



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Reducing the
causes and effects
of poverty in Sutter County**

Top 2022-2023 Community Needs as identified in the Community Action Plan

Homelessness Prevention & Reduction

Creation of Affordable Housing

Food Insecurity

Access to Mental, Behavioral & Substance Abuse Programs and Counseling

2022 FUNDED PROJECTS

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION and REDUCTION

Funding was allocated to Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium to help manage a Coordinated Entry site at Hands of Hope in Yuba City, a one-stop location for homeless individuals and households for meals, showers and laundry, case management, life skills classes, legal support and referrals for housing, mental health and substance abuse services. Coordinated Entry funded partners included Adventist Health, Bridges to Housing, Casa de Esperanza, Hands of Hope, REST and The Salvation Army.

OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER PAYING JOBS & REDUCED UNEMPLOYMENT

Funding was allocated to E Center to provide paid internship positions for low-income college students exploring a variety of career options including early childcare, marketing, business development, finance, human resources and more.

FOOD INSECURITY

Funding was allocated to Yuba-Sutter Food Bank to support their Homebound Food Delivery Program that delivers Sutter County residents age 65+, low-income, homebound individuals who are health compromised, many of which are referred by Adventist Health Hospital and doctors, fresh produce along with groceries to help reduce hunger.

SENIOR SERVICES

Funding was allocated to Yuba-Sutter Legal Center for Seniors to provide free legal services and advocacy for low-income persons aged 60 and over in Sutter County to help them obtain or maintain their income, housing and medical care.

COVID IMPACTED SERVICES

Funding was allocated to five different agencies to provide the following for homeless and low-income individuals/families affected by COVID-19:

- personal protective equipment, COVID testing
- rent, mortgage, utility and general financial assistance
- at home legal services for homebound elderly and health compromised
- rent a facility to provide COVID safe emergency shelter, meals and case management
- hotel room access for COVID exposed homeless and those with chronic health conditions

AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING

Funding was allocated to Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation to provide nonprofit and service provider organizations with free capacity building workshops, free grant search subscriptions, a bi-monthly newsletter with capacity building content, grant opportunities, and one-on-one technical assistance.

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BY THE NUMBERS

9,424 individuals were served in 2022

Homelessness Prevention & Reduction

- **84** individuals received financial literacy education including budgeting, credit repair and management
- **42** individuals received rental or mortgage assistance
- **12** individuals received utility assistance
- **58** individuals received rental counseling
- **43** individuals received legal assistance to help them maintain their home

Food Insecurity

- **457** individuals were provided prepared meals
- **530** individuals received food bags/boxes

Access to Mental, Behavioral & Substance Abuse Programs and Counseling

- **23** individuals obtained substance abuse counseling and attended support group meetings
- **24** individuals received medical care and/or advice through the Street Nurse program

Affordable Housing

- **92** individuals obtained safe and affordable housing
- **7** individuals were placed in transitional housing

Other Accomplishments

- **47** individuals received job readiness training and/or vocational training, on-the-job work experience, resume development assistance
- **20** unemployed adults obtained employment

REVENUE

CSBG Funding

\$442,743

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Employment	\$35,000
Health/Social Behavioral Development	\$101,359
Agency Capacity Building	\$5,270
Senior Services	\$25,886
Housing	\$89,746
Administrative	\$53,186
Supportive Services/Coordinated Entry	\$106,134
COVID Related Assistance	\$26,162

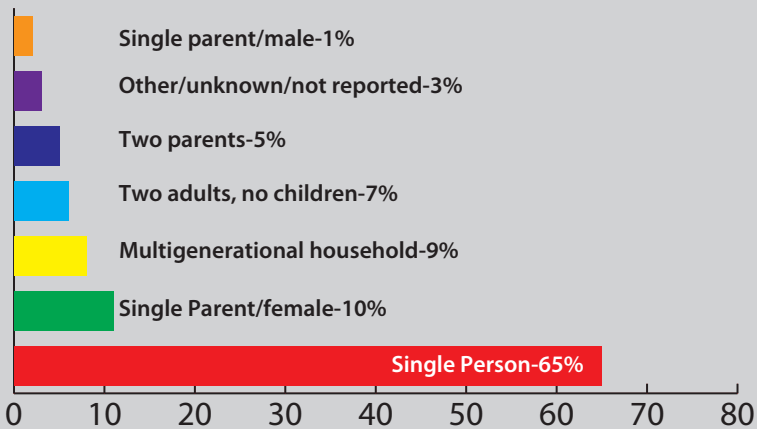
WHO WE SERVE

The following data demonstrates characteristics of those served by Community Action in 2022 for whom demographic information was known/collected.

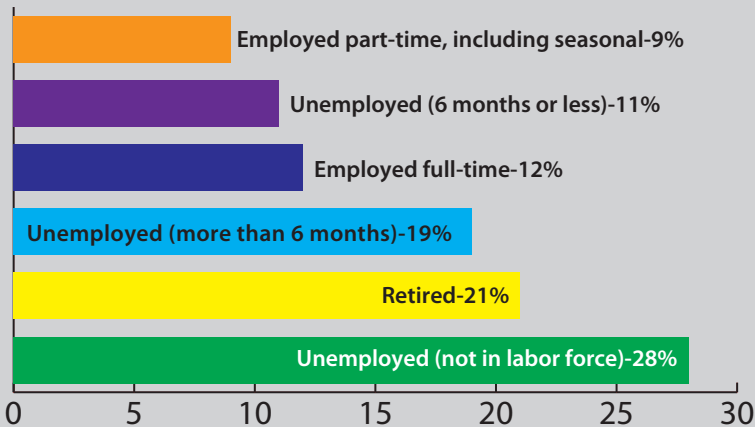
71% of households served had income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (\$27,750/year for a family of four)

42% of households served were living in extreme poverty, annual income at or below 50% of the federal poverty level (\$13,875/year for a family of four)

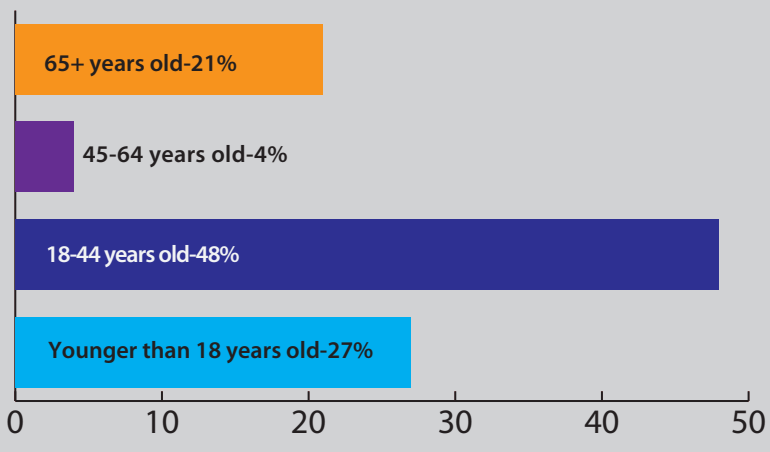
FAMILY TYPE



WORK STATUS (Age 18+)



AGES OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED



Former REST Client Giving Back

Suzanne Chavez, a current Regional Emergency Shelter Team's (REST) volunteer, was once a single mother in need of shelter and now is giving back to the agency.

"Suzanne stayed in our shelter over multiple winters and is now housed," said Nick Anderson, REST director. "What makes her story unique is that she is one of the first REST clients to return to REST as a volunteer."

REST provides emergency shelter and meals for women, families and couples experiencing homelessness in Yuba-Sutter. REST partners with other service organizations to help people like Chavez transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

After going through a tumultuous divorce, Chavez was referred to REST from Hands of Hope in Yuba City. She had two children with her at the time, one of which was close to expecting her own child. REST helped Chavez and her family recover enough energy to take the necessary steps toward becoming self-supportive again. She moved on to Better Way Shelter in Sutter County and utilized that program until she landed a job and saved enough money to afford a car. Chavez then secured an apartment at New Haven Court Permanent Supportive Housing in Yuba City and has now been approved for social security.

With a little extra free time on her hands, Chavez decided to return to REST to lend a helping hand of her own. During the extreme heat of September 2022, she worked at a REST cooling center. She was also one of the featured speakers at REST's annual 2022 Luau fundraiser event in November. This winter, Chavez has been volunteering two days each week at REST's emergency shelter, welcoming new families and single women to the shelter which helped her in her time of need.

"We're so grateful to have Suzanne's help," said Anderson, "And her story inspires us all. She exemplifies the spirit of REST, the belief that people experiencing homelessness can find hope and stability and transition from being in need to being in a place where they can give back to the community."

