

## *Annual Report 2004—2005*

*Operation SafeHouse, with community support, provides emergency shelter, intervention and outreach services to runaway, homeless and other youth in crisis.*

*SafeHouse offers youth positive alternatives to becoming victims of the streets.*



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***Letter from the Board President***

**“No one can go back and make a brand new start, but anyone can start from here and make a brand new end”. -Anonymous**

Adolescence, the transitional stage of development between childhood and full adulthood can be a very confusing period of time. When a adolescent runs away, is homeless or is in crisis it can have a devastating impact on their life. SafeHouse offers them a safe starting point where they can “make a brand new end”.

It has been my honor to serve as the President of the Board of Directors of Operation SafeHouse. I’m proud of the accomplishments of the Board of Directors, the Desert Advisory Committee and SafeHouse Staff. All three groups have worked together to provide core essential services to runaway, homeless and throwaway kids.

We are moving closer to making SafeHouse of the Desert a reality. Soon we will be able to readily provide services to the youth in the Eastern portion of Riverside County.

I am very pleased with the progress we have made in the past year. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors we thank you for your continued support of SafeHouse and its programs.



***Valerie Hill, Board President***

***Letter from the Executive Director***

Operation SafeHouse is entering its fifteenth year of providing shelter services to runaway, throwaway, and homeless youth in Riverside County. This is an ideal time for our agency to offer a very sincere thank you to our hard working board of directors, many of whom have years of dedicated service; a competent staff, some whom have been here since the shelter opened; and most importantly to the residents of Riverside County. Through the years we have received support and recognition for our program and for the youth of our community, nowhere has this been more evident than the opening of the new youth shelter in the Coachella Valley. The local community has been great with recognizing the needs of our teens and coming forth to support them. Thanks to all of you as we celebrate our successes and move forward to new horizons!

***Kathy McAdara, Executive Director***



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## ***Operation SafeHouse Management Staff***

Kathy McAdara, Executive Director  
Jackie Moot, Shelter Director  
Ann Miller, Transitional Living Program Director  
Karen Merritt, SafeHouse of the Desert Project Director  
Fonda McGensy, Safe Place Program Director

The SafeHouse Board of Directors met the first Wednesday of every month to discuss current financials, issues regarding clients and strategic planning for the organization. Board members serve a term of three years and can continue to serve indefinitely pending Board approval.

## *Agency Programs*

Located in Riverside, California, Operation SafeHouse is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the safety and well-being of youth in crisis. Founded in 1990 and governed by a 12-member Board of Directors, SafeHouse provides immediate crisis intervention for runaway, throwaway, and homeless young people, ages 12 - 17.

SafeHouse is the only shelter of its kind in Riverside County and is committed to providing comprehensive support services for at-risk youth and those struggling with difficult crisis situations.

- **Emergency Shelter**: A 24-hour site providing core services (shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and recreation) for youth, ages 12 - 17.



### *Program Statistics: July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005*

Operation SafeHouse provided 4,882 bednights to 573 runaway and homeless youth with emergency shelter, counseling, life skills and youth development, family support, education, recreation and community services. SafeHouse is committed to providing comprehensive support services for at-risk youth and those struggling with crisis situations. During the 2004-

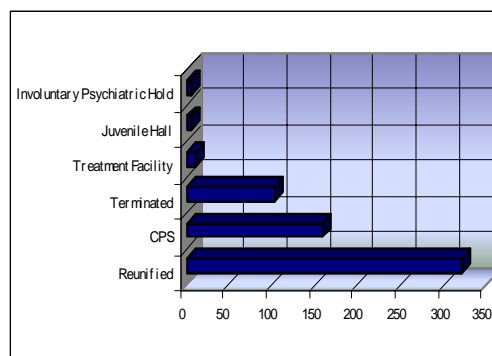
2005 fiscal year, SafeHouse provided support services to **341 female** clients and **232 male** clients.

A vital part of the services provided through SafeHouse includes daily counseling sessions with an on-site counselor, family counseling and aftercare services. Counselors provided 2,112 Individual, 656 Group and 389 Family counseling hours. The presenting problems upon arrival for the 573 youth who received services during the year were as follows:

- **Family conflict - 51%**
- **Abuse - 11%**
- **Drugs - 6%**
- **Runaway (Group Home) - 14%**
- **Homeless - 7%**
- **Stranded - 10%**
- **Abandoned - 1%**

Operation SafeHouse clients participate in a structured 14-day program that incorporates a variety of program services designed to successfully reunite clients who are able to go home. However, not all youth return home due to varying circumstances. The following information indicates the client's destination upon departure from SafeHouse

• <b>Reunited with family</b>	<b>59%</b>
• <b>Children's Protective Services</b>	<b>19%</b>
• <b>Terminated services</b>	<b>18%</b>
• <b>Treatment facility</b>	<b>2%</b>
• <b>Juvenile Hall</b>	<b>1%</b>





Project Safe Place is a national program designed to partner local youth shelters with community businesses. Nationally, the program has helped more than 87,328 youth find safety and support. Locally, the program has been presented to thousands of young people within the Riverside area and has accounted for over 250 young people receiving supportive services through the 24-hour crisis line available at SafeHouse. Currently, there are 214 Safe Place sites in Riverside County.

The Safe Place Program has been presented to over 20,000 high school and middle school students in the Riverside County Unified School District. SafeHouse partnered with Erin Runion and The Joyful Child Foundation to host the 3rd Annual Walk-A-Thon in Corona. SafeHouse sponsors National Safe Place week each year March 12—19. These events bring awareness to the youth and businesses in the area regarding SafeHouse and its programs.

Safe Place provides immediate access to help and supportive services for young people in crisis through a network of sites sustained by youth serving agencies, local businesses and volunteers.



### ***SafeHouse Community School ...Creating Opportunities for a Brighter Future***

The education program at SafeHouse, a partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education, provides an extremely valuable service to the young people who turn to the shelter for guidance and support.

While at SafeHouse clients study common subjects such as History, Math, English, and an individualized education plan based on their respective school's curriculum. Health Education is taught on-site by a registered nurse, which allows our clients to discuss in an open forum sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancy. The SafeHouse education program allows the youth to continue with school studies and work on personal issues at the same time.

Students attend school approximately six hours a day and work at a pace that is specific to their grade level. The program is designed to assist the youth in earning school credits for the work completed. All earned credits are transferable to their respective schools.

Mitch Minnerly, SafeHouse School Teacher instructs students in math, science, english and life skills.



## *Main Street Transitional Living Program...Support Services for Youth 18-21*



*Family atmosphere and support is encouraged.*

SafeHouse established the “Main Street” Transitional Living Program in 2002. With the help of several agencies, SafeHouse purchased and renovated an apartment complex to assist 20 homeless youth and their children, particularly those making a transition from foster care or other institutional care to independent living. The Main Street TLP assists Riverside County homeless youth deal with barriers to independent living (i.e. substance abuse, mental health and unemployment). Many of these youth are without mentors or role models. This project helps young adults through an 18-month program to develop independent living skills that foster their movement along the continuum to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

The average stay was six to nine months for the 50 clients this year. Thirty-five clients exited the program. Twenty eight moved into permanent housing, one entered the military and five were unknown.

Education remains a key component of our program. All youth entering the program develop educational plans and goals. A full-time Life Skills and Education Coordinator allows us to offer a variety of life skills classes and support services dealing with employment, job retention and career development. These services have resulted in employment for 24 of the 35 exiting clients. The Transitional Living Program was also honored to partner with several local corporations such as Lennar Homes, Union Bank of California and Riverside Community Health Foundation. Change A Life Foundation was instrumental in assisting one of our clients with tuition to a vocational college where she will receive her certification in medical assisting and setting up a child care fund for our single mothers in the program so that they could search for employment or attend school until their aid came in.



*Residents of the TLP gather together for a summer barbeque.*



## *SafeHouse of the Desert*



SafeHouse of the Desert is a major service expansion project of Operation SafeHouse. In 2002 the Regional Access Program Foundation did a study on the Coachella Valley and its future needs. They found that there are an estimated 1,300 youth who each year find themselves on the streets with nowhere to turn for help. The Foundation identified that the closest emergency shelter was 60 miles away in Riverside.

The Regional Access Program approached Operation SafeHouse in regards to forming a partnership and creating a new shelter in the Coachella Valley. The RAP Foundation committed \$300,000 in seed money to help leverage other funds. Operation SafeHouse formed an advisory group made up of law enforcement, nonprofits, developers and community volunteers. Four advisory members have also been appointed to the Board of Directors for Operation SafeHouse.

Due to the startling statistics of mental and physical health risks of homeless children, the Desert Healthcare District awarded SafeHouse of the Desert the largest single grant in their history. The district's \$1,060,000 matching grant will provide a significant portion of the \$4.2 million needed to complete this project. In June 2004, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded the SafeHouse of the Desert project a \$1,000,000 forgivable loan from the Emergency Housing Assistance Program (Proposition 46 monies). This award allowed us to meet the matching grant requirement set forth by the Desert Healthcare District.

SafeHouse of the Desert is well positioned to achieve its goal of providing safety, shelter, and support to the Coachella Valley's children. To date we have raised 3.3 million dollars from the following sources:

Regional Access Project Foundation	\$300,000
Desert Healthcare District Architectural	\$60,000
Construction	\$1,000,000
State of California Dept. of Housing—EHAP	\$1,000,000
California Endowment	\$500,000
Cathedral City Police Dept.	\$500
Coachella Valley Cities	\$330,500
Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment	\$25,000
Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians	\$10,000
Anderson Children's Foundation	\$20,000

The balance will come from local cities, individuals, corporations, service groups, as well as public and private foundations.

SafeHouse plans on ground breaking in March 2006 with a fall 2006 opening.

**Operation SafeHouse, Inc**  
**Un-Audited Statement of Profit /Loss**  
**For Fiscal Year 04/05**

**OPERATING INCOME**

**UNRESTRICTED INCOME**

Federal Grants	759,761.00
Other Government Grants	181,865.00
Public Support	290,455.00
In-Kind Contributions	70,810.00
Income from Fundraisers	19,754.00
Private Donations	178,060.00
Rental Income	17,591.00
Miscellaneous Income	192,464.00

**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME** 1,710,760.00

**SALARIES AND WAGES**

Salaries & Wages	987,161.00
Payroll Tax Expenses	87,517.00
Workers Compensation	157,324.00

**TOTAL SALARIES AND WAGES** 1,232,002.00

**OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES**

Advertising and Recruiting	572.00
Auto	8,857.00
Bank Charges	911.00
Depreciation	62,288.00
Equipment Lease	12,132.00
Food Expense	26,299.00
Fundraising Expenses	6,850.00
Furniture & Equipment	24,824.00
Household Supplies	9,468.00
Interest	14,107.00
Insurance	28,884.00
Legal & Accounting	9,945.00
Membership Dues	2,462.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	47,055.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	97,300.00
Other Child Related Expenses	30,648.00
Payroll Services	5,114.00
Printing	2,120.00
Professional Assistance	11,305.00
Property Tax	(4,185.00)
Rent	14,065.00
Repairs and Maintenance	48,553.00
Telephone	17,778.00
Training and Development	4,203.00
Travel	6,781.00
Utilities	33,877.00
Miscellaneous Expense	17,262.00

**TOTAL OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES** 522,204.00

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**NET INCOME (LOSS)** (43,446.00)



## *Operation SafeHouse Supporters*

**In-N-Out Burger Foundation**  
**The Carl E. Wynn Foundation**  
**Vons Stores**  
**Union Bank of California**  
**Bank of America Foundation**  
**California Wellness Foundation**  
**Sydney Stern Foundation**  
**Albert B. Cutter Foundation**  
**The Riverside Community Health Foundation**  
**Los Angeles Times Holiday Fund**  
**Riverside Law Alliance**  
**Radio Shack**  
**Kaiser Permanente Foundation**

**Wal-Mart Foundation**  
**Wells Fargo Foundation**  
**Food 4 All Foundation**  
**Ronald McDonald House Charities of  
Southern California**  
**The United Way of the Inland Valleys**  
**Firehouse Professional Auxiliary**  
**Soroptimist International of Riverside**  
**Riverside Alumnae Panhellenic Association**  
**Change A Life Foundation**  
**Lennar Homes**  
**UPS Foundation**

**Alpha Delta Kappa IOTA**  
**Preceptor Delta Epsilon**  
**United Women Methodist Church**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**  
**Rotary Club of Riverside**  
**Kiwanis Club of Riverside**  
**Exchange Club of Riverside**  
**Moreno Valley Lioness Club**  
**The Cuevas Family**

Operation SafeHouse has been fortunate to have support from some very wonderful corporations, foundations and many individuals during the 2004 and 2005 fiscal year. They have helped maintain several of the programs such as our counseling and education programs. Each and every dollar given by these donors has helped enrich our clients and their families lives.