



**Covenant
House[®]**

2023 COVENANT HOUSE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT



The youth homelessness crisis is so preventable. There is no reason for it. We should be able to ensure all our young people have a safety net and a way forward.

What Covenant House is doing is creating a space for young people to feel what unconditional love really is. And to show each young person through our actions that they are worthy of that love.”



Bill Bedrossian

President & CEO
Covenant House International





1.5 million

youth reached over half a century of relentless support.

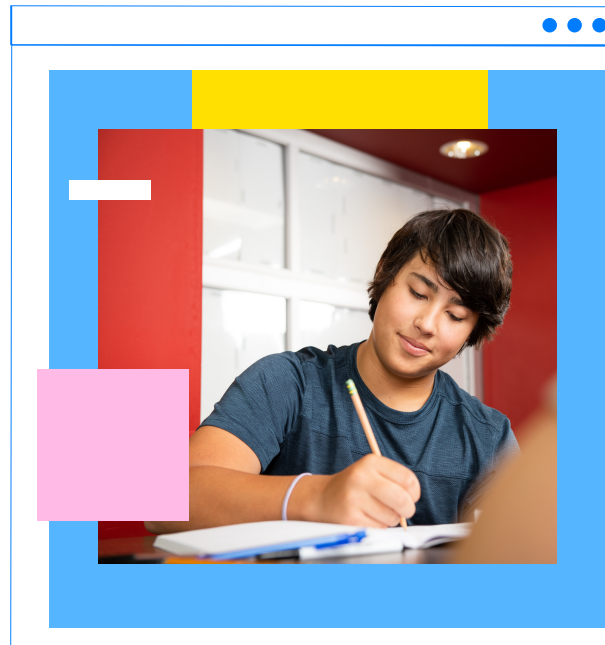


GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Every young person who comes to Covenant House is met with unconditional love and absolute respect. These five principles guide our planning, our decision making, and our work with young people:

IMMEDIACY

We welcome all youth without judgement or conditions; meeting their immediate basic needs of food, clothing, medical attention, and a safe place to sleep, at no cost.



SANCTUARY

We acknowledge the bravery it takes for young people to walk through our doors. We offer them a welcoming and safe environment based on absolute respect, unconditional love, and relentless support, where we believe in and encourage their resilience.

VALUE COMMUNICATION

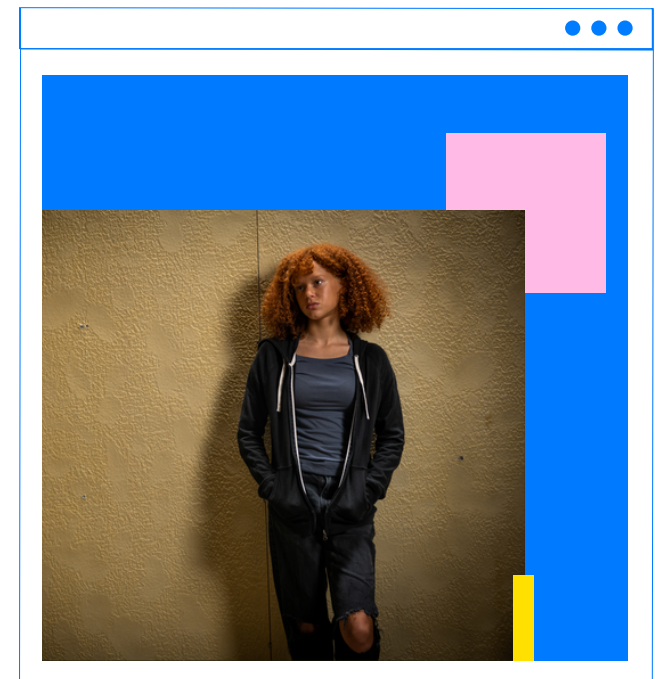
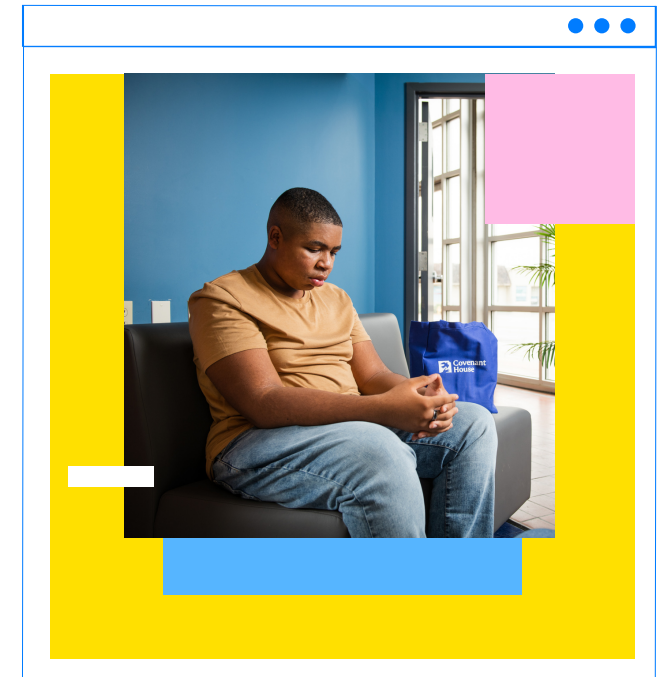
We value authentic relationships, honor the voice of our youth, and model caring relationships based on trust, respect, and honesty.

STRUCTURE

We provide stability and consistency for young people to pursue their great promise.

CHOICE

We honor that young people hold the power to their story. Through relentless engagement we foster confidence and encourage them to believe in themselves and make informed choices about their lives.

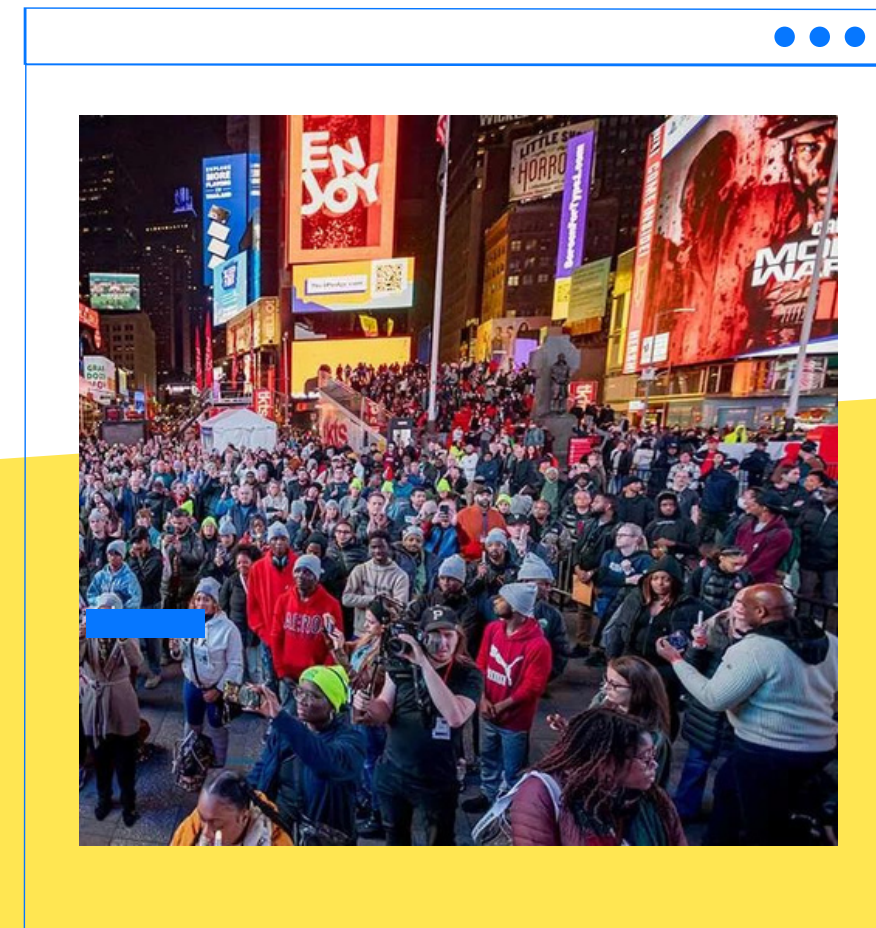
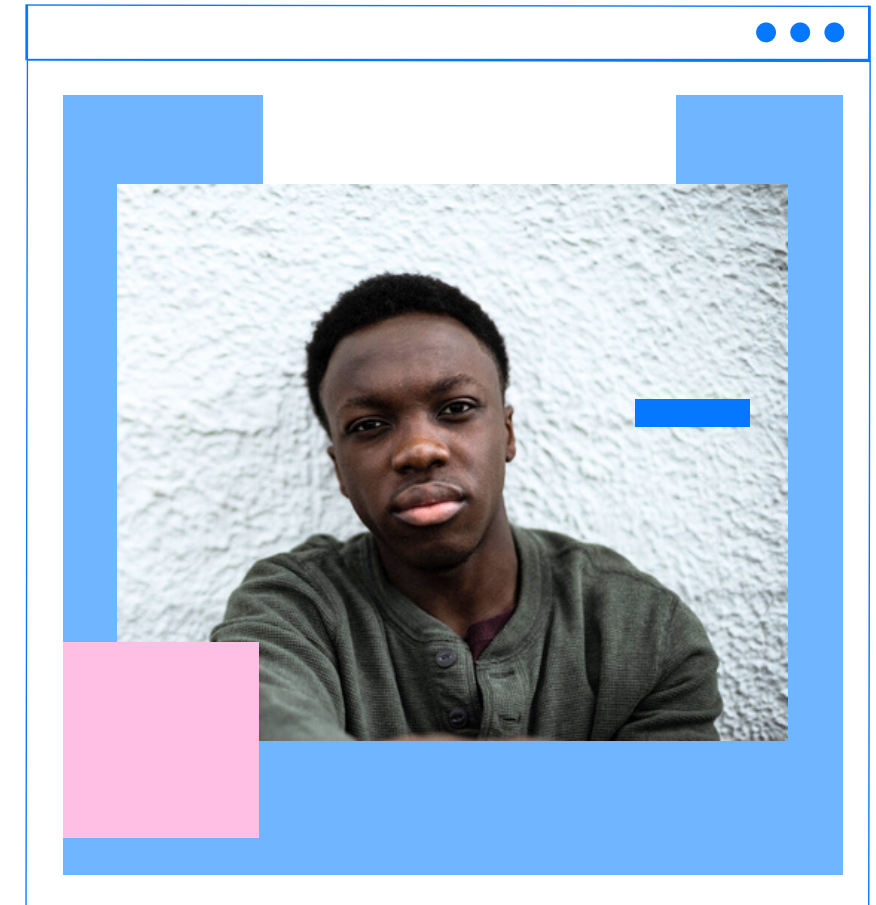


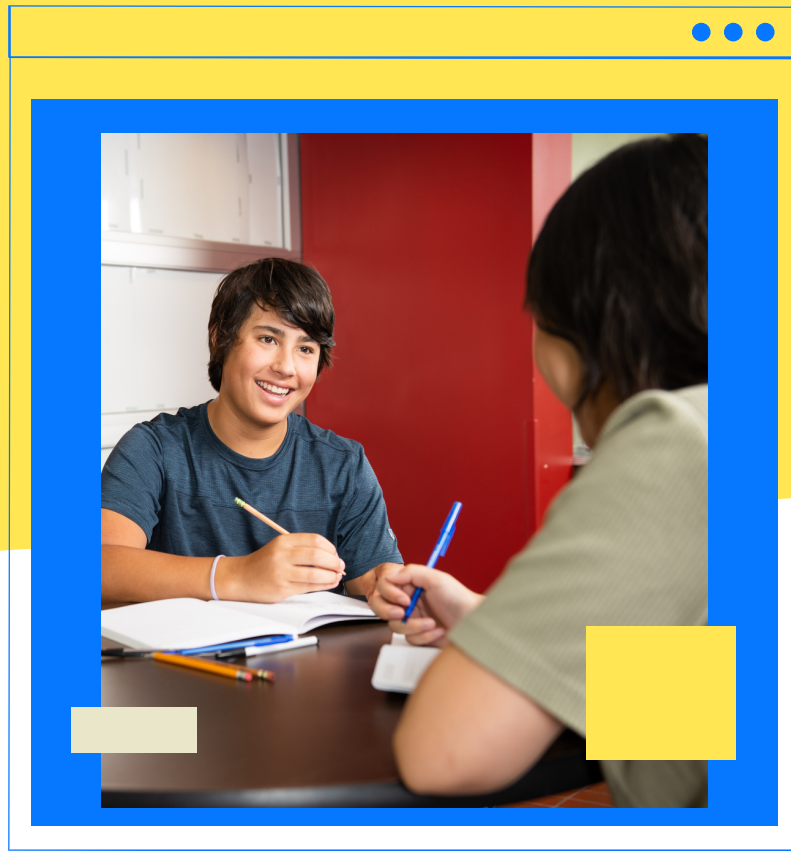
WHO WE ARE

Millions of young people will experience a form of homelessness in North and Central America this year, either couch surfing, living on the streets... or in some way relying on others for a roof over their heads each night. That means about one in every 10 young people will face homelessness at some point in their lives. And since the first Covenant House doors opened over 50 years ago, we've welcomed more than 1.5 million of them.

But it's more than just a number. These are teenagers and young adults already going through a challenging moment in their lives, a moment fraught with stress, uncertainty, and the desire to fit in. Many are forced to deal with the additional harm of racism, sexism, and homophobia as they begin to embrace their full identities. Now add to the mix the unforgiving stress, stigma, and pain of homelessness, and you have one of the greatest challenges our society faces today: ensuring that every young person has a safe and nourishing place to live and grow into adulthood.

Covenant House began as a single site in New York City and has since expanded to 34 cities across five countries. Each night of 2023, more than 2,200 young people slept in a Covenant House bed, at absolutely no cost to them.

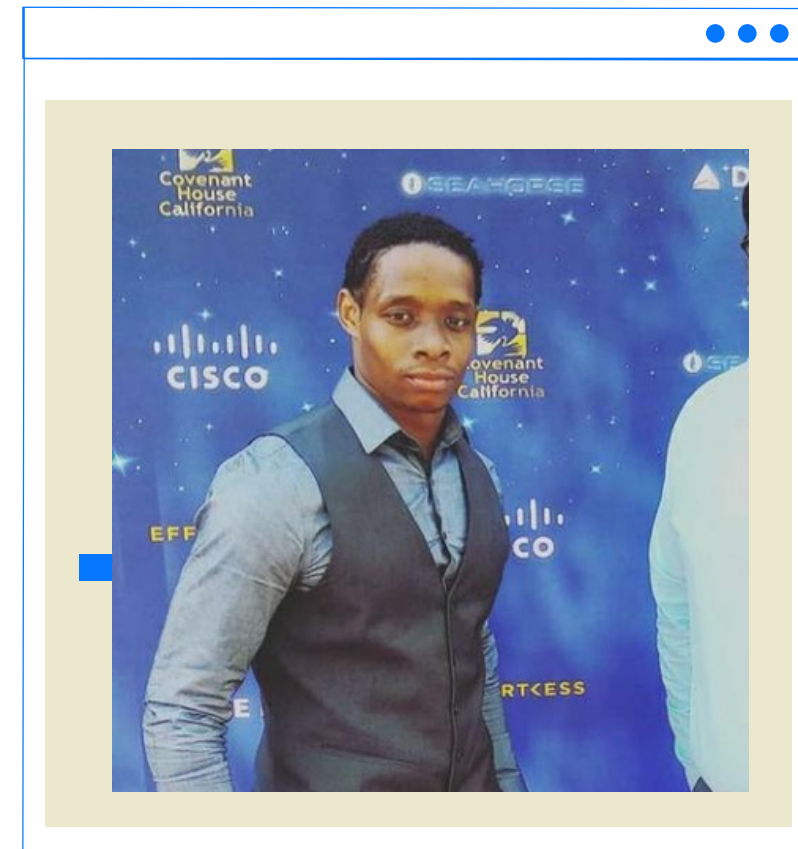




At Covenant House, we know that safe shelter is only the beginning, so we offer every youth wraparound services that include nutritious meals, clothing, and medical and mental health care. As their lives stabilize, our programs journey with them from crisis care to long-term support, so youth can establish and reach their goals through our education, job readiness, and career development programs.

In our transitional living programs, residents live for up to 18 months in semi-independence, while they complete their education and maintain employment. They learn to shop, cook, and clean; manage a savings account, and benefit from professional counseling, vocational training, and the power of living in a loving, supportive community. Our houses include carefully designed spaces to cater to the needs and interests of our youth, from music, to sports, to art.

The goal is that every young person who walks through our doors will ultimately walk out more secure and with the support and opportunities that will help them live stable and fulfilling lives, free of the risk of future homelessness.



To see our work in action and to learn how we help young people build sustained independence through transitional living and affordable housing, read this Newsroom article about Derrick, a former resident living and working at Covenant House California's newest apartment program.

[READ MORE](#)



OUR YOUTH, OUR WHY

Young people are significantly more likely to experience homelessness if they are Black, Hispanic, or Indigenous, parenting solo, or are LGBTQ+.

Click to read more about how discrimination is a pipeline to youth homelessness.



Children raised in poverty and youth lacking a high school diploma or equivalency also are at greater risk of experiencing homelessness. In the U.S. and Canada, almost 20% of our residents have survived human trafficking; in Latin America, about half of our residents, who are just 12 to 18 years old, have experienced some form of trafficking. Our diverse group of young people arrives with varied life experiences, including involvement in foster care and/or the juvenile justice system, victimization in community violence, and struggles with mental health. The majority do not choose homelessness; rather, it is a result of complex factors not tied to a single incident or issue. Covenant House remains accessible 24/7 to all young individuals, offering support without judgment, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic.



IMPACT

Our programs reached nearly **58,000** young people across **5** countries...



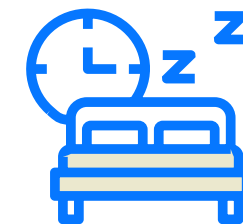
790,000
Nights of housing provided



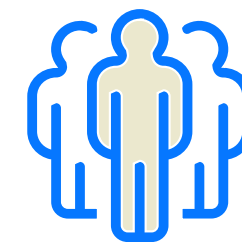
24,000
On-site medical visits



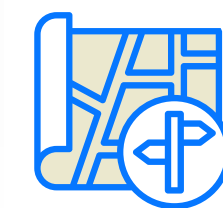
1.7 million
Meals served to young people



2,200
Youth slept in a Covenant House bed each night, on average



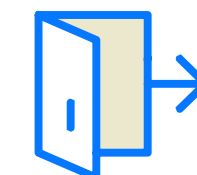
8,100
Youth served in residential programs



4,700
Youth served through street outreach programs

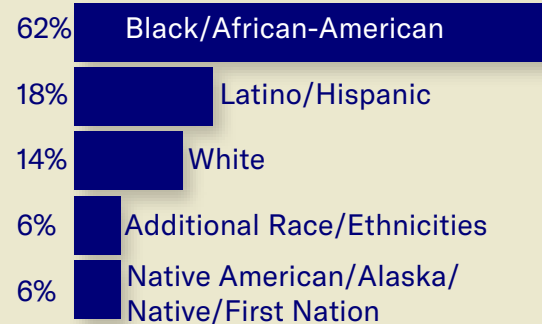


41,000
Youth reached in public education and prevention programs

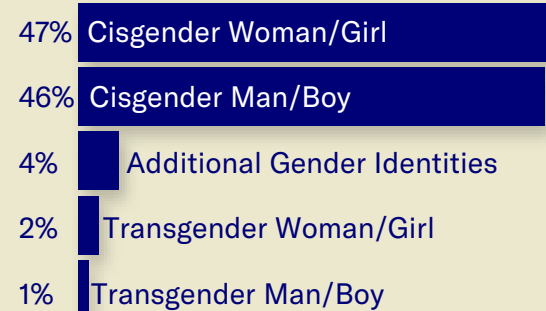


8,000
Youth served in drop-in and non-residential programs

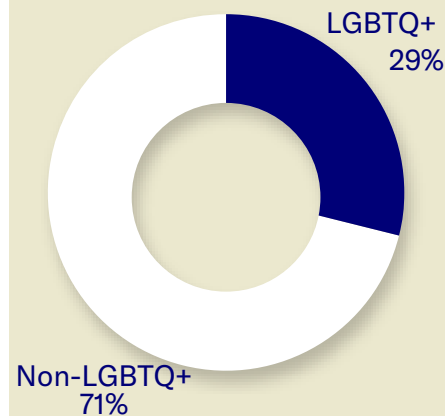
Race & Ethnicity (U.S. & Canada)



Gender (All Sites)



LGBTQ+ (U.S. & Canada)



Average Age
(Residential Programs)


14
years old
Latin America
Housing


20
years old
U.S. & Canada
Short-term Housing


20
years old
U.S. & Canada
Transitional Housing

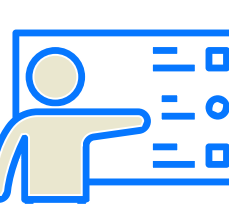
21
years old
U.S. & Canada
Permanent Housing


Providing vital services that lead to *positive outcomes...*


- 

3,800
Youth engaged in mental health services
- 

3,200
Youth enrolled or remained in school
- 

1,600
Youth engaged in on-site education programs
- 

3,300
Youth engaged in on-site workforce development programs
- 

2,500
Youth obtained or maintained employment
- 

2,600
Youth moved to stable housing

Supporting Young Families

(Residential Programs)

Across all sites, we served...

462
babies/children



352
young parents



Average Length of Stay

(Residential Programs)


71 days
U.S. & Canada Short-term Housing

265 days
U.S. & Canada Transitional Housing


291 days
Latin America Housing

Youth come into our care with diverse experiences and needs

U.S. & Canada



55%
Mental Health Challenges




53%
Have a High School Diploma/GED



31%
Survivors of Domestic Violence



30%
Foster Care History



25%
Employed at Intake




20%
Enrolled in School at Intake

Latin America



56%
Survivors of Childhood Abuse or Neglect



54%
Enrolled in School at Intake



37%
Witnessed Community Violence



27%
Survivors of Sexual Abuse



21%
Forced to Leave Their Home



18%
Substance Use History

PROGRAM UPDATE



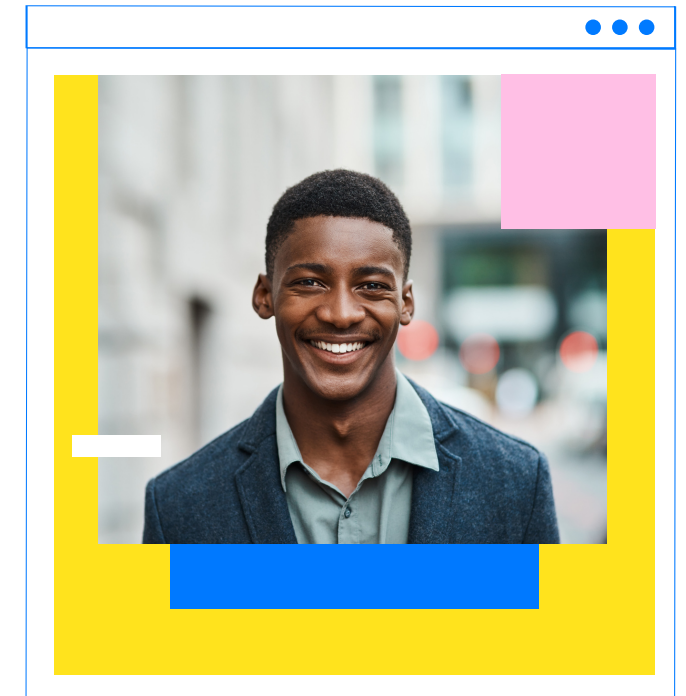
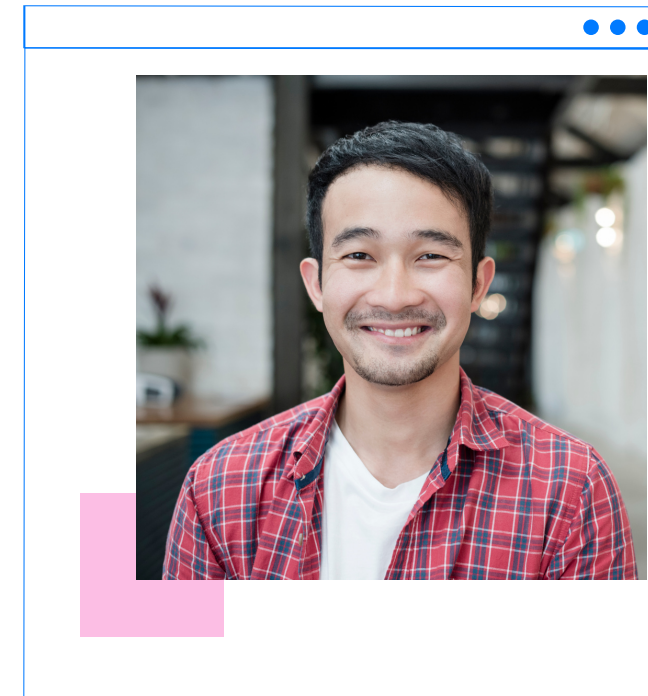
A New Pathway to Self-Reliance Enters Its Second Year

Last year we told you about our Career Pathways pilot program in information technology (IT). Twenty-three youth at seven Covenant House sites have since earned professional credentials in five IT fields, and most are now either working or seeking work in IT. In year two of the pilot, we've expanded our site participation to 12 and added new corporate partners to support the pilot. Click below to read an update on our IT Career Pathways program.

[READ MORE](#)



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

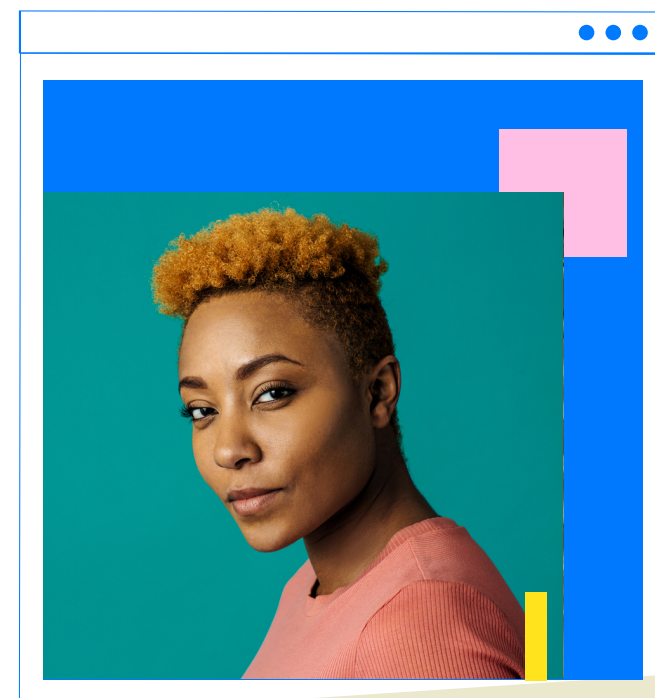


[READ MORE](#) >>

During Youth Homelessness Awareness Month this November, Covenant House amplified our global call to solidarity with young people experiencing homelessness and we invited the general public to join us in seeking solutions to the root causes of youth homelessness.

Thousands of individuals, communities, and corporations responded, including stars of the stage and screen and professional athletes. They shared our message, raised millions of dollars for our programs, and embraced our youth. We earned national attention through media features and reached new supporters through our Sleep Out events in 22 cities in four countries, including our first-ever Sleep Out in Guatemala City and our largest and most public Sleep Out yet, in Times Square, NYC, the crossroads of the world!

Click above to read about Youth Homelessness Awareness Month.

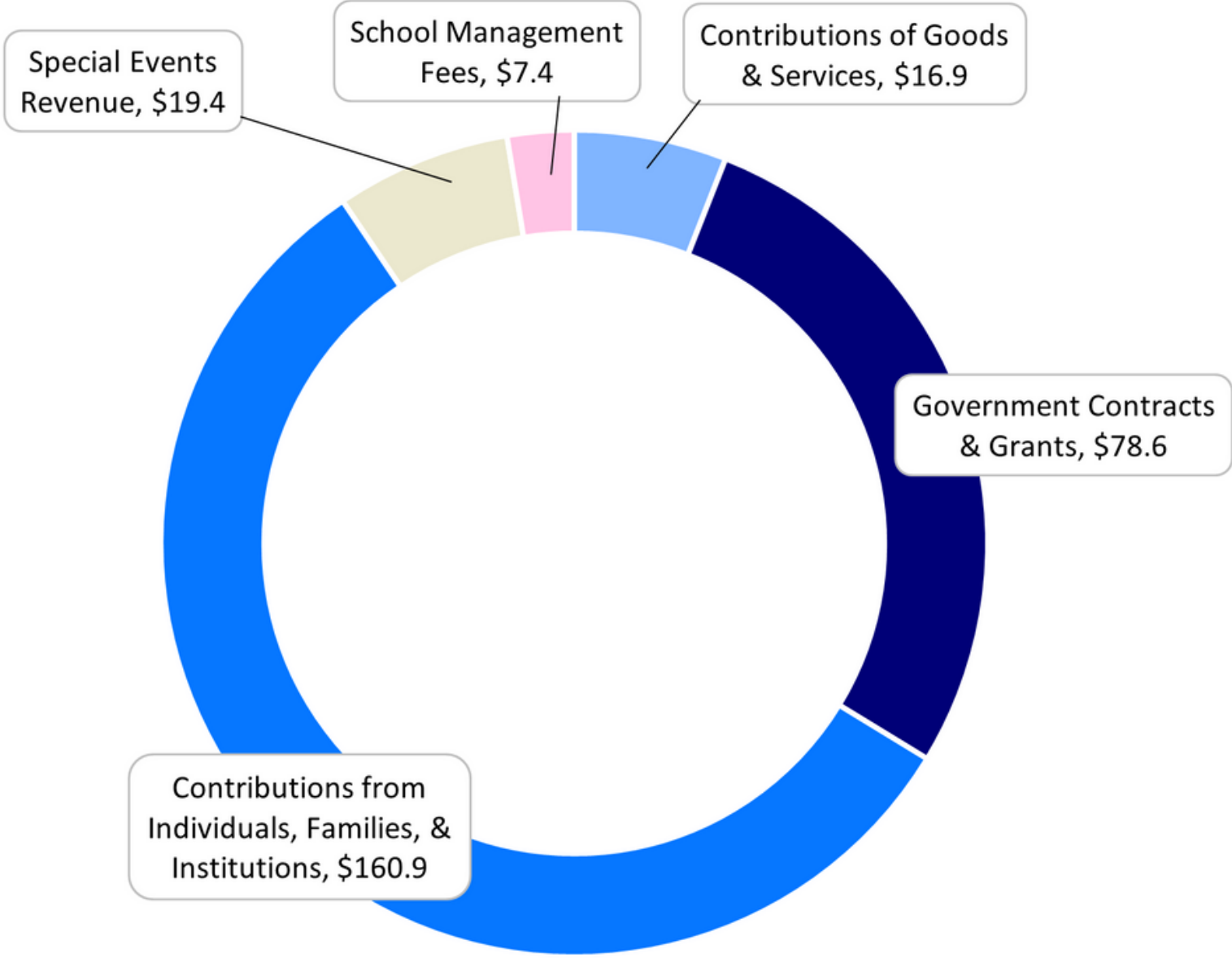


Jasmine
Covenant House Alumni

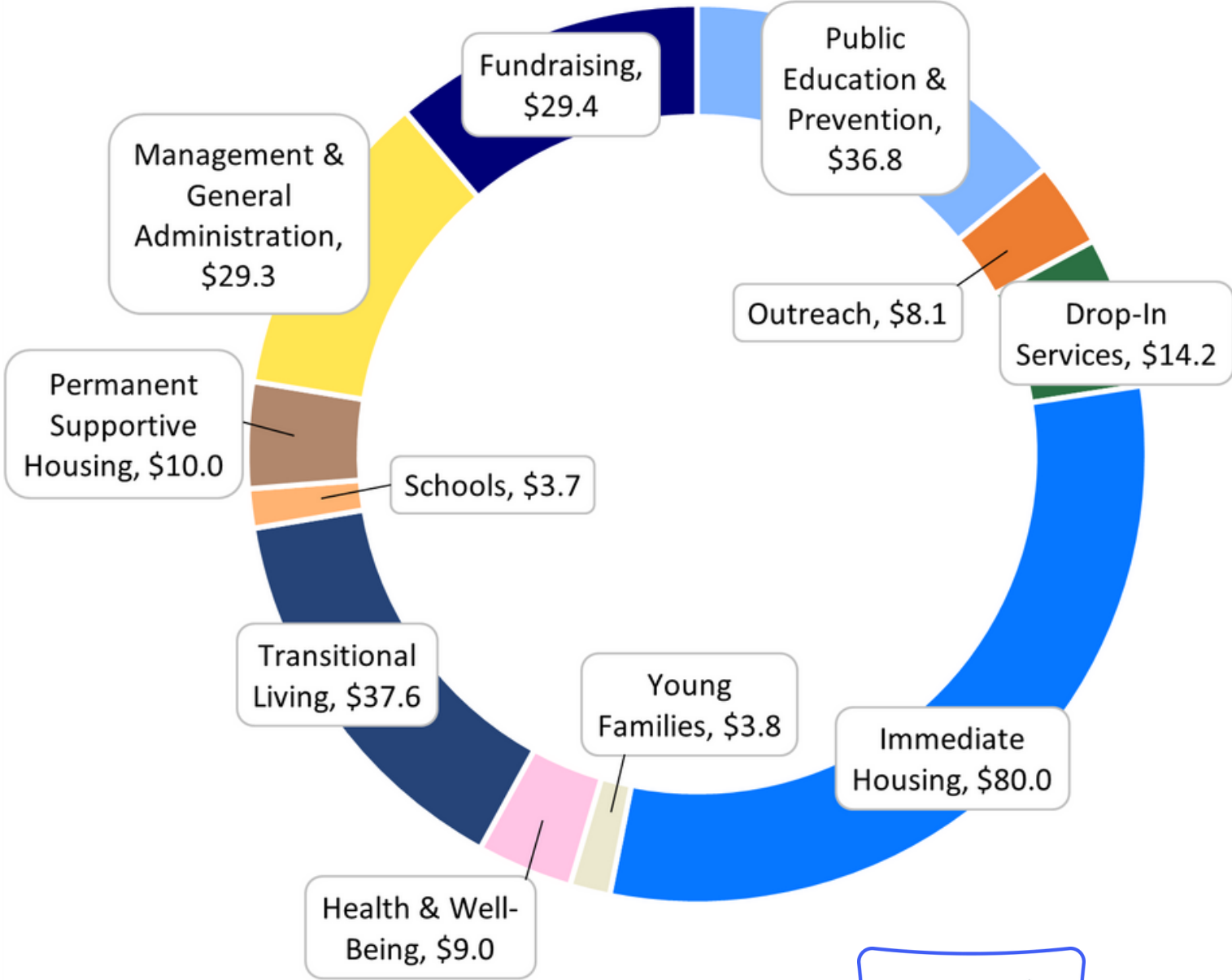
“ I would tell youth today that you might need to grieve the losses, but leverage the resources to get back up. Today, I am a mother, advocate, friend, inspiration. I came here after dropping out of high school, and now I have a master's degree and am going for my Ph.D. in education.”

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Total Revenue (in millions) - \$283.4



Total Expenses (in millions) - \$262.0



Our Financial Position

Covenant House is committed to maintaining and expanding our mission to serve young people in need. We are rigorous in our financial responsibility, and deeply value the critical contributions that make the care to young people possible.



FOUNDATION FUNDERS

CORPORATE PARTNERS

- Accenture
- Alliance Global Partners
- Amazin' Mets Foundation
- AMC Networks
- American Eagle
- Aon
- Arch Re
- The Ardian Foundation
- Bank Of America Charitable Foundation
- Chick-fil-A Tri-State
- Cisco Systems
- Citi Foundation
- Delta Air Lines
- Garden of Dreams
- Hard Rock
- Humble Bundle
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- KIA Motors America, Inc.
- Lloyd's
- LSEG
- Major League Baseball
- Morgan Stanley
- National Basketball Association
- National Basketball Players Association
- National Football League Foundation
- NBCUniversal
- New Tradition
- NY Yankees Foundation
- Outfront
- PIMCO
- Red Nose Day
- Shutterfly
- Silverstein Properties
- Take-Two Interactive
- Blackstone Charitable Foundation
- The Starbucks Foundation
- TransAmerica
- Ulta Beauty
- Universal Music Group

- Arts & Letters Foundation Inc.
- Berger Foundation
- Bossidy Foundation
- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Inc.
- Casa Alianza Suisse
- Clark Family Charitable Trust
- Coleman Family Ventures
- Comic Relief US
- Deerfield Partnership Foundation
- Ernest Von Simson Charitable Trust
- Eugene M. Lang Foundation
- Manny & Mila Teixeira Foundation, Inc.
- William M. & Miriam F. Meehan Foundation
- Raskob Foundation For Catholic Activities, Inc.
- The Lebensfeld Foundation
- The Loyola Foundation, Inc.
- O'Shea Family Foundation
- Truist Foundation
- Tsunami Foundation
- Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation

COVENANT HOUSE INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

- David Acker
- Lauren Aguiar, Esq.
- Philip "Phil" Andryc
- Roland Anglin, Ph.D
- Stephanie Asbury
- Dr. Merrian Brooks, DO, MS
- Rachel Brosnahan
- Andrew Bustillo
- Brian M. Cashman
- Vivian Scott Chew
- Denis Coleman III
- Hannah Collier
- Jon S. Corzine
- Jonathan Davidson
- Ariana DeBose
- John F. Dickerson
- Mark E. Dodds
- Dave Eklund
- David Hegarty
- Nannette Hendel
- Mark J. Hennessy
- Dr. April Raye Hunziker
- Eric Hutcherson
- Tracy S. Jones-Walker
- Janet M. Keating
- William P. Livek
- Audra McDonald
- L. Edward Shaw
- Mary T. Sullivan
- Rah Thomas
- Jason Villanueva
- Kenneth W. Willman
- Strauss Zelnick



Covenant House is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization

EIN/Tax ID number: 13-2725416

DUNS number: 07-520-9411

Address

461 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10001

Phone: 800-388-3888

Email: info@covenanthouse.org

Copyright 2024.

All rights reserved.