

FY2021 - 2022

# HOPE HARBOR

FORMERLY KNOWN AS LAUREL HOUSE



# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**MISSION:** Providing a home for teens in crisis, transforming lives and strengthening families.



**GOAL:** To prevent homelessness for at-risk teen girls and boys by reunifying them with their families or transitioning them into positive living situations.

 **2,201** total shelter bed nights

 **1,495** shelter bed nights for teen girls

 **706** shelter bed nights for teen boys


**17** at-risk teens

 **11** teen girls  
 **6** teen boys

**2,377**   
rides to school and extracurricular activities


 **6603**  
home-cooked meals

**100%**   
of the teen girls & boys sheltered received mental health services

**99%**   
school attendance record maintained

 **856**  
counseling and case management sessions

**100% +**  
of teens sheltered increased their GPA by an average of 1.25 points

**62**   
additional family members served through family counseling and reunification services

**560**   
life skills and education sessions

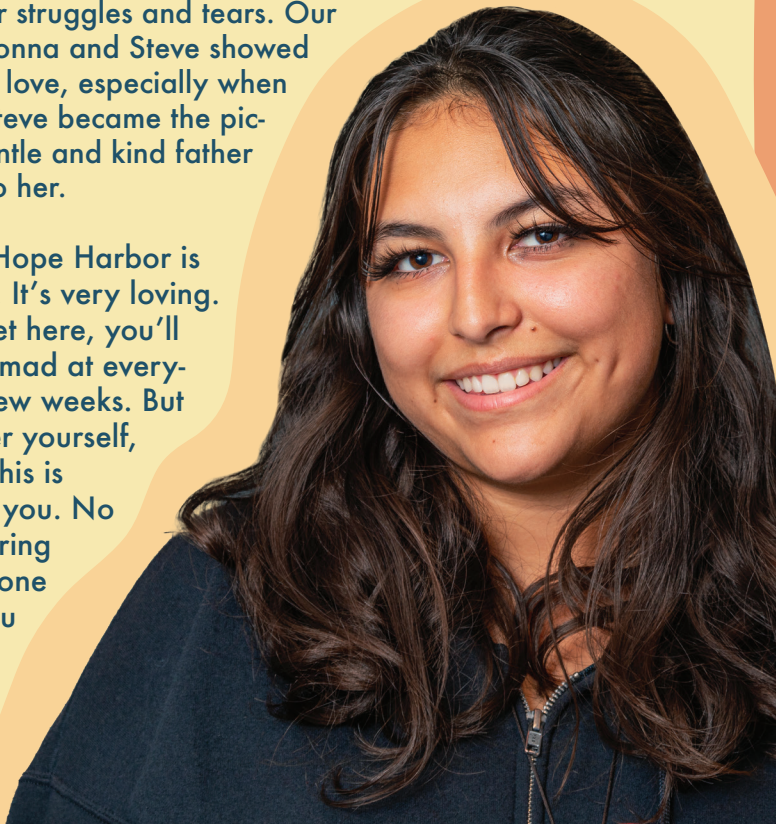
Note: These numbers are from Oct 1, 2021 - Sep 30, 2022

# Consuelo's Story

Consuelo's parents were divorced when she was five, causing major instability in her life. She bounced around homes, and for many years she was emotionally abused by her stepmom. In 8th grade, Consuelo was already vaping, resulting in heavy exposure to marijuana in her sophomore year of high school. She struggled with self-harm, suicidal ideation, drug use as a coping mechanism, and was eventually hospitalized. It seemed like she couldn't get out of the endless cycle of smoking every day, failing school, and falling into depression. When everything seemed like it was falling apart, her family found Hope Harbor.

When she first came into the program, Consuelo was fresh out of the hospital. The cuts on her arms were just scabbing over and her body was still recovering from the marijuana and nicotine she had fed to it for so long. Consuelo felt like she was building herself up from ground zero... and build she did. Through family counseling, Consuelo and her parents were able to talk through their emotions and feelings in a healthy manner. A church small group leader helped lead her to Christ, praying that Consuelo would see that God had been there all along, even in her struggles and tears. Our House Parents, Donna and Steve showed her unconditional love, especially when she messed up. Steve became the picture of what a gentle and kind father should look like to her.

Consuelo says, "Hope Harbor is a great program. It's very loving. When you first get here, you'll hate it. You'll be mad at everyone for the first few weeks. But once you get over yourself, you realize that this is literally all of for you. No one is trying to bring you down. Everyone is trying to set you up for success so that you can thrive in life."



# Dear Friends,

I count it an immense privilege to witness God's sovereignty, power, and mercy in the work that he is doing in and through Hope Harbor. 2022 has been a year full of wonderful changes and challenges. Because of your steadfast generosity, we have been able to offer critically-needed preventative services such as a safe home environment, nurturing live-in house parents, individual and family counseling, academic encouragement and support, life skills trainings, delicious home-cooked meals, and family reunification to teens in crisis. Without you, none of this would be possible.

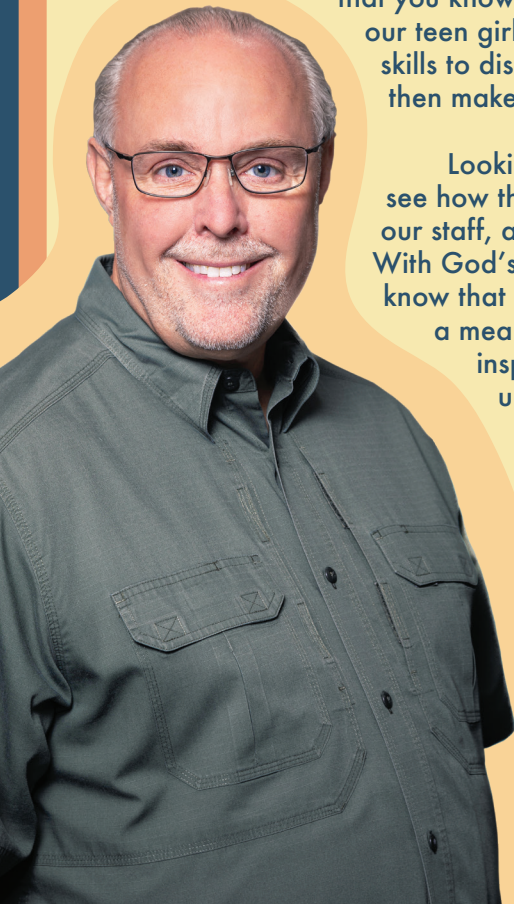
Serving teen boys has been a learning experience, and we're realizing that their needs can be very different from the girls'. The struggles and issues they face may seem insurmountable to some in our community, but we are confident in the program you've helped to build and how it can help teach our boys to be steadfast and faithful, even in moments of peer pressure and temptation. My hope is that you know you are an integral part of ensuring our teen girls and boys are equipped with the skills to discern what is good and right, and then make positive, healthy choices.

Looking forward to 2023, I cannot wait to see how the Lord will continue to use and guide our staff, as well as the teens and their families. With God's providence and your support, we know that Hope Harbor will continue to have a meaningful influence on our community, inspiring and preparing our teens to unlock their potential to go out and change the world.

Blessings,



Jim Palmer  
President and CEO





# HOUSE PARENT SPOTLIGHT

## DONNA & STEVE



Donna Giddings is the State Licensed Administrator of Hope Harbor and the live-in House Mom of the Sea Glass Girls Home. She lives there with her husband, Steve, who works for the city of Tustin. A former teacher and youth leader, Donna celebrated **26 years** of working at Hope Harbor in January! She has walked alongside hundreds of teen girls, helping broken families heal through restorative counseling and case management.

## BRANDON, JEWEL, & BABY BRANDON

Brandon Towns is the live-in House Dad for the Rip Tide Boys Home and lives there with his wife, Jewel Nelson, and their baby boy, Brandon II. Jewel comes with eight years of experience working in social services and is pursuing her Master of Social Work at Arizona State University. Brandon continues to serve as a young adult pastor, shepherding at-risk youth, while he pursues his Biblical Theology and Business degree. He uses his experiences and faith to champion the lives of the teen boys.



# Income and Expenses

We strive to maintain our goal of helping at-risk teens by maximizing every dollar donated. Of every dollar given, 87¢ goes directly to helping teens in crisis, and 13¢ goes toward administrative and fundraising expenses.



**87¢** Help for Teens

**13¢** Administrative  
& Fundraising

**THANK YOU** to our 2021-2022 foundation, corporate and church sponsors for equipping us to prevent teen homelessness in Orange County. Because of you, we were able to sustain **TWO** shelter homes and double our impact in the community.

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