

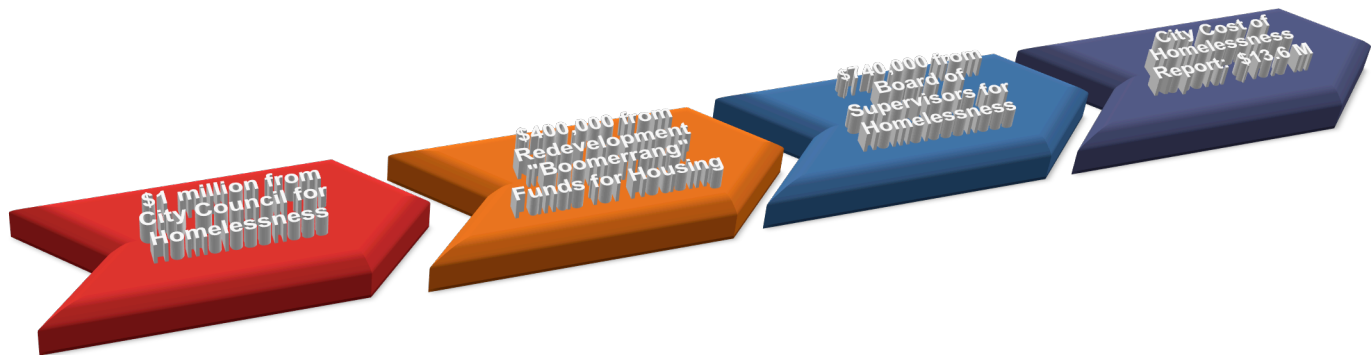
# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



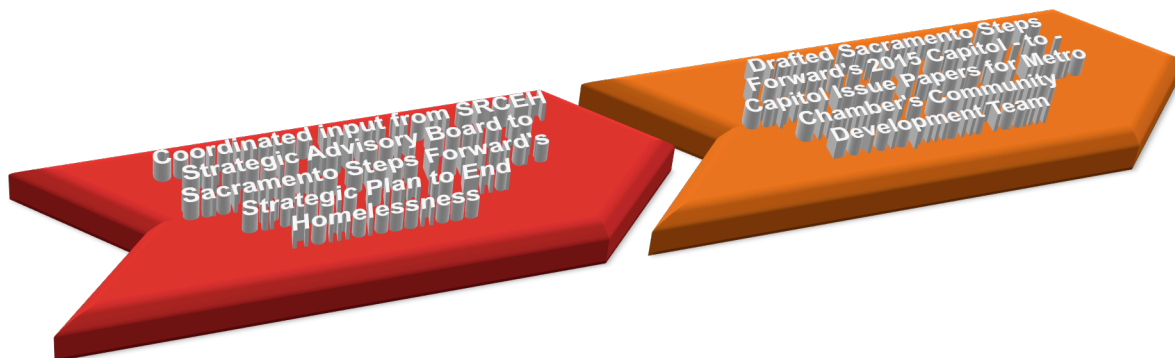
***Mission: to end and prevent homelessness in the Sacramento region through policy analysis, community education, collective organizing, advocacy and civic engagement***



## ADVOCACY: SUCCESS



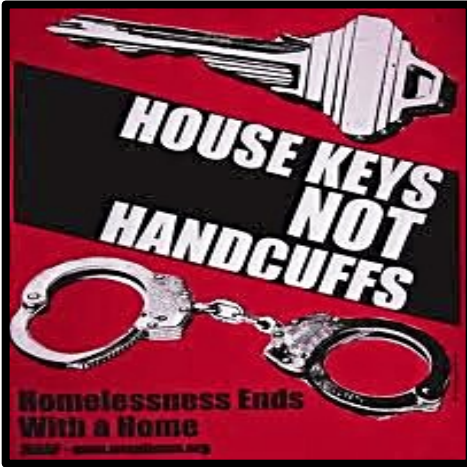
- Advocated to the Sacramento City Council for increased spending on homelessness: City Council allocated \$1M in 2015 to Sacramento Steps Forward;
- Based on SRCEH's Executive Director's Budget Testimony, the City researched and published their *Cost of Homelessness Report*: spending \$13.6 million on homelessness with over half being spent to "mitigate the impacts of homelessness;"
- Advocated to the Board of Supervisors for increased spending on homelessness: Board of Supervisors allocated \$740,000 in 2015 on expanding Winter Motel Voucher Program and Rapid Rehousing Program;
- Advocated that the entire \$2M in redevelopment "Boomerang" funds be spent on affordable housing instead of reverting to the general fund. Board of Supervisors allocated 20% or \$400,000 to the County Affordable Housing Trust Fund



- Coordinated input and recommendations from the SRCEH Board of Directors and SRCEH Strategic Advisory Board to Sacramento Steps Forward's *Built for Zero: Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness in Sacramento*;
- Drafted Sacramento Steps Forward's Issue Papers for Community Development Team as part of the Metropolitan Chambers 2015 Capitol – to – Capitol

## HOMELESS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT:

*Advocacy Success to protect the civil rights  
of people experiencing homelessness*



- Conducted 300 *Homeless Discrimination Surveys*: 60 Transitional Age Youth and 240 adults. *Cruel & Unusual Punishment: Sacramento Homeless Criminalization, Discrimination & Harassment: 2015 - 2016* findings and recommendations released January 14, 2016;
- Successfully opposed the City of Davis proposed anti-panhandling ordinance and advocacy to focus on shelter and housing alternatives;
- Successfully opposed the City of Woodland proposed anti-camping ordinance and joined city taskforce to consider shelter and housing alternatives;
- Filed *Homeless Civil Rights Complaint* with the Federal Department of Justice
- Launched an online petition, a *Moratorium on the Anti-Camping Ordinance*;
- Working with the Western Regional Advocacy Project [WRAP] and the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee [SHOC] to pass SB876 – CA Right to Rest Act
- Founding member of the *National House Keys Not Handcuffs Campaign*, launched by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty and the National Coalition for the Homeless

## HOMELESS PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT:

**A Partnership with:**

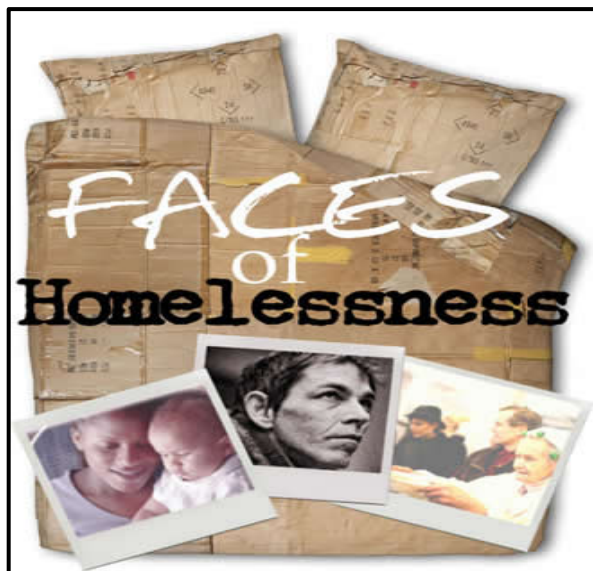
*Sacramento Metropolitan*  
**ARTS COMMISSION**

The changing face of downtown Sacramento, focused on the Golden 1 Center, and the gentrification that is accompanying the Center coupled with the privatization of public space, impacts heavily on people experiencing homelessness who are often invisible and marginalized by the general population.

This project seeks to give voice to those who are visible but not always seen or heard; to humanize people experiencing homelessness in our community and in the words of the public artist Krzysztof Wodiczko, “open up a democratic space for social speech.”

## HOMELESS SPEAKERS BUREAU:

Beginning in 2016, Bonita Daniels, SRCEH Program Director [AmeriCorp/VISTA]



- Puts a human face on poverty and homelessness by allowing homeless and formerly homeless speakers to share their experiences with others
- Dispel myths and stereotypes of people experiencing homelessness
- Educate the community about homelessness, including lack of affordable housing, mental illness, drug addiction, domestic violence, gentrification, unemployment and the criminal justice system

## TRAININGS: 250 people trained

- Saybrook, Lutheran Social Services, presentation on SRCEH's *Homeless Deaths Report*
- Sacramento Public Health Commission, presentation on SRCEH's *Homeless Deaths Report*
- *Homeless Deaths Studies: An Advocacy Tool*, 2015 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference and Policy Symposium
- *2015 National Forum on the Human Right to Housing: Where are We Now? Current Challenges and Opportunities: Update on National Homeless Civil Rights Campaign*, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Sacramento 10 Point Plan to End Homelessness*
- *SRCEH Analysis & Recommendations of City's Cost of Homelessness Report*
- *Functional Zero: A Critique*
- Numerous fact sheets on homelessness in 6 county region

## MEDIA COVERAGE: 15 news stories

- SRCEH covered in 15 news stories in 2015: CBS Sacramento, KCRA [NBC], FOX 40; Sacramento Bee, Sacramento News & Review, VanWinkle.com, CapitalandMain.com and Woodland Daily Democrat

# HOMELESS MEMORIAL INTERFAITH SERVICE

*Trinity Cathedral    December 21, 2015*

*To remember the people experiencing homelessness who passed away in 2015 in our community, many who were invisible to the housed community; to honor and celebrate their life and provide dignity to their passing*



## SUPPORTERS

*Thank you for your support of SRCEH's mission*



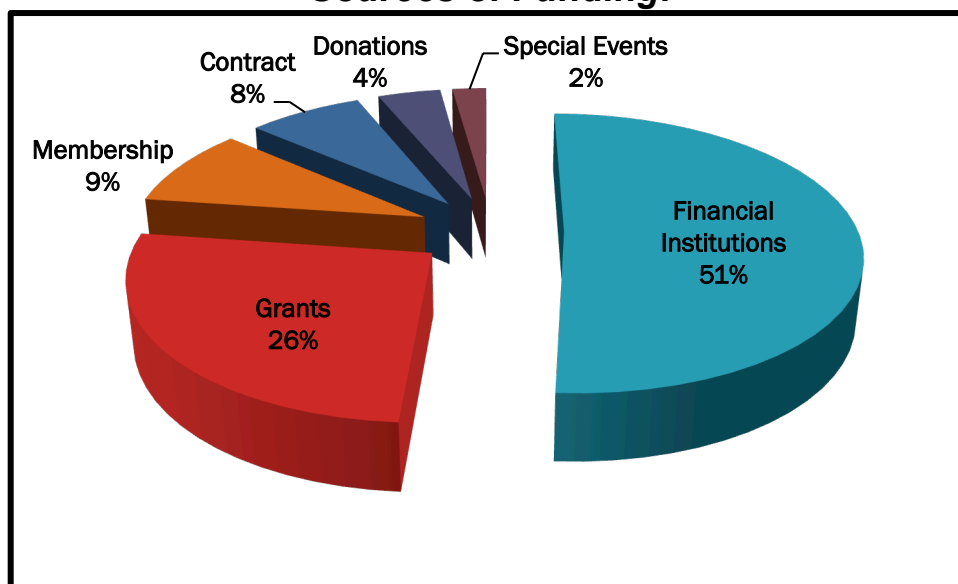
## FINANCIALS

Income: \$67,510

Expenses: \$59,029

Year End Balance: \$13,980

### Sources of Funding:



## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

***SRCEH Board of Directors & the SRCEH Strategic Advisory Board have chosen the top SRCEH Advocacy Issues for 2015:***

- Expand the sources of funding of the Sacramento City & County Affordable Housing Trust Fund to create more affordable housing in our community;
- Expand the funding for year round emergency shelter;
- Moratorium on the enforcement of the City's Anti-Camping Ordinance;
- City and County adopt a local *Homeless Bill of Rights*;
- City and County adopt a *Zero Tolerance Policy* for public agencies [jail, hospitals, mental health, drug treatment facilities and foster care system] for discharging people "to the streets;"
- Expanded county funding for mental health and drug treatment services

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