

Can we ^{do} more?



2024-25 Impact Report

YES, we can!



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YES, we can do more!



Jay Allen

President and
Chief Executive Officer

Could you explain the theme of Wayfinder’s impact report, “Can we do more?”

From Wayfinder’s founding in 1953, we have always asked, “Can we do more?” to address needs in our communities. Every time we asked this question, the answer was a resounding “Yes!” This awareness of need has driven our growth in programs, the geography we serve and the number of children and families we assist each year. I am so proud to lead an organization that offers children, adults and families so many different types of support to overcome their obstacles. Whether people are grappling with vision loss, developmental disabilities, mental health issues or family instability, Wayfinder can do more to help them find their way.

Can you give us an example of Wayfinder staff living the “do more” theme?

Our social workers always step up to help families in need. Rita got a call at midnight from a single mom in one of our programs who had three young children, one of whom was ill. The mother needed medicine for her sick child but did not have anyone who could watch her children while she picked it up. Going to a pharmacy in the middle of the night is not in Rita’s job description, but she was happy to “do more” to help this family. There is a story like this in every Wayfinder program. Our staff “do more” every day. You can read another example in the Wayfinder Moment on page 25. Wayfinder will keep asking “Can we do more?” as we serve more children, adults and families across California.



Glenn A. Sonnenberg

Chair of the
Board of Directors

Wayfinder’s answer to “Can we do more?” is always “Yes, we can.” What kinds of services has Wayfinder started providing recently in response to community need?

We live in a time when the needs in the communities we serve could not be greater. Wayfinder has responded to these challenges with new programs focused on preventing crises. Some of these programs offer intensive services to keep families together and children out of the child welfare system. Other prevention programs teach teenagers and young adults how to cope with stress and anxiety so they do not develop mental health issues. I am very pleased that Wayfinder is helping clients solve issues before they become emergencies.

Can you tell us more about one of these prevention programs?

One new program assists low-income pregnant women and first-time parents of children under age 2 who know little about pregnancy or caring for an infant. We provide support in many areas, including making home visits to families, ensuring pregnant women receive prenatal care, and teaching mothers and fathers about child development and positive parenting, among other topics. Through prenatal care, mothers reduce complications and get the nutrients their babies need to be born healthy. Also, the program zeroes in on the crucial period from birth to age 2, during which caregivers lay the foundation for a child’s future growth and development. Whatever new parents need to help their children thrive, Wayfinder is there to do more. This is such an exciting program because it has the potential to change the trajectory of a child’s future before they are born.



YES, we can do more!

Wayfinder believes that everyone deserves a chance to reach their full potential. Children, youth and adults with vision loss or other disabilities ... children and youth who have experienced loss and trauma ... families struggling financially and emotionally ... We see the whole person, not just a problem, and we offer the life-changing services each person needs to overcome the obstacles they face.



24,490

Children, youth and adults served

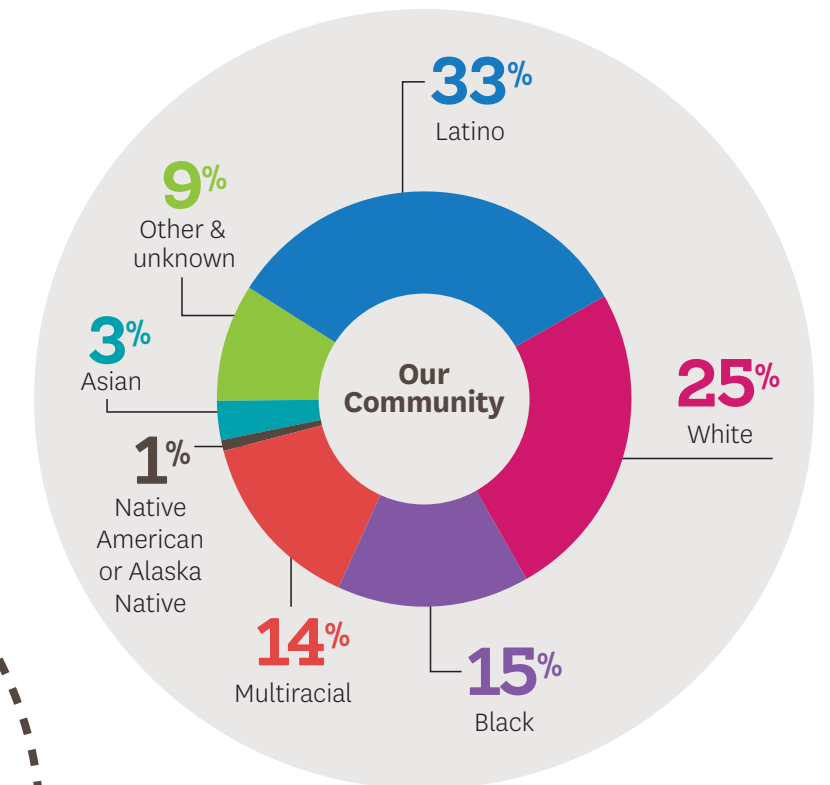
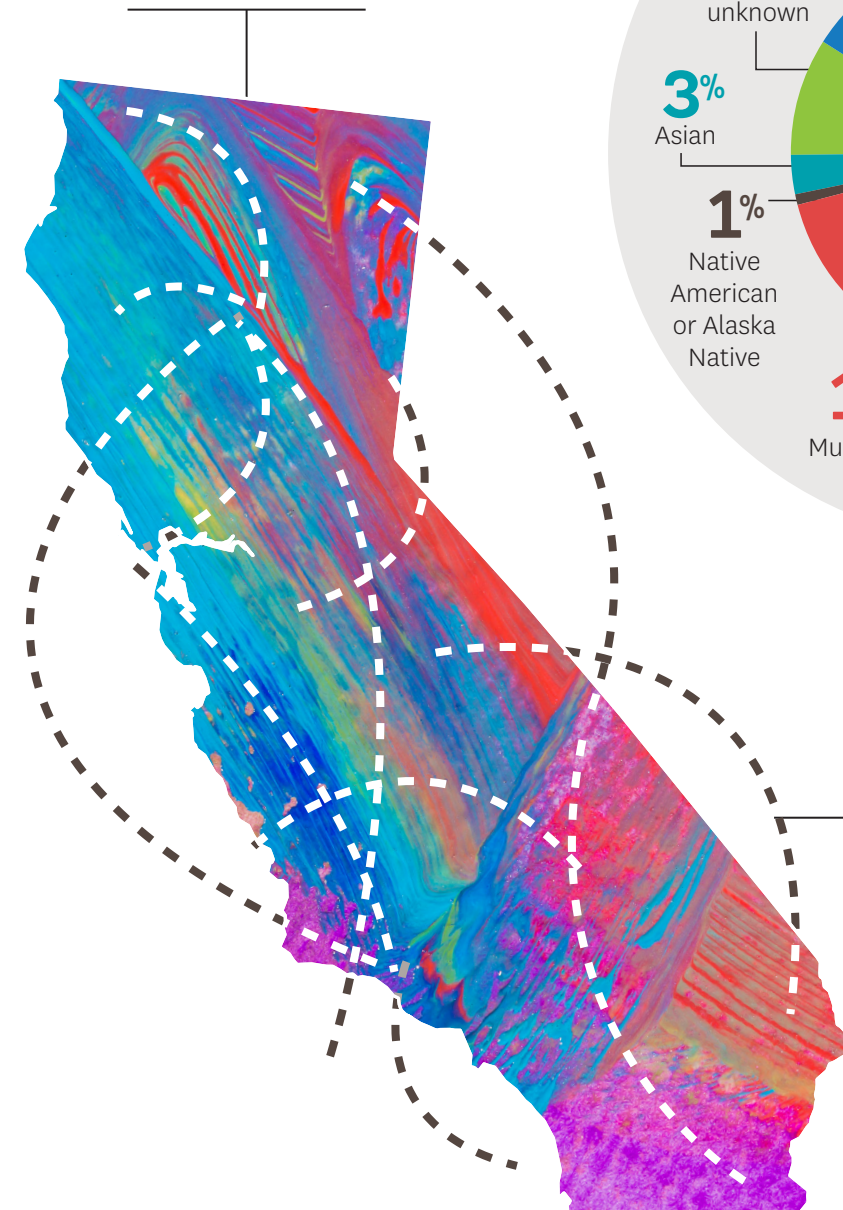
59%

Children under age 18

84%

Low-income families

Wayfinder does more in **your** community!



Our 23 locations across California reach **all 58 counties.**

YES, we can do more!

Reducing trauma ... improving health and mental health ...
finding loving homes for children who have been maltreated.
Each year, Wayfinder strives to do more to improve lives.



99%

Wayfinder clients
satisfied with our
program services



98%

Wayfinder clients
reported being
treated with
courtesy and
respect

88%



Children in stable foster placements
with the same foster (resource) family



94% Youth in our prevention
program improved their capacity to
manage mental illness symptoms



**98% Children removed from their
homes and placed in kinship care**
with a relative or family friend still in a permanent
placement one year later

85%
With kinship
caregiver

10%
Reunified
with parent

2%
Legal
guardianship

1%
Adopted

97%

Older adults with
vision loss improved
their independent
living skills



**100% Campers
at Camp
Bloomfield
strengthened
their sense of
independence**

**17,519
Hours**
of mental
health therapy



Keeping Her Grandchildren Safe



Alberta has an immense capacity for love and an ability to smile even when things are not going well. She is also one of the special relatives or family friends who step up to become kinship caregivers for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Alberta is the caregiver for four of her grandchildren, all under age 5, in addition to having two of her children still at home.

The parents of Alberta's grandchildren are struggling with addiction. Two of the grandchildren tested positive for fentanyl at birth; a third is on the autism spectrum. Alberta was determined that her grandchildren would stay with family and not enter the child welfare system. "I took the babies home from the hospital," Alberta says, "so they can stay with me in a safe environment where they're not neglected."

At first, Alberta tried to manage the guardianship process herself. "The paperwork alone is madness," says Alberta, referring to the 35 pages of forms plus attached documents that bring the package to 50 pages. "It was a lot."

Alberta was overjoyed when she was referred to LaKesia, a Wayfinder social worker. "LaKesia really looked out for me," Alberta says. "She supported me by coming to court hearings, typing up the paperwork and explaining the forms to me."

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LaKesia adds, "Alberta had to give legal notice to the appropriate people, especially on the mother's side. I had to explain the forms to them." LaKesia also helped with forms to get the children's health insurance and food benefits transferred to Alberta's name.

Completing daunting legal paperwork was just one part of Wayfinder's assistance. "I make sure the children get gifts at Christmas," LaKesia says. "Or if Alberta needs gas for her car. Gift cards for a Thanksgiving meal. Diapers and wipes when the family wasn't able to get them. Clothing."

As they worked together to obtain guardianship for all four children, Alberta and LaKesia developed mutual admiration. "Alberta is a great person," says LaKesia. "She loves those grandbabies for sure."

Alberta laughs when she thinks of how much she has learned. "The difference from when I started out going through the guardianship process for one grandchild, to now when I have gone through four, I feel like I'm almost a social worker with Wayfinder."

"I wouldn't be this far if I did not have the support through Wayfinder," Alberta says. "I'm really thankful for Wayfinder and all the support that they've given me and my family. I love Wayfinder."



More children grow up in loving homes



YES, we can do more!

38% of foster youth in The Haven received honor roll awards for the fall 2024 semester.

The Cottage and The Haven on our Los Angeles campus shelter children while they heal. The Cottage provides short-term care to children who have been recently removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect and are awaiting placement with a relative or foster (resource) family. The Haven offers residential services and long-term foster care. Both programs provide child-centered, trauma-informed services to address children’s complex needs. 100% of youth felt safe while in care at The Cottage.

Our statewide Foster Care and Adoption programs recruit and certify foster (resource) parents who can provide safe, caring homes. We match children and youth with families that can meet their needs, including children who have health or mental health challenges. After adoptions, Wayfinder provides services that ensure adoptive families remain together. 99% of adoptive children whose families received Post-Adoption Support services continued to be stable in their adoptive homes.



“Once a Johnson, always a Johnson.”

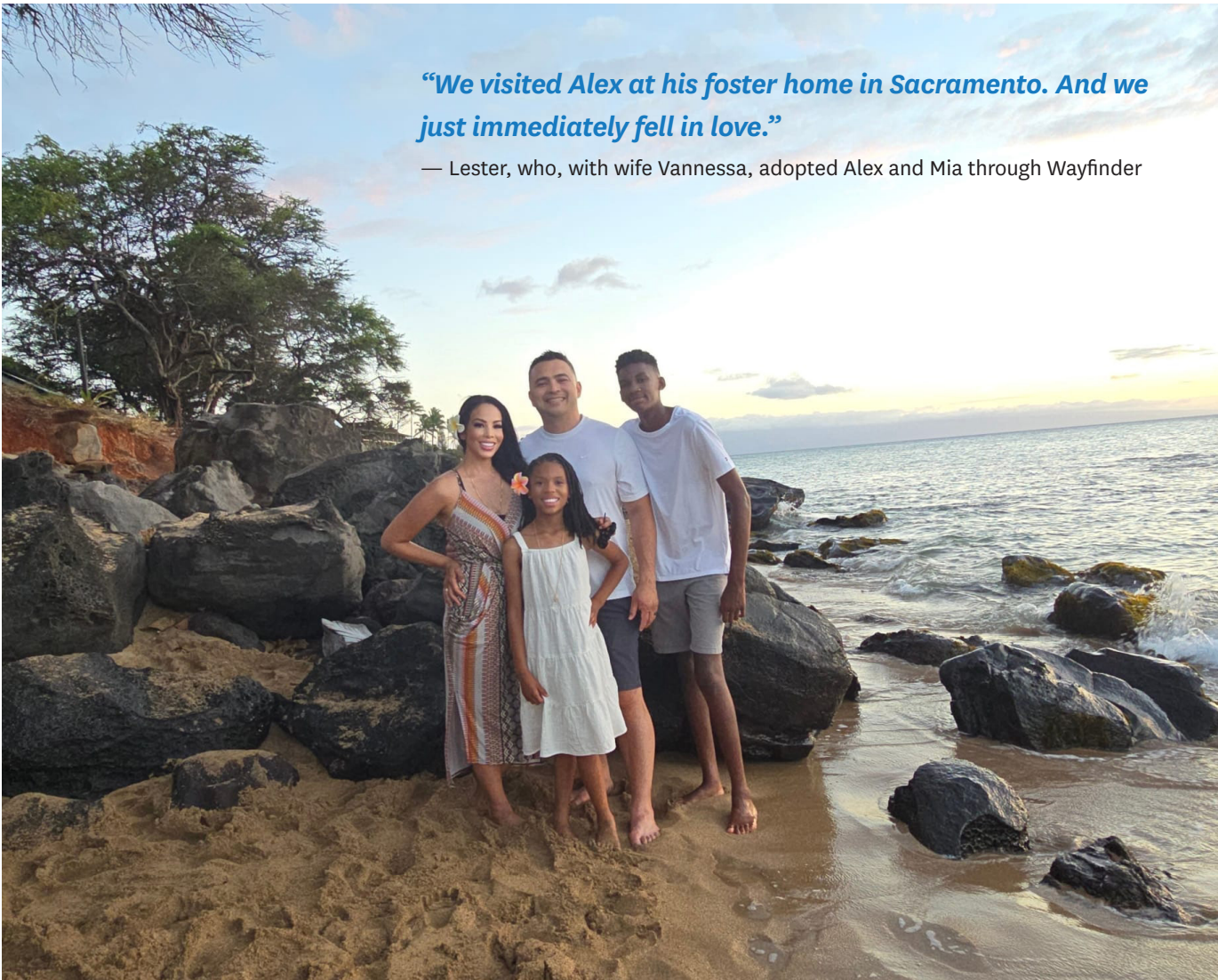
— Sign held by Anita welcoming her new sibling, Ryan, who has Down syndrome, to the Johnson family when his adoption was finalized.

Wayfinder’s family-focused prevention programs produce stronger, more resilient parents and children. Through counseling, parenting skills training and parent coaching, caregivers learn how to build a more nurturing home for their children. Families reduce the risk that their children will be placed in out-of-home care. 97% of families that completed Safe and Stable Families were stable with no children entering foster care one year after discharge.

Our Kinship Support Services Program supports grandparents, extended family members or close family friends who step up to raise children so they avoid the trauma of separation from their birth family. One year after case closure, 100% of kinship caregivers reported less stress and improved well-being.

Our Family Finding Program searches for and locates relatives and people close to youth in foster care so that youth can maintain or establish valuable, supportive relationships. 93% of youth were in contact with at least one newly identified extended family member at discharge from the program.

Visitation and Coaching Services strengthens parenting and sustains family ties for parents whose children are in foster care. 96% of adults improved their ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children.



“We visited Alex at his foster home in Sacramento. And we just immediately fell in love.”

— Lester, who, with wife Vanessa, adopted Alex and Mia through Wayfinder

“I wanted to be more than my disability.”



YES, we can
do **more!**

“Most of my life I’ve been told what I couldn’t do,” says Candy, age 20, who is partially sighted. “I started believing it. I wanted to see if I could read print. If I could cook independently. If I could travel on my own.”

In Wayfinder’s programs for adults with vision loss, Candy discovered that she could do all of these things and more. But before she found Wayfinder, Candy felt lost. She had enrolled in college after high school graduation but did not know how to advocate for the services she needed. “I failed my classes and left college after one semester,” she recalls. “I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life.”

Then Candy learned about Wayfinder. She enrolled in Wayfinder’s four-week summer program for teens and young adults with vision loss. While living in a college dorm with other participants, she learned how to write a cover letter, apply for a job and conduct herself in an interview. “Overall I found a sense of community,”

Candy remembers. “Growing up, I didn’t know anyone with a visual impairment.”

With budding confidence, Candy entered our Davison Program for Independence, an immersive residential program for adults with visual disabilities. She learned braille and assistive technology, how to safely function in a kitchen, as well as how to use a white cane and travel solo on a bus. “I got good at cooking right away,” Candy says. “My family had been afraid of me cutting myself or getting burned in the kitchen.”

While still in the Davidson program, Candy heard that Wayfinder’s Camp Bloomfield, a summer camp for children and adults with visual or multiple disabilities and their families, needed counselors. She got the job. “Her empathy and natural ability to connect with human beings made her a great counselor,” says Annelie Du Plessis, director of recreation services.

After a year in the Davidson program, Candy had gained confidence, patience and skills that boosted her independence. As she prepared to graduate, the Wayfinder team had a big surprise for Candy. They offered her a job as an independent living skills assistant.

“I was very excited, very shocked,” Candy recalls. “But overall I was really grateful that other people could see the potential I had. In high school, people would say to me, ‘You are doing a lot for someone who is disabled.’ I wanted to be more than my disability.”

Since Candy joined the team, she has helped other adults with vision loss be more than their disability. Candy is returning to college to pursue a degree in human services while continuing to work at Wayfinder. Unlike three years ago, she is ready this time, thanks to Wayfinder. Candy is going to succeed!



More children and adults with disabilities achieve greater independence

1,648
CHILDREN
AND ADULTS

2,484
FAMILY MEMBERS

YES, we can do more!

Our sports and recreation program added adaptive tennis, tandem cycling, baseball and soccer for youth and adults with visual and other disabilities.

Wayfinder’s **Child Development Services** provides in-person early intervention services to children from birth to age 6 with visual impairment or multiple disabilities. Parents learn to provide their child with therapeutic stimulation and to advocate for their child’s education and care. **92%** of parents acquired knowledge to advocate for their child’s special needs.

Our **Special Education School** provides a safe, positive learning environment for children and youth ages 5 to 22 who have moderate-to-severe disabilities, which may include vision loss. Students learn communication, mobility and functional skills to increase their independence. **100%** of students met their goals in behavioral and social skills, **97%** in independent living skills, **82%** in orientation and mobility, and **81%** in braille and communication.

Wayfinder offers two comprehensive residential rehabilitation programs for adults with vision loss: the **Davidson Program for Independence** in Los Angeles and the **Hatlen Center** in Sacramento. **96%** of Davidson graduates achieved **100%** of their individual goals in independent living skills. **100%** of Hatlen graduates moved into independent living or enrolled in an education or training program within three months of graduation.



“As a sighted person, it feels great to bring my mom here because I get to have a lot of fun with her, and she feels safe. My mom feels more free to be blind. She was able to play sports for the first time.”

— Alicia, daughter of Susan, who has vision loss, and who attended Camp Bloomfield’s family camp together



“As a parent it warms my heart. It’s always great to see the inclusion and to have people understand what it’s like to be in a different world.”

— Matt, father of teenage boy who surfed at Wayfinder’s Blind Surf Clinic, held in collaboration with Blind Fitness

Our **adult workforce programs** enable people with vision loss to explore careers and education, prepare for job seeking, learn the latest technology and navigate public transportation. **88%** of participants increased competency in assistive technology, improving their job competitiveness.

Older Individuals who are Blind provides adults ages 55 and older who are visually impaired with training to assist them in living independently. Each client has a service plan with goals and activities geared to their particular needs. Clients receive one-to-one instruction and attend small group trainings. As a result, older adults gain independence and self-sufficiency so they can participate more fully in their communities. **94%** of adults who completed services reported an increased ability to engage in their customary daily life activities in the home and community.

Wayfinder’s **Camp Bloomfield** and **sports, recreation and outdoor adventures** welcome children, youth and adults with vision loss and other disabilities. All activities are adapted for athletes with disabilities, including horseback riding, swimming, whitewater river rafting, surfing, snow skiing and many more memorable adventures. **98%** of campers gained confidence in their ability to participate in all activities.

A Family Finds Brighter Days



Mark, age 10, and his mother, Andrea, were locked in an ongoing battle. Mark reacted aggressively when his classmates made fun of him. The school called Andrea so frequently when he got in trouble that she had to work night shifts. Andrea tried to implement consequences, but his behavior only escalated. He shut down and stopped listening, increasing Andrea's frustration.

If these interactions worsened, Mark could be put in foster care. Mother and son would suffer the trauma of separation, and their family could fall apart.

The family had seen other counselors without much impact. Then, Caroline, a Wayfinder mental health therapist, received the family's referral from their county's mental health department, which works with their school district. Caroline quickly realized the source of the family's problems. Mark wanted more attention from his mother, and bad behavior got him that. "Mark is a great kid and Andrea is a great mom. But they had a disconnect. They needed to understand each other's needs and communicate," Caroline recalls.

Caroline thought that a short-term intervention called Functional Family Therapy (FFT) would be a good approach for the family. "FFT does not examine the past," Caroline explains. "FFT focuses on identifying what needs to change and going forward."

Mark and Andrea really wanted to change their patterns. They never missed a session with Caroline. In therapy, Mark discovered what triggered his aggressive behaviors and how to cope using breath work. He learned to advocate for himself by asking for breaks when he got overwhelmed in school.

Caroline helped Andrea implement appropriate consequences for Mark and to find a balance between being a good mom and taking care of herself.

Caroline knew FFT had been effective for the family when Andrea used what she had learned to handle an incident in which Mark had physically confronted a boy who was bullying him. Andrea listened calmly while Mark explained what happened. She helped Mark with problem solving and talked to his teacher.

Mark is doing so much better at school. As his incidents decreased, his academics improved. Mark's teachers are so impressed by his progress that he received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies and English.

Andrea is planning to switch to the day shift so she can spend more time with Mark after school and in the evenings. "I think I've got this," Andrea told Caroline in gratitude.

Instead of another child entering the child welfare system, Wayfinder helped build a strong family that communicates well and demonstrates understanding. The ongoing battle is over for Mark and Andrea, and they are enjoying brighter days.

YES, we can
do **more!**

More children and families increase well-being

1,003

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

2,010

FAMILY MEMBERS

YES, we can do more!

Community Mental Health served 26% more children, youth and adults than in the prior year.

Our **Medical Department** provides 24-hour services to clients in our on-campus residential programs, plus students in our Special Education School. Many clients have complex, intertwined medical, mental health and behavioral needs, which our medical staff are adept at addressing.

Our **mental health professionals** offer therapy to children, youth, adults and families in our communities, as well as youth living in The Cottage and The Haven. Our therapists help clients build resilience and skills to cope with traumatic experiences, unstable environments, abuse, neglect and more. **97%** of clients decreased the impairments that were preventing them from functioning well in their schools, families, relationships or social interactions.



“The most helpful things that I have received from these services are a higher feeling of self-confidence and problem solving and dealing with overall anxiety and stress. All the staff and resources are lovely.”

— Angie, age 16, who received individual mental health therapy



“For me the most important tool was to learn how to look at things from a different perspective, not only mine as a mom. My child is her own personality, therefore she will cope differently than I would. So I learned to be patient with her.”

— Patricia, mother of 6-year-old, who was in family therapy

Two programs prevent mental health issues from escalating. **Be Well** focuses on mental wellness and empowerment of youth ages 14 to 25 who are experiencing mental health disorders or early symptoms of one. The **Blues Program** helps teenagers learn how to manage stress and reduce the risk of depression and anxiety. **97%** of youth in Be Well reduced conflicts in school and at work.

As an affiliate of **Healthy Families America**, Wayfinder provides low-income, first-time parents of infants and toddlers with home visits and other services to improve children’s health and development, parents’ well-being and family dynamics.

Wayfinder provides **Enhanced Care Management** to coordinate physical, behavioral and social services for Medi-Cal patients with complex needs to reduce crises and improve long-term outcomes. This evidence-informed model addresses housing instability, food insecurity and trauma, in addition to medical and mental health care.

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 1,089,173
Accounts, grants and credits receivable	4,822,354
Pledges receivable	213,421
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,421,643
Investments	41,119,921
Property held for investment	2,989,000
Property and equipment	12,535,299
Right-of-use assets – operating leases	1,583,836
TOTAL ASSETS	\$66,774,647
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable	\$ 581,983
Accrued liabilities	8,324,932
Lease liabilities – operating leases	1,616,169
Line of credit	200,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,723,084
<i>Net Assets</i>	
Without donor restrictions	\$ 55,531,489
With purpose and time restrictions	100,194
With perpetual restrictions	419,880
TOTAL NET ASSETS	56,051,563
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$66,774,647

Statement of Activities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

REVENUE	
<i>Private support</i>	
Contributions	\$ 2,580,603
Wills and bequests	1,713,103
Trust income	1,200,195
Contributed property, goods and services	306,562
Subtotal	5,800,463
<i>Government Fees and Other Revenue</i>	
Government contracts, fees for service and grants	38,696,590
Other revenue	397,252
Subtotal	39,093,842
<i>Other changes</i>	
Gain on investments	3,765,070
Investment income, net of fees	1,114,579
Gain on sales of equipment	7,500
Subtotal	4,887,149
TOTAL REVENUE	49,781,454
EXPENSES	
Program services	40,747,517
Management and administrative	2,134,316
Fundraising and public relations	5,378,787
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,260,620
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,520,834*
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$56,051,563

*Wayfinder’s 2024-25 increase in net assets was due to the gain on investments.

Program Services Expenses

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

PROGRAM SERVICES	
Foster Care and Adoption	\$ 15,054,557
Mental Health Services	6,580,641
Temporary Shelter Care (The Cottage)	5,844,207
The Haven	4,488,115
Special Education School	1,850,234
Davidson Program for Independence	1,701,818
Older Individuals Who Are Blind	1,452,004
Child Development Services	1,208,814
Camp Bloomfield and Recreation	628,324
Hatlen Center	584,673
Public Education Program	510,734
Strategic Initiatives	429,961
Group Homes	297,961
Transition Services	115,474
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 40,747,517



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Wayfinder Moments

THE PLACE: Wayfinder’s inclusion session for youth with vision loss at a camp with sighted peers

THE PEOPLE: Miles, age 14, who has partial sight and uses a walker due to a neurological condition that causes loss of muscle coordination. Teen boys in the same cabin with Miles who do not have disabilities. A camp counselor.

THE GREAT MOMENT: The counselor asked the boys, “Who wants to climb the rock wall first?” The sighted boys hung back, but Miles volunteered to go first. Climbing a rock wall takes strength throughout the body, making it even more difficult and exhausting for Miles. He went up a little, then back down, then up again, figuring out how he could do the climb. Then Miles climbed up the wall! His cabinmates cheered. What Miles had done was impressive. The teens looked at each other sheepishly. Whatever had been holding them back from climbing the rock wall vanished. Inspired by Miles, they all climbed the rock wall.



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THE PLACE: Derby Day fundraising event in Sacramento

THE PEOPLE: Wayfinder’s Community Council members, including Jade Pillsbury. Wayfinder supporters in their Kentucky Derby finery to watch a livestream of the races and raise funds for Wayfinder.

THE GREAT MOMENT: Jade brought the audience to tears when she told the emotional stories of her and her husband adopting their two children, bonding deeply with their daughter’s birth mother and extended family, and their gratitude to Wayfinder for walking by their sides through all the ups and downs.

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THE PLACE: Northern California and Missouri

THE PEOPLE: Charlie, age 10, who was removed from his father’s care due to neglect and placed temporarily with a foster (resource) family; he continued to visit his dad, who was caring for Charlie’s dog, Rover. Charlie’s grandparents in Missouri, who took permanent custody of Charlie. Charlie’s father, who sadly passed away after Charlie moved to Missouri. Treva and Jocelyn, Charlie’s Wayfinder social workers, who learned Charlie was very upset about Rover going to a shelter after his dad’s death; they wanted to give Charlie some happiness.

THE GREAT MOMENT: Treva and Jocelyn found Rover at the shelter. The dog stayed at Jocelyn’s house for a week until ground transportation could be arranged for Rover to go to Missouri. When Charlie reunited with Rover, he recorded a video message thanking his Wayfinder social workers, who always do more for their clients than what is in their job descriptions. “I thank you with all of my heart,” Charlie said tearfully. “This dog means everything to me. I’m just so happy.” But there is a second great moment! Charlie was adopted by his grandparents, with Treva and Jocelyn in attendance. He is settled, happy and earning A’s in all his school subjects.



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THE PLACE: The Conversation event in downtown Los Angeles about preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences, known as ACEs, which are traumatic events in childhood that impact well-being into adulthood.

THE PEOPLE: Distinguished panelists: California Surgeon General Dr. Diana E. Ramos, youth justice organizer Josue “Swey” Pineda and Wayfinder Family Services’ Chief Operating Officer Dawn Vo-Jutabha, PhD. Moderator: Emily Williams, CEO of UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network. Hosts: Wayfinder’s Board of Directors and Impact Council. Guests: 150 philanthropic and civic-minded leaders.

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