

Celebrating 50 Years



Founded in 1970 as San Diego's first shelter for homeless youth, we have helped 770,000 homeless and vulnerable youth. We serve more than 20,000 youth from infancy to age 25 at 100+ locations annually.

Our Services



Adoption Support



Juvenile Delinquency Diversion and Intervention



Anti-Bullying Awareness and Support



LGBTQ+ Services



Child Sex Trafficking Awareness and Recovery



Mental Health



Domestic Violence Prevention and Support



Suicide Prevention and Intervention



Foster Care



Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Intervention



Homeless Housing and Support



Workforce Development



YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: SAMANTHA

Samantha Benner, now 23, was only 16 when she became homeless. When she found her way to our emergency shelter for youth, she was struggling with trauma and heavy drug and alcohol addiction. Today, she describes being on the street as terrifying and the shelter as her first stable environment.

She got her first job at a dog daycare while at the shelter and is now an apprentice as a professional dog trainer. She is also sober. "The shelter gave me the counseling and solid foundation I needed to become a successful member of society," Benner said.