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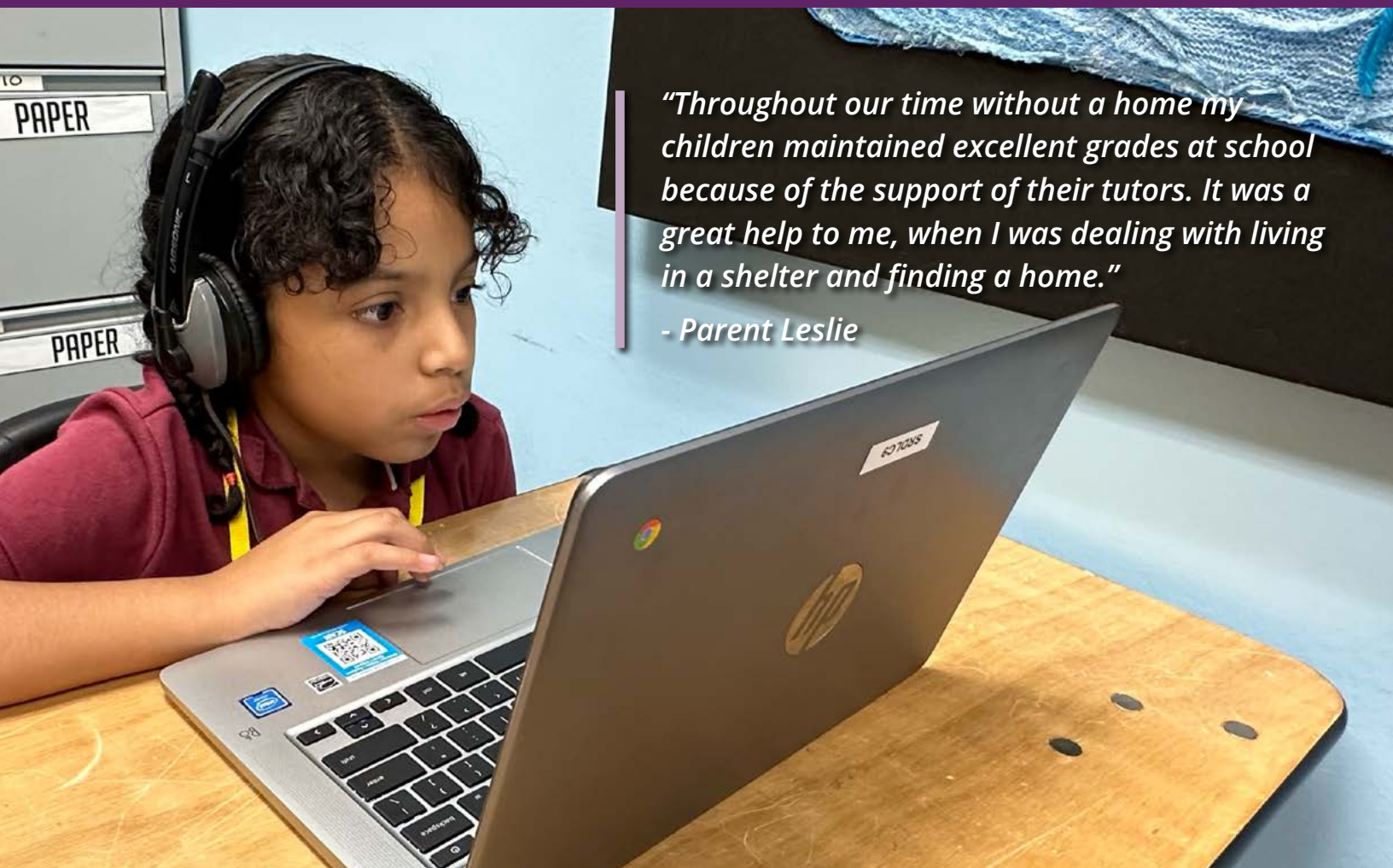


Annual Report 2022



Mission Statement

Since 1993, the mission of School on Wheels has never wavered: to enhance educational opportunities for children who are experiencing homelessness from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our goal is to shrink the gaps in their learning and provide them with the highest level of education possible. Our program serves as a consistent support system for our students during a time of great stress and fear.



"Throughout our time without a home my children maintained excellent grades at school because of the support of their tutors. It was a great help to me, when I was dealing with living in a shelter and finding a home."

- Parent Leslie

The kids are not alright.

Children experiencing homelessness have always faced daunting challenges in their educational journey. That journey has been devastating for them during and after the COVID crisis. As we witness the aftermath of the pandemic, it is clear that the educational disparities facing our students have been exacerbated, with the digital divide and lack of stable housing pushing them further to the margins of society.

The time to act is now, to rise above this crisis and ensure that every child experiencing homelessness in Southern California receives an equitable education. Our collective voice must echo with unwavering determination, demanding comprehensive policies that prioritize the educational rights of these children. Adequate funding for technology resources, internet connectivity, and tailored academic support are essential tools that can bridge the gap between despair and hope.

By championing their cause, you uplift their potential and empower them to break the cycle of homelessness through the transformative power of education. Let's unite to transform the statement 'The kids are not alright' into a call for justice, equity, and a brighter future for our students.

– Catherine Meek

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Reflections on 2022

Last year, we continued to improve our hybrid model for tutoring in person and online. We expanded our program to better serve our students and families, focusing on developing social and emotional skills, digital proficiency and strategies.



Skid Row Learning Center Reopens!

Since 2001, the downtown after-school center has provided a haven for children living in Skid Row. During lockdown, Rima Fakh (School on Wheels Ambassador) and her team generously renovated and furnished the center, enlivening the space with bright colors and modern flooring. We welcomed students back at the start of the new school year with a safe place to study, have a hot meal and participate in enrichment activities.



About Our Work

A Year of Impact:

1,738

**ONE-ON-ONE
TUTOR MATCHES**



1,303

**VOLUNTEERS MATCHED
WITH STUDENTS AND
TRAINED TO WORK
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON**

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**COUNTIES IN
CALIFORNIA SERVED**



Resources Supplied to Students:

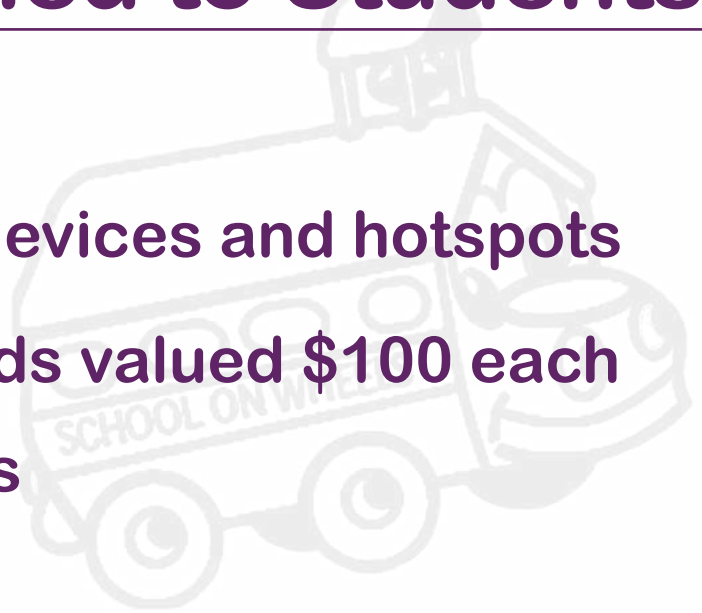
2,630 Backpacks

1,271 Chromebooks, devices and hotspots

800 Grocery gift cards valued \$100 each

743 Hard copy books

64 Scholarships



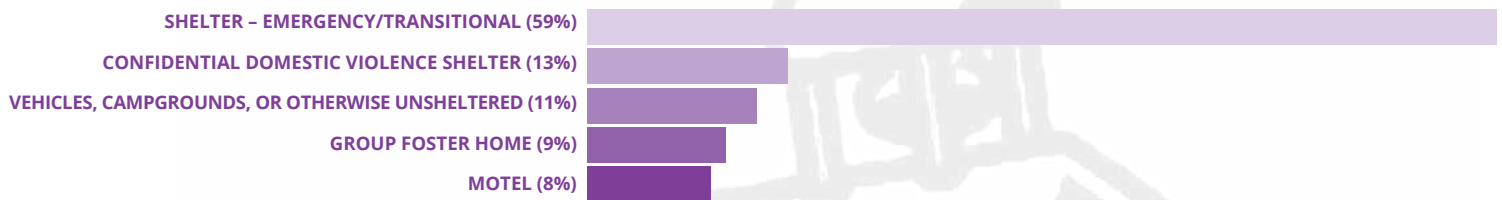
About Our Students

The national [graduation rate for unhoused students](#) is 13 percentage points below their low-income peers and 18 percentage points below all students. Not only is this vulnerable group less likely to graduate, but those without a high school diploma are 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness as young adults.

We provide our students with trusted adults who teach, mentor and assist their educational lives and provide a regular environment of reinforcement, positive modeling and constructive feedback.

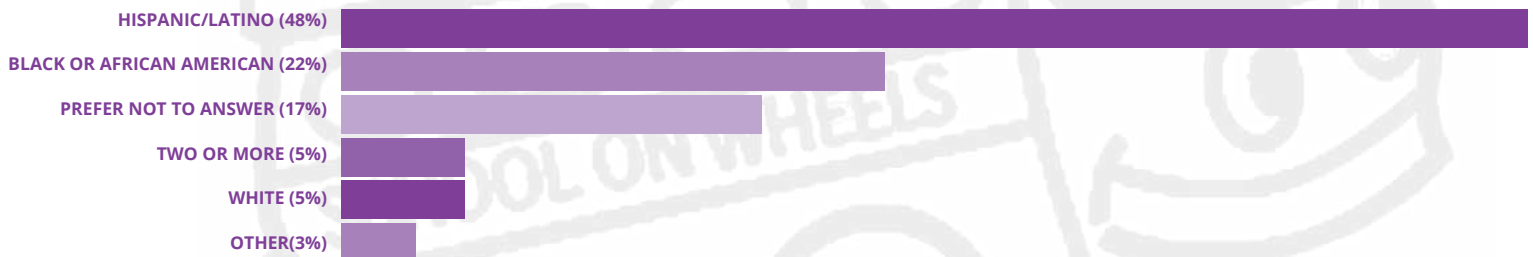
Where Our Kids Live

HOUSING TYPE



Who Our Kids Are

ETHNICITY AND RACE



GRADE LEVELS BY SCHOOL

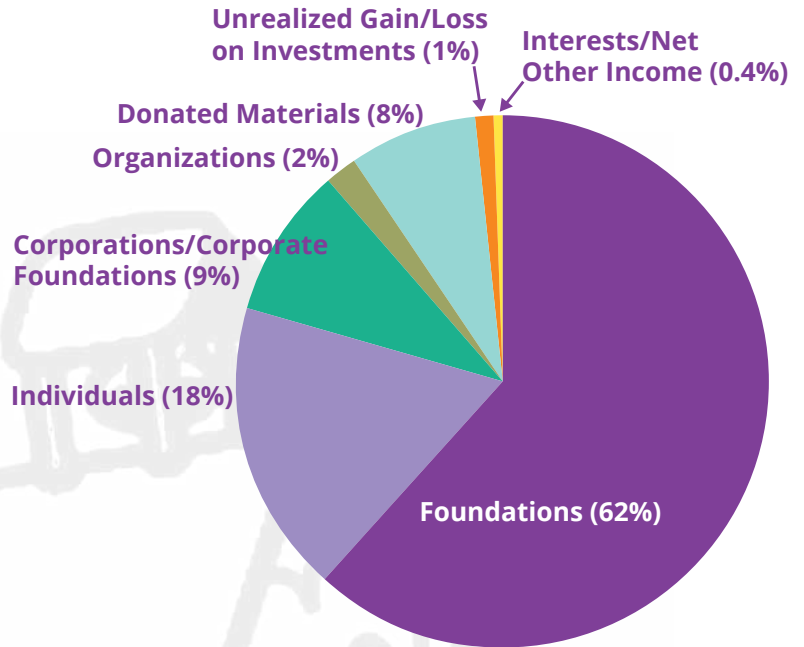


Financials

School on Wheels spends 92 cents of every dollar donated on student programming. In 2022, we maintained another year of strong financial stability.

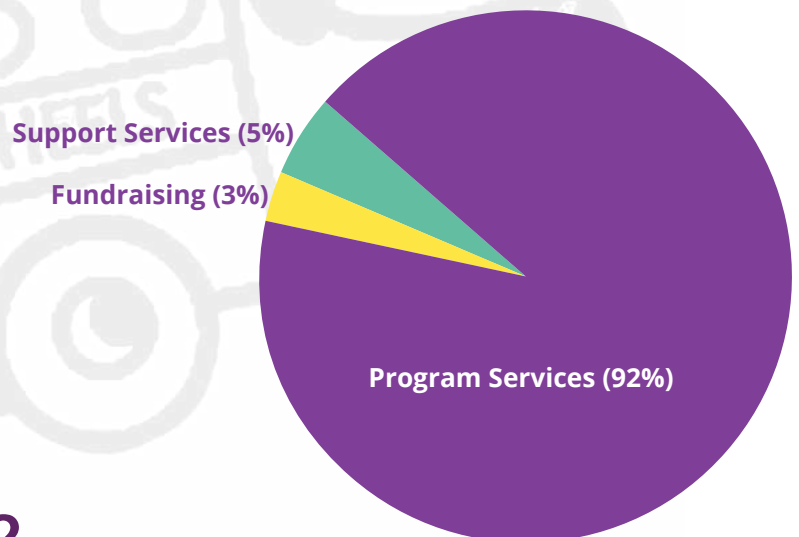
Revenue & Support

Foundations	\$2,157,034	62%
Individuals	\$629,370	18%
Corporations/Corp. Foun.	\$309,340	9%
Organizations	\$84,920	2%
Donated Materials	\$282,278	8%
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	(\$39,705)	1%
Interests/Net Other Inc.	\$15,378	0.4%
Total Revenues, Support, and Other Income	\$3,438,588	



Expenses

Program Services	\$2,774,764	92%
Fundraising	\$99,448	3%
Support Services	147,939	5%
Total	\$3,022,151	



Key Highlights for 2022

- We raised \$3,438,588.
- Our material donors provided laptops/devices, hotspots, backpacks, school supplies, gift cards and science kits to over 5,000 students.
- We formalized our partnerships with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

Donors

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have provided support to over 50,000 students since our founding in 1993. Each of our students receives a brand-new backpack filled with school supplies, which we replenish throughout the year on an as-needed basis. Because of your support, our students can enter the classroom with dignity and confidence.

Gifts of \$250,000+

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The Everychild Foundation
The Theodore J. Forstmann Charitable Trust

Gifts of \$100,000+

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Gifts of \$50,000+

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The Genevieve and Carlo Cabanilla Fund
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The Sherwood Foundation
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Transparency
2022

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Community

Thanks to our incredible community, our students experienced an array of exciting activities, including meditation workshops, art lessons, and our annual beach holiday party at Paradise Cove in Malibu.

