



ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRISTI PEREZ

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded of all the amazing moments and breakthroughs for our youth which were made possible because of your generosity and support. 2018 was a year of growth and refinement for Inspire, with new programming for our youth and updated housing spaces. We truly have been on a journey to help foster and homeless youth heal and move into productive adult lives.

A couple highlights from our students this year include:

Ashley is only a couple of classes away from graduating from CBU! Two of our students have earned full scholarships for vocational programs. Ramses earned his driver's license and saved for his first car. We're so proud of the many milestones that were achieved by our youth in 2018 and are looking forward to seeing all they accomplish in 2019.

All of these achievements were made possible by our friends and supporters helping Inspire to provide safe and stable housing, mentoring and college educations for 32 foster and homeless youth this year. Your support also led to the new Leadership Development program for our students that focuses on emotional intelligence and resilience. Giving youth the resources to heal from past trauma is one of the most important tools we can provide to help them transition into more positive futures.

The year culminated in giving all of our students their Christmas Wishes at a beautiful party alongside their wonderful mentors. Thank you to everyone who contributed for reminding our students that they are cared for and that so many people are cheering them on toward growth and success!

In 2019, our goal is for continuous enhancement of our programs, classes, and staffing, and to provide a safe place for the students to belong as they continue on their journey to adulthood. With your support, we'll celebrate even more achievements in 2019!

Best wishes for 2019!

Kristi Perez, Executive Director
Inspire Life Skills



THE FACTS

Youth who emancipate from the child welfare system are unlikely to find safe, affordable housing or employment opportunities due to a lack of home address and transportation.

Number of foster youth who age-out each year

NATIONALLY

20,000

CALIFORNIA

4,000

INLAND EMPIRE

700

8%

of former foster youth attempt college; 3% graduate

50%

of youth leaving foster care do so without a place to live

Foster girls are **6X** more likely to become pregnant than their peers

25%

of former foster males become incarcerated

Results from a study of emancipated youth earnings in a single year

\$6000

Emancipated youth's income

\$7890

National poverty line

THE COST

(PER YEAR)

WITHOUT INSPIRE

\$55,000 - \$115,000

Incarceration cost for a young adult (depending upon the type of facility) according to the State's Safety and Welfare Remedial Plan

\$215,000

Cost of residence in a mental health facility

WITH INSPIRE

\$16,000

Housing for an emancipated foster youth in a program like Inspire which provides support services such as mental health care, educational resources, employment opportunities and financial support

"Inspire has helped me continue to pursue my educational goals...someday soon I hope to be an attorney."

-Claude D.

"Basically, Inspire saved my life."-Belinda B.



OUR MISSION

Inspire exists to break the cycle of abuse and poverty through stable housing, education, training, and mentorship of foster and homeless youth.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a future where all youth continue to use the tools provided to make productive, self-sufficient and positive life choices.



VICTORIES FROM 2018

Inspire

Our Students

80% of our students consistently attended our Leadership Development Program (social-emotional training).

Overall, students attended school more consistently and dropped fewer classes than in 2017. Several youth experienced significant breakthroughs with their behavior + outlook and are showing tremendous growth.

Our Partners

11 new monthly partners were added in 2018. A new partnership with Stepping Stones for mental health classes and counseling has been very helpful for our Riverside Students.

Our Work

- Relocated our Riverside boys to a safer and larger home right across from RCC.
- Hired 4 enthusiastic and engaged Resident Advisors.
- Received funding to hire a new PT Case Manager.





YEAR IN REVIEW

2 Youth who graduated with college degrees and/or earned a certificate

5 Number of youth who successfully graduated from our program in 2018

6 Inspire homes

18 Average months of stay among all 2018 youth

32 Number of youth served in 2018

81%

Employment rate for current youth

90%

Youth attending college or vocational school

75 **VOLUNTEERS**
in 2018 

29 **MENTORS**
in 2018 

OUR WORK

Inspire is a non-profit organization founded in 2005. Our goal is to create a safety net for former foster and homeless youth while they transition into productive adults. By providing educational opportunities we help them break the cycle of abuse and poverty. We aim to help every student earn a degree or vocational certificate and to learn valuable life skills to become self-sufficient.

Pillar One - Stability

We provide the opportunity to live independently with other roommates in safe and secure housing located near colleges and bus routes. Youth pay rent in the amount of \$100-250/per month plus 10% of their household utilities. Participants are expected to work together to maintain the home in a clean and organized manner and attend all house meetings and special events.

Pillar Two - Education and Employment

Participants are required to be enrolled in college or vocational school taking at least 9 units and working 15-25 hours a week. Inspire helps with:

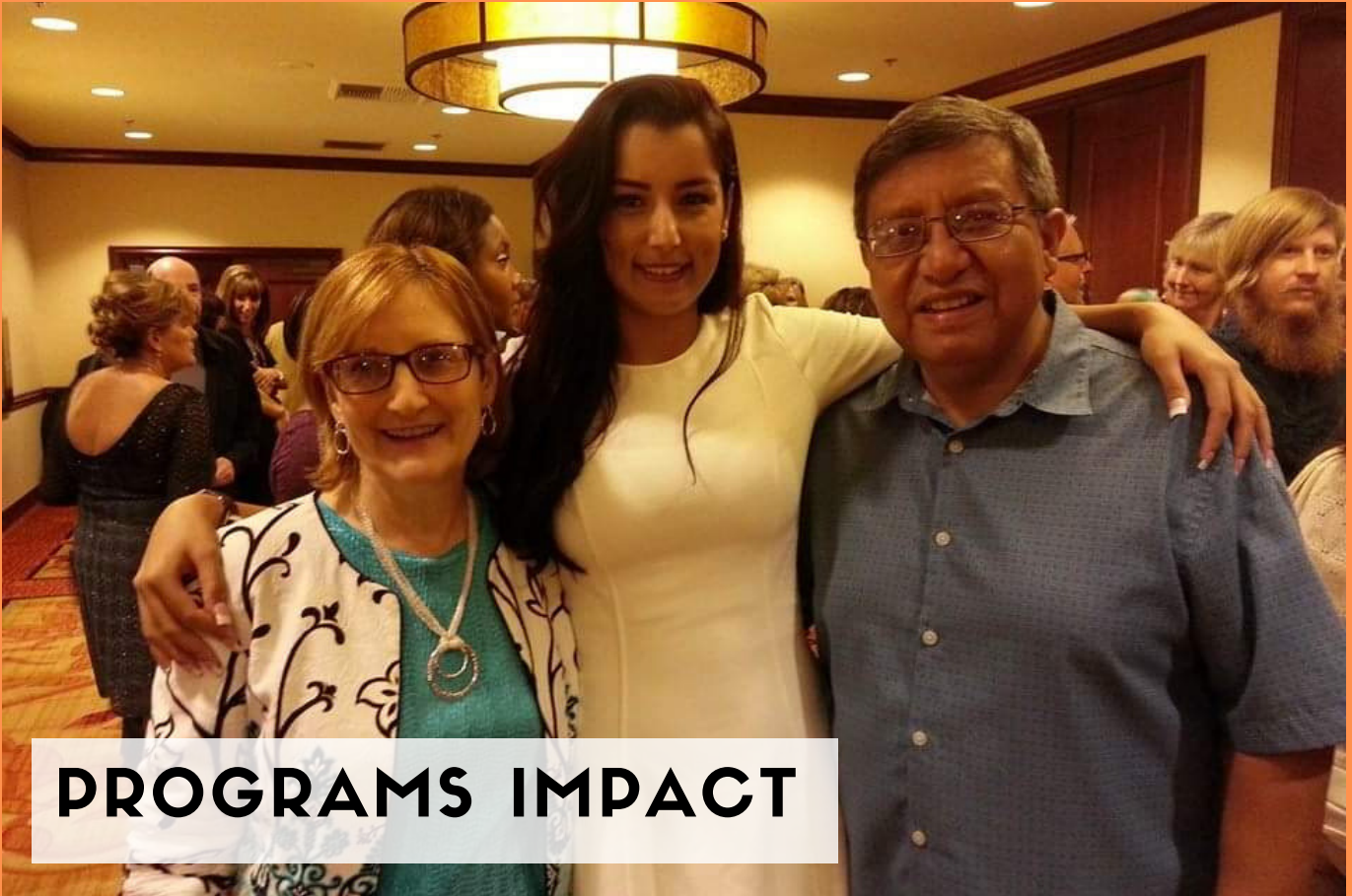
- Completing college applications
- Financial aid applications
- Career guidance
- Employment skills: Resume and Interview Skills

Pillar Three - Support Services and Life Skills

We believe that learning everyday activities are important to having a happy and successful life. Sometimes they have never been taught the basics. Twice a month we provide life skills training on some of the following topics:

- Cooking
- Nutrition
- Physical fitness
- Money management
- Basic car maintenance
- Interacting with peers
- Health education





PROGRAMS IMPACT

Malynda

Going to school for Criminal Justice

Dream for the future: To make a difference in the world. Whether it be by my words or by what I do, I just want to instill hope.

Inspire has greatly impacted my life in such a beautiful way. Without inspire, I believe with all my heart that I would be on the street and on drugs. While I was in Inspire, not only did I meet my mentor Karen, which whom I love so dearly and still talk to on a weekly basis, but I also got introduced to Jesus!! From there on, my life has truly been blessings on top of blessings!

I finished some college classes while I was in Inspire, and now I attend University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in pursuit of a Criminal Justice degree.

Kristi and her staff have such huge hearts for the youth, and although it can get discouraging sometimes, we all do care and appreciate every single thing they put into us! She spoke words of life over me even when I felt like I was the worst person on earth. That alone picked me back up to keep going when I felt like life was weighing me down. Kristi instilled a different kind of confidence in me and through Jesus, I find my way EVERY TIME!!

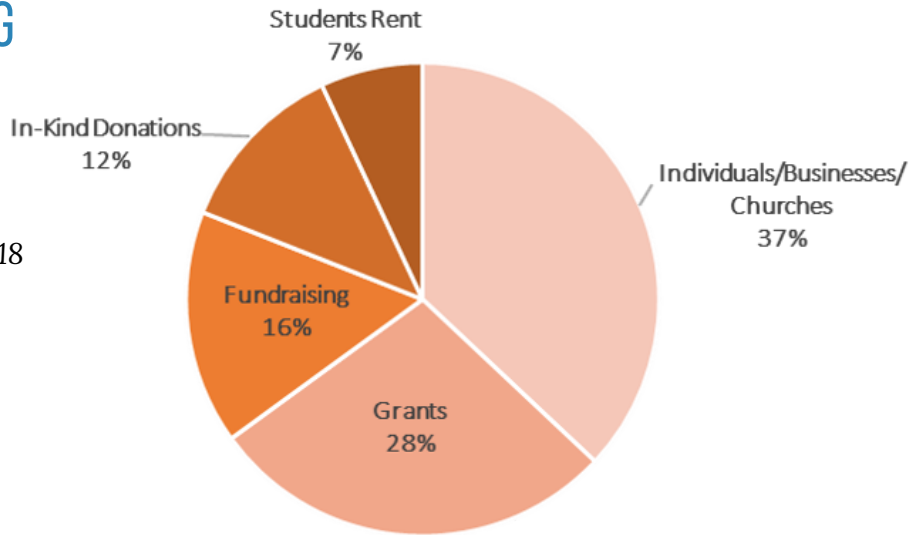
FINANCIALS

Inspire is proud to report a year of strong support from our amazing donors who have helped us to serve our youth. In 2018 we saw an increase in support from individual donors and more churches joined in supporting our work.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

\$586,854.65

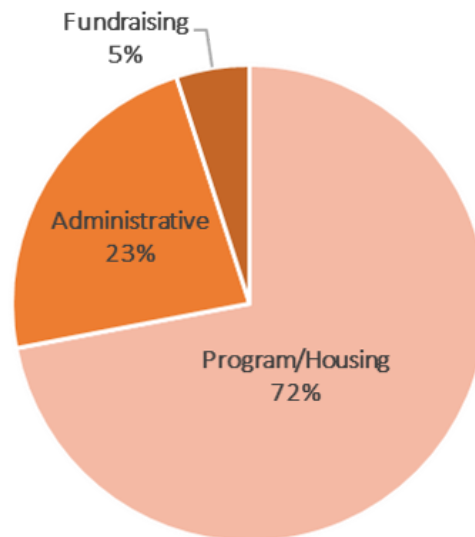
Total revenue under management 2018



ANNUAL EXPENSES 2018

\$505,101.00

Total resources deployed in 2018



72%
OF EXPENSES GO
DIRECTLY TO OUR
PROGRAMS

LEADERSHIP

Staff Team



Kristi Perez
Executive Director



Krista Langford
Resource Developer

Nicole Bullock
Programs Assistant

Briana Nealy
Volunteer Resident Adviser

Kaycee Cannon
Volunteer Resident Adviser

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INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS VOLUNTEERS

You can volunteer and help make a difference. Some of the most meaningful and long-lasting connections our youth make are with our volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, teaching a life skill unit, or partnering with us to donate your skilled time please contact us.



For more information visit:
www.inspirelifekills.org/get-involved/volunteer/

THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 MENTORS!



Albert Shade
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THANK YOU!

2018 SUPPORTERS



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IN-KIND DONORS

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WHAT IS AHEAD...

In 2019, we will continue to provide kind, loving and supportive services to foster and homeless youth. Our goals for 2019 include:

- Goal 1** Psychosocial Development in Life Skills
- Goal 2** Expand Impact Reporting
- Goal 3** Hire to Increase Case Management Time
- Goal 4** Housing Improvements

WE NEED YOUR HELP

In 2018, every dollar given helped us provide exceptional support for foster youth. Their success is a testament to the generosity of spirit in donors. There are many ways to continue to support Inspire Life Skills as we push forward to reach our goal of raising \$550,000 in 2019.

To learn more, visit our website or contact us directly. Your donation helps to break the cycle of abuse and poverty and gives our youth the chance to achieve their dreams and elevate their quality of life. All donations are tax deductible.

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www.inspirelifefskills.org/donate

02 Donate by mail:
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03 In-kind donations are gratefully accepted. Please see the wishlist of items needed on the Get Involved Page on our website:

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