

The Walden Difference

2019-2020 IMPACT REPORT



Walden
Family
Services



OUR VISION

Every child has a **loving family** and the ability to realize their **greatest potential** toward becoming a **self-sufficient** and **productive member** of their community.

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WHO WE ARE

We are a staff of highly trained social work professionals and licensed therapists who support birth, foster, and adoptive families and the community at large in caring for children and youth—many who have physical or developmental disabilities, behavioral or mental health challenges, identify as LGBTQ, or are part of large sibling groups. Preparing families to care for children with special health care needs or disabilities allows kids to grow up in loving families, rather than in hospitals, skilled-nursing facilities, or group homes and congregate care facilities. Most importantly, living with a family helps children and youth build relationships that form the foundation for learning, experiencing social-emotional well-being, and living successful fulfilling lives.

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

FISCAL 2019-20 HAS BEEN A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

Walden enjoyed many successes and reached important milestones during 2019. We welcomed new board members; expanded our programs and services throughout Southern California; and celebrated our accomplishments and challenges with loyal and new supporters at Spring Soiree at Pamplemousse Grille in May and Wine D’Vine with Train in October.

Then March 2020 came, and the world shut down, struggling to adapt during the worst pandemic in a century.

From the beginning of the pandemic, Walden faced difficult challenges and unexpected costs: emergency supplies for families and youth; laptops for online learning; and increased stipends for THP youth who lost jobs with the shutdown. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was at a premium. Our social workers and nurses heroically adapted to the new normal, but because we serve some of the most vulnerable, their time and emotional resources were stretched thin.

As we watched the virus rapidly spread, we made the difficult but responsible decision to cancel our in-person 2020 fundraising events Spring Soiree and Wine D’Vine. While these choices caused financial impact, the safety of our staff, donors, and extended Walden family were at the forefront of our decision.

May brought with it outrage and horror, driving us from our homes and into the streets to passionately declare that **Black Lives Matter**. Protests calling for reform and racial justice spread across the country and onto the global stage. Our shutdown world was woke by the voices of our energized youth.

And while 2020 has been marked by the things that we’ve lost, it has also been marked by the things that we’ve gained.

Many joined us in our call for social justice, knowing Walden’s long history of serving and advocating for marginalized people and our tireless work to end systemic racism in the child welfare system. We advised our youth how to peacefully and safely protest for equity and exercise their right to free speech to make their important voices heard.

Our faithful supporters and friends generously contributed to our Emergency Response Fund and Giving Tuesday Now campaigns. Their outpouring helped us provide uninterrupted essential services to our foster community. We are eternally grateful and couldn’t have done it without them.

Looking ahead, it’s difficult to predict the challenges we’ll face, but we remain optimistic. To our foster and adoptive families, community partners, board members, staff, donors, and grant makers: thank you for your commitment to us during this extraordinary year. Whatever the future holds, we know that we’ll succeed. **We are all in it together.**

Leslie Levinson
Board Chair

Teresa Stivers
Chief Executive Officer

A Year in Review



July 2019

More than thirty Walden staff, board members, donors, supporters, and former foster youth participated in San Diego's annual **Pride Parade**. Since 1999, Walden has marched in the parade, among the largest Pride celebrations in the United States. **San Diego Pride** attracts more than 250,000 people each year.



August

In an in-depth interview, **Development and Special Events Manager Melissa Villagomez** shared with the **San Diego Union-Tribune** her experiences in the county child welfare system and how a referral to a **Foster Family Agency (FAA)** like Walden changed her life and inspired her to help children and youth in foster care.



September

Chief Operating Officer Sue Evans named chair of the **California Alliance for Child and Family Services' Foster Family Agency Committee**. The committee determines and monitors the legislative and regulatory agenda of foster family agencies throughout the state of California.



October

San Francisco-based rock band **Train** performed at Walden's annual **Wine D'Vine** fundraiser. **Terri** and **Craig Gainor** were this year's honorees. Music lovers **Harley** and **Maryanne Sefton** generously underwrote the entertainment and production costs for the event, which **raised a record \$1,091,000** for our foster youth programs.



November

As **National Adoption Month**, November raises awareness and increases outreach about children across the United States who need permanent families. This year, Walden Family Services facilitated thirty-one adoptions, providing children and youth with safe, stable forever families.



December

Walden was approved to serve more Los Angeles youth in its **Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents**. Starting July 1, 2020, the agency is licensed to serve up to **150 youth**, a **50% increase** from the previous year. We were also greenlit to launch a **THP Plus** program in Los Angeles, helping **fifteen youth** aged 21-24.

January 2020

Leslie Levinson is named Walden's **Board of Directors Chair**. A loyal supporter since 2011, Ms. Levinson served on the **Governance Board of Directors** from 2012-2017. She was also instrumental in evaluating and implementing merging the agency's **Governance Board** and **Foundation Board** in 2019.



February

Chief Operating Officer Sue Evans and **Director of Quality Assurance Mary Frame** presented "Building Capacity Through Enhancing Cultural Humility" at the **Child Welfare Continuum of Care** in Sacramento.



March

With California's shelter-in-place order, Walden quickly established its **Emergency Response Fund** to deal with the **COVID-19 crisis**. As an essential service, Walden continued to meet the needs of its foster community, providing emergency supplies to youth and families, laptops to students, and gap funding for THP youth who had lost jobs.



April

Walden received a grant from **Weingart Foundation** to support its work with children, youth, and families just when the funds were urgently needed. By month's end, Walden raised more than **\$83,000** from **individual donations** to its **Emergency Response Fund**. These combined funds allowed the agency to continue its essential services.



May

GivingTuesday organizers added **Giving Tuesday Now** to its calendar in response to the pandemic. On May 5th, Walden participated, raising more than **\$22,500 in a single day**. These funds allowed social workers to devote the additional time needed to ensure the physical and mental well-being of our foster community.



June

California's fiscal year 2020-21 state budget included wins for child welfare. Among them were establishing a **THP-NMD Housing Supplement** that provides additional funds for high-rent counties, and **enrollment extensions** for youth who would otherwise age out before June 30, 2021 and in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Meet Mike, Tiffany, Journey & Parker

In the summer of 2019, **Mike** and **Tiffany** awaited a final piece of documentation to be certified **Walden Family Services** foster and adoptive parents. Eager to start their family, they were on track to foster two brothers whose placement wasn't a good fit. They were told that the process of getting the boys would take about a month.

"We had everything ready," Tiffany explained. "I was so ready to 'mom' somebody."

During the home study portion of the process, Mike and Tiffany wanted to do everything by the book. Whether it was making changes to their home to accommodate children or putting together a disaster kit, the couple agreed that Walden was always there to answer their questions and made them feel comfortable in the process.

"They never made us feel like it was an inconvenience to talk to us or to help us out," Mike said.

Former Walden social worker, **Michaela Recker**, who started working with the couple in May 2019 and still keeps in touch since moving to Washington state, describes them as active, go-with-the-flow, and patient—a "perfect fit" for two little boys.

"They had so much love that they wanted to give."

On July 22, 2019, Mike and Tiffany received their certification. As they drove down the street after the news, they prayed for a sign about the two brothers they were waiting to foster.

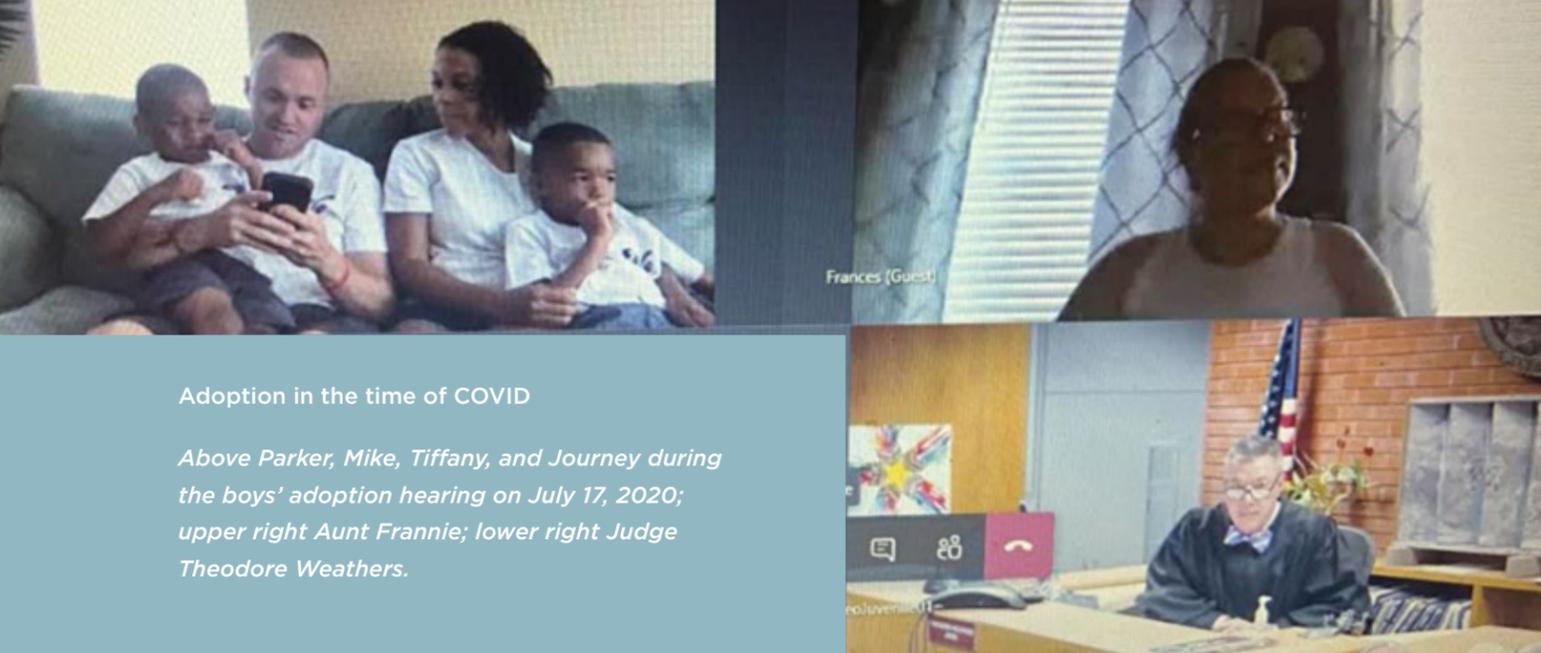
"A lot of this whole process has been spirit led," Mike said.

Within five minutes of making their prayer the phone rang: it was Walden. There was definitely news on two little boys—just not the ones they'd been on track to foster. They were told that there were two brothers that needed an emergency placement. They could meet the children the next day, if they were interested.

Five-year-old **Journey** and three-year-old **Parker** had experienced severe trauma in their young lives. They had entered child welfare system in 2017. In just those eighteen months they experienced six different placements, including with family members who lived out of state.

No matter how
you become a
parent, all kids
just need love.





Adoption in the time of COVID

Above Parker, Mike, Tiffany, and Journey during the boys' adoption hearing on July 17, 2020; upper right Aunt Frannie; lower right Judge Theodore Weathers.

"You could tell they had a history," Tiffany said. "Journey was the protector and he wasn't going to trust you. He could be cool with you and cordial, but it was like you weren't getting past the wall. He was like an old soul from the jump. Parker—he was there for the party."

The couple scheduled an hour-long visit with the boys that turned into two hours. The very next day they became Journey and Parker's foster parents; however, when Mike and Tiffany came to pick up the boys to take them home, they found Journey in tears.

"He was afraid to leave and wasn't feeling secure at all. I thought, if he only knew what we wanted to do for him. We just wanted to make it better, but he had some serious trust issues," Tiffany said. "It's taken a lot of work and a lot of time."

The couple count themselves fortunate that they'd both been able to take four weeks of family leave when the boys moved in. Still, the transition wasn't easy. Journey in particular had a hard time believing and trusting in their love. One of the biggest challenges they'd faced was the unexpected anger that Journey felt toward Tiffany. He would only listen to Mike.

"I have the same name as their birth mother," Tiffany explained. "There was a lot of trauma that came with hearing that name."

She credits their Walden social worker for helping to change their dynamic, giving her exercises to do to build their connection. "Michaela helped get our relationship where it was supposed to be. She was that reassuring voice saying that everything was going to be okay."

Tiffany also believes that Mike setting an example of how to treat a woman has helped both boys. "They just didn't know."

"We came a long way as a family in that first month," Mike said.

Tiffany agreed. "It's day and night what love and care for a child can do."

The couple have been mindful of the boys' history from the beginning. After two worrisome incidents with Journey, Tiffany realized that they would need to 'build him back up from the ground up.' That's when she created a list of "I am" statements as part of a morning ritual to improve Journey and Parker's self-esteem. After they've finished getting ready in the morning, they each read a list in front of the bathroom mirror: I am handsome, I am smart, I am fly, I am kind, I'm a child of God, I am powerful, and I am blessed.

"That has done wonders for their confidence," Mike said.

While the boys have made great strides, the couple understands that healing is a process.

"There are definitely moments that this has been ridiculously challenging," Tiffany admits. "It takes a special calling to do something like this, because it's not for everybody. I always knew I was supposed to be a mom, I just didn't know it would be this way."

The couple decided to consider foster-to-adopt after they suffered two miscarriages. Mike had been open to adoption from the beginning but hadn't pushed for it. Coming to this decision took a little longer for Tiffany.

"To be honest, I didn't think it was for me, but I told Mike that I would give it a try. My heart started changing with every Walden meeting that we went to. It took me getting over myself, which is what it takes to be a parent regardless of how you become a parent," Tiffany said. "Now it feels like we have always had these boys in our lives."

be ready to make
a difference,
because they're
relying on you.

Mike admits that living in the moment, they don't always notice the progress the boys have made. "It's more the things we hear from friends and family. To me, though, the biggest milestone was the Christmas travel."

The couple agrees one of the biggest breakthroughs the boys made—and they made as a family—was going out of town to visit their families for the Christmas holidays. It was going to be a big trip: going first to visit family and friends in Indiana and then on to see Tiffany's parents and her brother and his family who had moved to North Carolina. There would be changes to the boy's schedule, as well as staying in unfamiliar locations and meeting new people.

Their biggest concern was how Journey and Parker would react to getting on a plane. Their last flight was when they were removed from their sixth placement. The couple worried that the boys might think that their new foster parents were getting rid of them.

EMPOWERMENT

After Journey expressed that he didn't want his birth name anymore, the couple asked both boys if they wanted to change their names. The kids were onboard.

For Parker, the choice was easy. Being a huge Spiderman fan, he wanted to honor his hero, Peter Parker. For Journey, the choice took longer. He considered his own superhero name but nothing stuck.

One day, he asked Tiffany why she and Mike didn't have any children of their own. She explained to him that she had miscarried. He followed up with asking her what the name of the babies in her belly were. Tiffany told him: Journey.

"I want be your Journey," he said.

And now indeed he is.



The couple credits at least part of their success becoming an "instant family" to having a strong support network made up of extended family and friends.

"Make sure you have a good support system—your support system is everything. Be ready to rely on other people because without our support system we wouldn't have made it through." Mike said. "To be honest, if it wasn't for everything that Walden did to help us, especially everything that Michaela did—they got us through the first few months to get us into the flow of things."

Today, Mike and Tiffany look back and not only see how far the boys have come, but how much they have come as individuals.

"I learned that I had reserves of patience that I didn't know were there," Mike said. "There are times that they're going to say or do something that hurts, but if you take a step back and think about what they've gone through, you realize that it probably isn't even meant for you."

Tiffany concurred. "Be ready to be tested beyond anything you thought you could possibly do."

Still, the couple recognize the blessings far outweigh the challenges. Among the many things they love about being adoptive parents is watching the boys' progress—seeing the positive habits and relationships they've developed and being able to have such open and honest conversations with them. Mostly they love giving them a chance at a new life.

"They didn't deserve what happened in their past," Tiffany said. "They are beautiful babies."

Luckily, the flight went off without incident.

Mike and Tiffany tried to cause a minimal amount of disruption while they were away, keeping the number of new people the boys were introduced to intentionally small and asking family and friends to visit them where they were staying rather than taking the kids to a new place.

"We did—and still do—what's in their best interest." Tiffany said.

Mike agreed. "We know what works for our kids."

The trip was a huge success. There were plenty of kids to play with and the boys got to see snow for the very first time. Both brothers loved the sense of belonging to a family.

"Journey has asked me multiple times if we can move to Indiana or North Carolina where the family is," Tiffany said. "Or he'll say, 'can we go to Indiana for sixteen sleeps next time?'"

"Once, Journey asked if we could go for a hundred-and-some sleeps," Mike laughs, "and I said 'bud, that's called moving.'"



SHADOW DAY IN D.C.

In September, former foster youth, **Tasha Matthews** and **Melissa Villagomez** travelled to Washington, DC as delegates for National Foster Youth Institute's **Shadow Day**. Hosted by the **Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth**, Shadow Day is an opportunity for young people to spend time with representatives, learn about the legislative process, and develop skills that will help them advocate on behalf of their peers. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and representatives Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez were among those who attended the event.

Just months before, Tasha and Melissa accompanied Walden's **Chief Operating Officer Sue Evans** to Sacramento to address the budget subcommittee in the California State Legislature in support of a wage increase for FFA social workers. Walden encourages its current and former foster youth to share their lived experience to advocate for themselves and others in the child welfare space.

A Year in Numbers



1,460
children, youth, and families

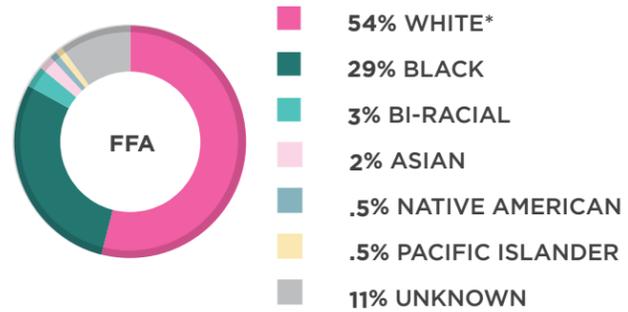
50,471
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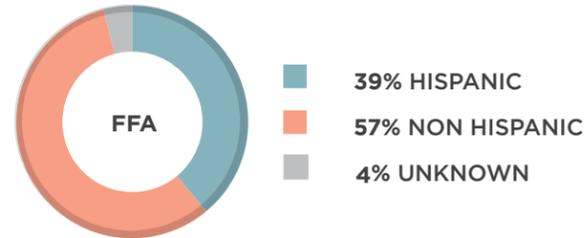
KEY FACT: As a licensed FFA, Walden’s service area encompasses a 2-hour drive radius from its district offices in Riverside, San Diego, and Los Angeles, evidence of the lengths our social workers are willing to go for our children and youth.

A Year in Numbers

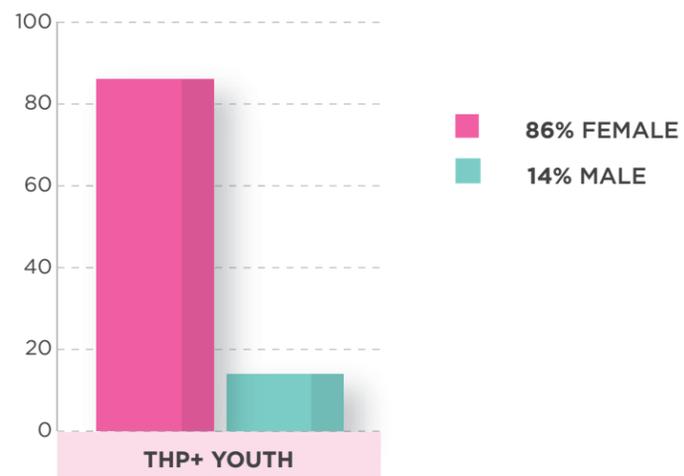
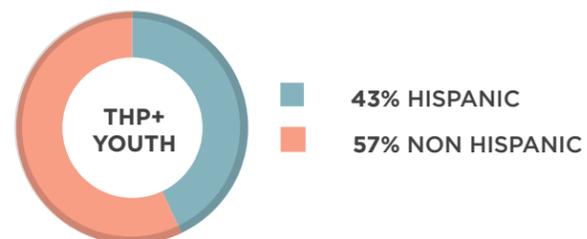
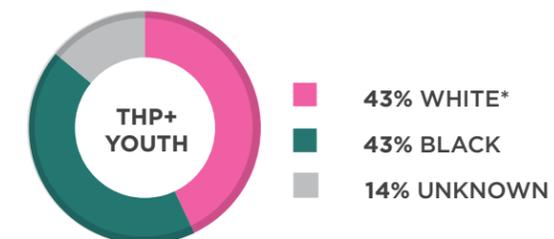
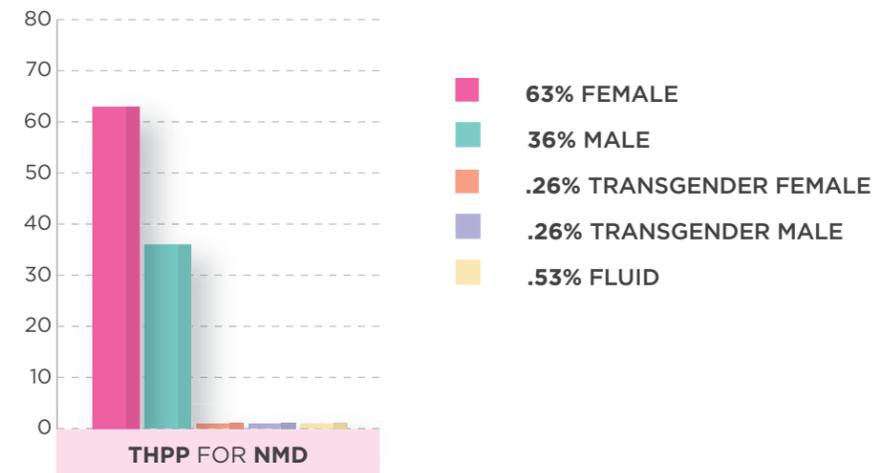
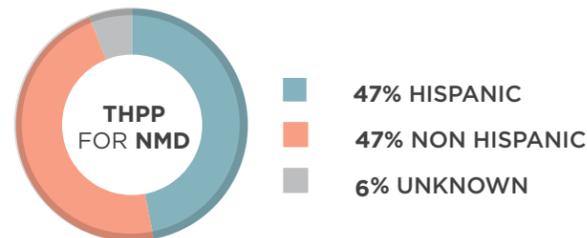
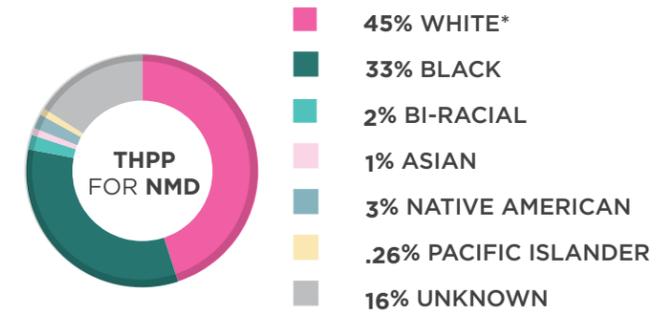
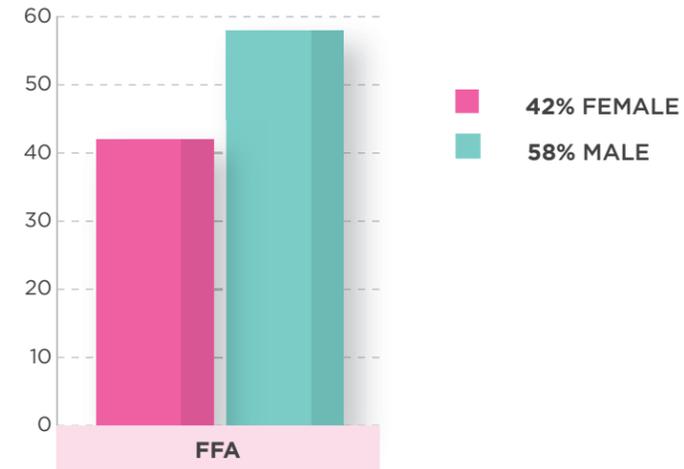
BY RACE



BY ETHNICITY



BY GENDER



*includes Latinx population

KEY STATS



18-21 year old youth served in our THPP for NMD Program



young adults in the THPP for NMD program with lifelong connections



18-24 year old youth enrolled in THP Plus



young adults made measurable progress in aftercare/extended care

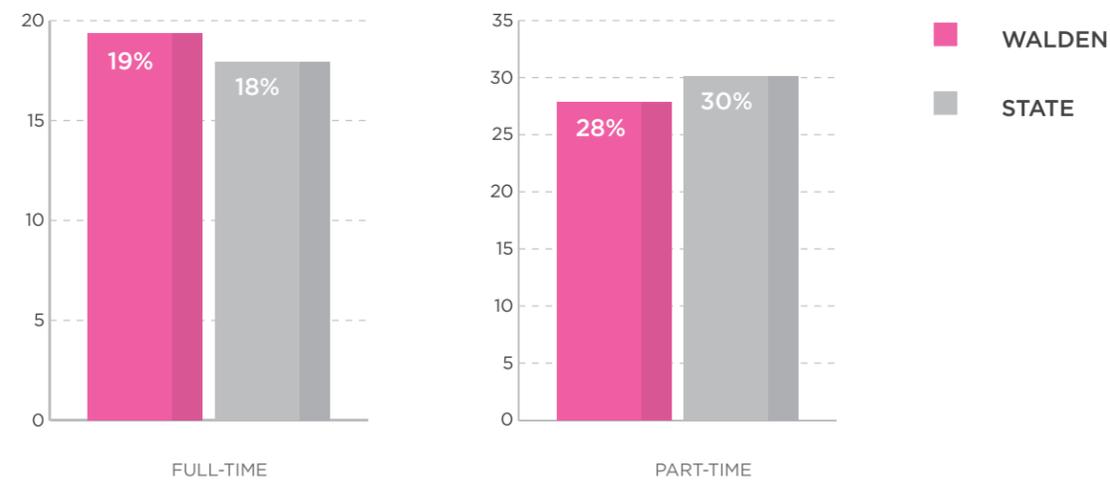
A Year in Results

WALDEN VS. STATE

% of THPP for NMD Youth in Higher Education in Fiscal 2019-2020



% of THPP for NMD Youth Employed in Fiscal 2019-2020



100%

percentage of children who transferred two or fewer times during the year



255

foster children and youth placed with carefully-matched families



104

pregnant or parenting youth in our Nurturing Parenting Program

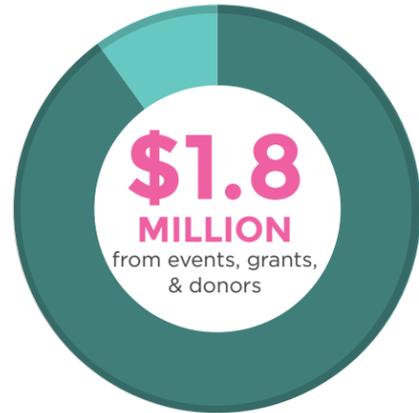


KEY STATS:



Financials 2019-2020

REVENUE: \$17,870,526



- 90% GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
- 10% EVENTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS

EXPENSES: \$16,969,547



- 85% PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- 15% ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING

85¢ of every dollar goes directly to Walden's programs benefitting our children, youth, and families.



These are unaudited financials for 2019-2020. For a final audited version, please visit us at waldenfamily.org.



Forever family: Bob, Eric, and Aaron on adoption day.

WALDEN HONORED BY HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

For the second consecutive year, Walden earned the **Innovator** seal from the **Human Rights Campaign's All Children-All Families** project. This top-tier designation is reserved for agencies that implement innovative approaches to LGBTQ inclusion and demonstrate leadership in policy advocacy or organizational partnerships. Recipients are recognized for adopting a framework that promotes cultural competency through self-assessment, comprehensive staff and leadership training, and policies and practices that affirm LGBTQ equal rights.

Walden educates all of our constituencies about the needs of LGBTQ foster children and youth. Our foster families receive cultural competency training, and we regularly conduct awareness and outreach programs for county social service agencies and private foster care providers throughout the nation.

Walden's roots in the LGBTQ community run deep, as seen in our agency's history. We have been champions at the state level—advocating for transgender youth in care to have medical access to surgery and hormone treatments, as well as lobbying to ban the use of conversion therapy on youth in the foster care system.

We are steadfastly committed to serving both children and prospective parents in the LGBTQ community and are proud to be longstanding members of the All Children-All Families project.



Donor Recognition

\$500,000+

Maryanne & Harley Sefton

\$150,000+

Weingart Foundation

\$50,000+

The San Diego Foundation

\$25,000+

Annenberg Foundation

Mary Alice & Ron Brady

East West Bank

Hervey Family Fund at The San Diego Foundation

Nettie & Tom Keck

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\$20,000+

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United Way of the Inland Valleys

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\$15,000+

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By giving monthly, you help provide stable and ongoing support to important programs and resources for our foster children, youth, and families.

PLANNED GIVING

Create an enduring impact by including Walden in your estate plans. Making a planned gift is a meaningful way to contribute to the organization's future while providing financial and tax benefits for you and your family.

STOCK GIVING

Gifts of stock can provide tax advantages for you while yielding profound benefits for the communities we serve.

*If you would like to **donate by check**, please mail to: Walden Family Services, P.O. Box 741667, Los Angeles, CA 90074-1667

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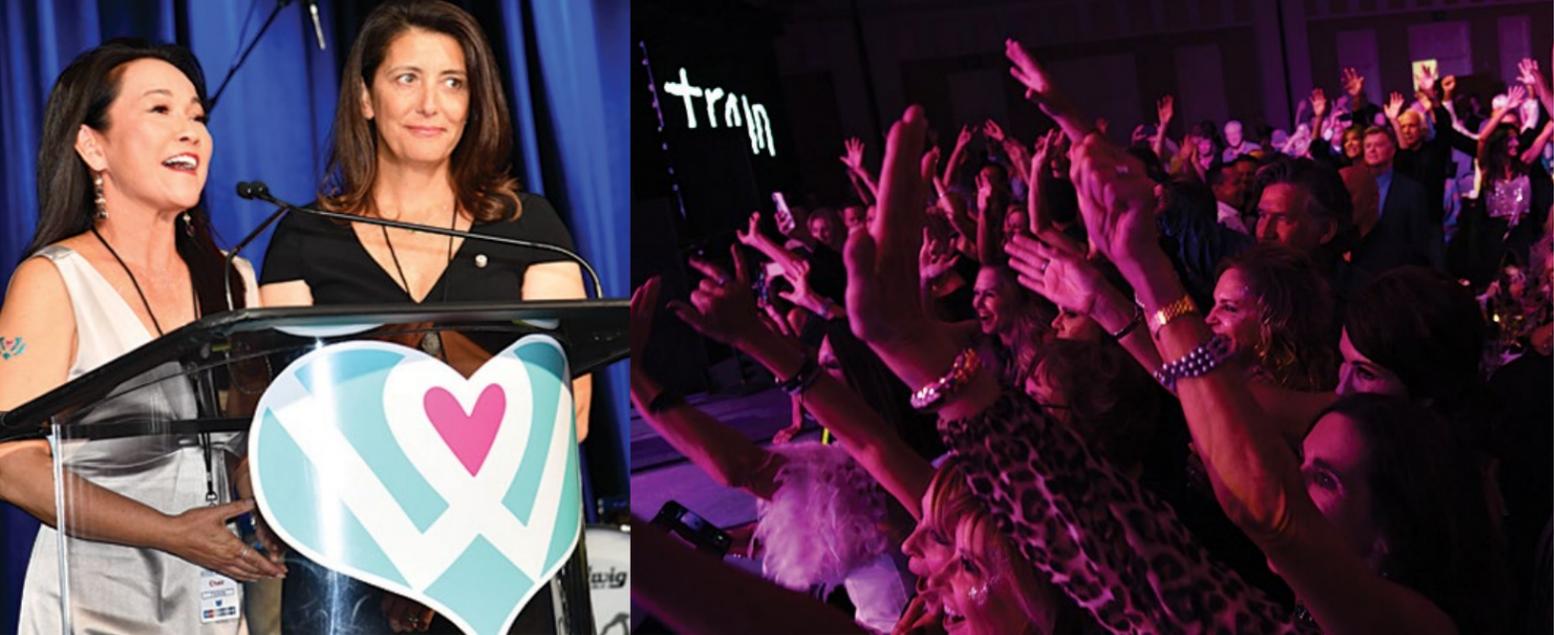
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TRAIN PULLS IN A RECORD-BREAKING CROWD FOR WINE D’VINE 2019

For the last seventeen years, **Wine D’Vine** has brought together all the elements of a great party—intimate concert, amazing food, fine wine. At our 2019 fundraiser, Walden honored **Terri** and **Craig Gainor** (bottom right) by presenting them with the **2019 Fostering Hearts Legacy Award** for their enduring commitment to our cause.

Music lovers and longtime Walden supporters **Maryanne** and **Harley Sefton** (bottom left with Train’s lead singer Pat Monahan) generously underwrote the entertainment and production costs for the event. The beloved San Francisco-based rock band performed to a sold-out crowd of 400. Chaired by **Lisa** and **Raul Albanez** and **Nettie** and **Tom Keck**, the event set a new record, raising over \$1 million dollars! (Lisa and Nettie pictured above top left.)

Due to Covid-19 public health concerns, Walden has cancelled this year’s **Wine D’Vine**. This impacts our fundraising as it accounts for 60% of unrestricted funds used to provide individualized quality care to our children and youth.

We deeply appreciate all of our sponsors and supporters of this special event through the years. Walden currently plans to resume holding its annual fundraisers in 2021, beginning with **Spring Soiree** in May.

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Join **Walden** for an intimate dinner in a beautiful setting,
catered by Executive Chef Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grille.

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