LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

I have been very proud to serve on the board of BFHP for eight years, and as its Board President for the last three. As a life-long Berkeley resident, I have seen homelessness and hunger in our community since I was a child, and as an adult have committed to do what I can to help ease the crisis faced by so many. While this can feel overwhelming, we cannot give up hope. We can all play a small role to make pivotal change.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 didn’t come with a timeframe, so our game plan is to continue to do what we do best, getting people experiencing homelessness into a safe space to shelter in place.

In this time of unprecedented challenges, the term “giving back” has taken on new diverse meanings. Giving of one’s time, energy, financial means, and skills has become a cornerstone of upward change during this time. Regardless of one’s circumstances, we have all been inspired by those who are stepping up to help others despite facing their own challenges.

We at BFHP remain hopeful that positive change is possible for our communities. If you are able to lend your support during this time, I strongly encourage your goodwill, as I know the meaning of its impact for so many right now. The hope I carry forward, along with my fellow board members, is that the homelessness crisis remains at the forefront of progress ahead.

Thank you for being a part of BFHP’s ongoing story and mission.

With kindest regards,

Kajsa Minor, Board President

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To the BFHP Community,

In January, we entered into our 50th year of operation. Since March, we have been pivoting and adjusting to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a team and a community, we have come together to put our clients’ needs first, with safety as our number one priority, and I couldn’t be more proud and humbled to be the Executive Director of Berkeley Food & Housing Project. We’ve tackled all the obstacles presented to us, while continuing to fulfill our mission, but we couldn’t do that without support like yours.

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Our values of diversity, equality and inclusion are the foundation of our organization and will be instrumental as we continue to serve one of the most vulnerable populations in our community with fairness and equity.

The past six months have been a bigger challenge than I could ever have imagined, but thanks to all of you we will make it through this, together.

Thank you for your support of Berkeley Food & Housing Project,

All the best,

Calleene Egan, Executive Director

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN SERVICE

IN 1970 University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley volunteers launched The Meal Project, a free meal program for those in need. In 1972, the name changed to Berkeley Emergency Life Line.

IN 1986 the agency was incorporated as The Berkeley Emergency Food Project and we opened our Men’s Shelter in downtown Berkeley.

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IN 2013 BFHP began working with Veterans Affairs. By 2019 the agency had expanded to serving veterans and their families across six counties.

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What Happened in FY 2019–2020

Dwight Way Single Room Occupancy
BFHP converted five rooms in our Dwight Way center into SRO units (Single Room Occupancy). These units provide permanent housing with wraparound support services for veterans who formerly experienced homelessness. The Dwight Way Center, which also accommodates a shelter and veterans’ transitional housing, offers a supportive, responsive, and respectful environment. The building is ADA accessible, well maintained and has a landscaped backyard. It is located close to the downtown Berkeley library, grocery stores, parks, and other neighborhood amenities – and has excellent access to public transportation.

Expansion of Veteran Services
The Roads Home Program is slated to serve an additional 500 extremely low-income veteran households throughout the six counties we serve. The expansion is made possible by $7.5M in funding by The Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) over a two year period and built around a new rental assistance initiative called “shallow subsidy.”

The SSVF shallow subsidy provides two years of rental assistance that will not decrease if the household increases their income. This encourages veterans to build the financial stability necessary to sustain their housing independently.

COVID-19
When the COVID-19 pandemic came to our communities, BFHP had to make many adjustments to the way we provide services to our clients. We are proud to say that the crisis was met with a swift and thoughtful response by our team and our valued community partners. We have continued to provide a 24/7 safe space for all of our clients to shelter in place. Increased medical attention, meal support, and staff check-ins have given our clients the assurance that they will be given the best care during a difficult time. At the end of June 2020, the Community Meal moved from its previous home at Lutheran Church of the Cross into the Dwight Way Center, where we are serving to-go meals five day a week.

As the pandemic continues, we must raise an additional $300,000 to continue to provide these increased services to our clients.

See our website for ways you can contribute to the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Berkeley Way Groundbreaking
Construction has begun on the joint development between BFHP and Bridge Housing. The Berkeley Way project will consist of two side-by-side buildings offering a robust set of services and a continuum of housing environments that residents can progress through from shelter, to supportive housing, to permanent affordable housing.

Rio Vista Vets Home
In August 2019 BFHP broke ground on a new home for veterans exiting homelessness in Rio Vista. In partnership with Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity, American Legion Post 178, Solano County, and the City of Rio Vista, the residence will provide a 6 bedroom permanent home with support services for local veterans.

Many veterans struggle when living in isolation, but instead thrive with the companionship of housemates. This home will provide a quiet and calm environment, allowing the residents the opportunity to live healthy and productive lives.

BFHP staff members joined other volunteers to raise the first walls in February 2020. When the home is completed it will be owned and operated by BFHP with assistance from the American Legion Post 178, which shares the property.
Programs by County

**ALAMEDA**
- Community Meal est. 1970
- Men’s Shelter est. 1986
- Women’s Shelter est. 1991
- Permanent Supportive Housing est. 2002
- Tenancy Support Services est. 2006
- Veterans’ Transitional Housing est. 2011
- Albany Housing Services est. 2012
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2013
- Veterans’ Employment Services est. 2020
- Berkeley Respite Program est. 2020
- Project Safer Ground est. 2020

**SOLANO**
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2013
- Veterans’ Employment Services est. 2016

**SACRAMENTO**
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2017
- Veterans’ Employment Services est. 2020

**SAN JOAQUIN**
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2019

**AMADOR**
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2017

**CONTRA COSTA**
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families est. 2013
- Veterans’ Employment Services est. 2016
- Concord CARE & Warming Center 2019 – 2020

**Client Statistics**
- 2,971 Clients Served
- 40,761 Meals Served
- 787 Veteran Households Served
OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS CONTINUING TO PRESENT BFHP WITH DISTINCT CHALLENGES. Thanks to our partners at the federal, county, and city levels, as well as the support from foundations, corporations, and individual donors, in FY 2019-2020 we were able to deliver $9.3 million in high level housing and food services to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Our partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has contributed to the most notable increase in our revenue. This increase is directly tied to the robust housing services we are able to provide to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness across six counties.

To view our latest audited financial statement and form 990, please visit our website at bfhp.org/finances.

Sources of Revenue

Federal Grants 53%
Contributions 12.5%
Program Services Revenue 3.5%
City Grants 18%
County Grants 13%

Uses of Revenue

Program Services 85%
Fundraising 5%
Administrative 10%

I’m blessed that I’m here every day. If I wasn’t here, I don’t know where I would be. BFHP has helped me grow in a lot of ways. It has helped me figure out what I want out of life. It also makes me want to give back to those in my community.

— Client and Employee at the Dwight Way Women’s Shelter
APPRECIATION FOR LARRY ROSENTHAL

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Thank you for your support

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Anonymous (in honor of Eugene F. Lee)
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Bessom, Mary Ann & Leonard
Bickel, Nancy & Peter
Burns, Josephine & Vaccarino, Donald
Campbell, Cristina & DeWolf, Timothy
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Clients Served FY 2019–2020 GENDER

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I got a phone number from the VA Outreach Team and they informed me of BFHP’s services. I received my housing voucher within a week. Now that I am housed I look forward to traveling the world and spending time with my children.

— Resident in the Dwight Way SROs
$1,000 — $4,999 continued

Cawthon, Nick
Chatterjee, Ann
Cheklin, Betsey & Kenneth
Cohen, Diana & Falk, Bill
Coff, Christine
Collins, Jesse
Conrad, Ron
Cooper, Emily & Faris, Harry
Cooper, Nancy & Ullers, James
Coulter, Jane & Tom
Coyle, Karen
Crebbin, Victoria
Cutter, Jason
Decary, Andre
Dekker, Ruth
Dillon, Josh
Dugald Family Foundation
Dubois Family Foundation
Duguid, Paul
Eberhard, Jacqueline & Phillips
Edmonson, Dane
Eiler, David
Fa-Kaji, Marguerita & Kaji, Troy
Faust, Holly Babe & Stone, Janet E.
Finn, Michael
Frank, Kathryn & Blume, James
Frazier, Kevin
Friedman, Joyce & Stuart
Frey, Elizabeth
Friedman, Rachael & Murakami, James
Fruehan, George
Fry, David
Funk, Kate & Daniel
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Lakindley, Susipa
Law, Karen
Lee, Caron
Lee, Tienne
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Lewis, Florence & John
Linga, Allison
Love, Adam
Loyter, Sara & Van Linden, Geoff
Lundberg, David
Lyman, Kay & John
Macias, Elena
Madden, Ryann
Mahanes, Laura & Weissman, Steve
Mancusa, Victoria
Mayer, Dorothy
McCartney-Ribakoff, Nehemya
McCune, Elizabeth
McGuinness, Michelle & Agol, Ian
McKaskill, Kirk & Altman, Eric
McKee, Bebe & Colin
Mets, Richard & Rudy, Peter
Mendel, Stephen & Emily
Metz, Rachel & David
Meyer, Amanda
Miller, Peter
Millikan, Marlene & Richard
Mina, Kaja
Minor, Norma & Robert
Moore, David
Moser-O’Neill, Kathy and O’Neill, James
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Parke, Ruth & Ron
Parker, Sheridan & Kaplan, Jonathan
Piltz, Amelia & Dwight
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Rothstein, Joanie & Jesse
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Skeely, Todd
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Shu, Philip
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Smith, E. Kendra
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Weil, Karen & Morris, Mark
Wesson, Victoria
Wheeler, Lindsay & Makdisi, Richard
White, Chris
Williamson, Aileen
Witherell, Michael
Witkowski, Katarynya
Wulf, Linda & Stanley
Yang, Michelle (in honor of Ryan Zheng)
Yep, Francine & Lobov, Simon
Zafra-Nienberg Family Fund
Zusalin, Elizabeth

Thank you for your support

Clients Served FY 2019–2020

13%
AGED 18 AND UNDER

65%
AGED 18 – 61

22%
AGED 62 AND OVER

$22,723
VALUE OF IN-KIND GIFTS

It’s nice living here, at community housing. I’ve been here for a long time, and the staff is very efficient. It’s easy to get around Berkeley and I like the commute.

— Client at the Russell Street Residence

$1,000 — $4,999 continued
In 1970 BFHP started as a community soup kitchen in Berkeley. In 2020, 50 years later, we operate across six counties and serve approximately 3,000 people each year, providing housing and food services. Feeding the hungry will always be at the heart of what we do as an agency.

Please stay in touch to hear all the latest news from Berkeley Food & Housing Project.

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