE, MORGAN HILL, GILROY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Emergency Family Shelter Support

FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Legal Support

Law Foundation OF SILICON VALLEY

Domestic Violence Advocacy Consortium

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Community Solutions

NEXT DOOR

eliminating racism empowering women **ywca** Silicon Valley

MEASURING OUR IMPACT

Since the system was launched in 2017, we have helped prevent homelessness for thousands of our most vulnerable residents - demonstrating the enormous potential impact that prevention strategies can have in our efforts to end homelessness in our community.

We have helped

16,818 individuals

from **6,107** households

at imminent risk of homelessness

93% of families remained stably housed while receiving prevention services.
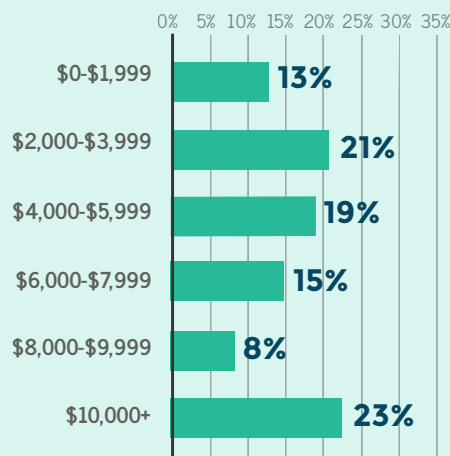
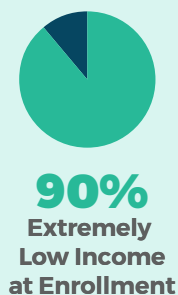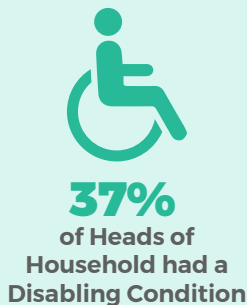**ONE YEAR LATER**
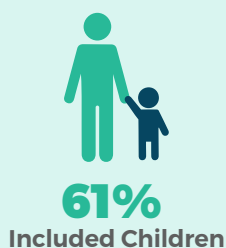
Only 4% of households became homeless.

Average of $7,171 provided per family

Total Range of Assistance = $0-$31,000

Assistance Range	Percentage
$0-$1,999	13%
$2,000-$3,999	21%
$4,000-$5,999	19%
$6,000-$7,999	15%
$8,000-$9,999	8%
$10,000+	23%

THE HOUSEHOLDS WE SERVE

Through the Homelessness Prevention System's standardized assessment process, we have not only received rich data on the people we serve, but also gained insight the factors correlated with those who are at greatest risk for homelessness in our community:

61% Included Children

37% of Heads of Household had a Disabling Condition

90% Extremely Low Income at Enrollment

TOP REASONS FOR ASSISTANCE

52% Income Loss/Reduction

12% Change in family composition

6% Must leave current living situation

10% Medical emergency

5% Fleeing domestic violence

6% Unexpected major expense

OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS

The Homelessness Prevention System has been funded through a unique public-private partnership model that includes a broad coalition of more than a dozen funders:

Apple · CISCO · ALL HOME · the David & Lucile Packard FOUNDATION · Google.org · Jody and Curtis Chang

KAISER PERMANENTE · LinkedIn · City of Morgan Hill · CITY OF SAN JOSE Capital of Silicon Valley · THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA · THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA The Mission City · SILVERLAKE

Stanford HEALTH CARE STANFORD MEDICINE · THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA · sunlight giving · Target · techcu TECHNOLOGY CREDIT UNION · Thomas & Liz Laffont · WELLS FARGO

Destination: Home is a public-private partnership ending homelessness in Silicon Valley.
For more information, please visit: DestinationHomeSV.org

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