



Grace at Work February 2023

CEO CORNER: LSS Was Instrumental in Securing a YHDP Grant for Sacramento

By Carol Roberts, PhD



I am beyond thrilled to share with you that Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), the Sacramento Continuum of Care, has been awarded a grant of \$6.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build a region-wide plan and fund innovative programs designed to end youth homelessness. This would not have happened without the diligence, perseverance and brilliance of LSS of Northern California's own youth housing team led by Deputy Director Kate Hutchinson.

Over the past four years, Kate and her team have been working with Sacramento Steps Forward, Waking the Village and other youth homeless service providers in Sacramento to secure this highly competitive, community funding. Only 17 grants were awarded throughout the country. The funding is part of HUD's \$83.7 Million Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). It comes with federal technical assistance to develop and implement a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. The overall intention is to fund a wide range of housing programs—rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and host homes (rooms in individual or family homes)—that provide vulnerable youth with essential housing.

LSS was recognized by the Sacramento City Council and Mayor Darrel Steinberg for our leadership in co-authoring the awarded YHDP grant request. While Kate was unable to attend, Prevention and Intervention Program Specialist Deisy Madrigal (pictured, front row, second from right) accepted the accolades on behalf of Kate and the project team.



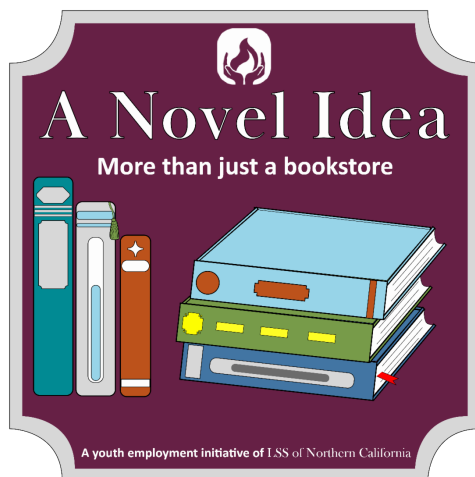
Upon receiving notification, the SSF/LSS team immediately began developing the local plan to launch the Sacramento program, utilizing critical youth input, and LSS will continue to serve in a leadership role through the life of the grant and its distribution. The planning team is still accepting individuals who are interested in being part of the planning process. Please contact Kate Hutchinson (KHutchinson@lssnorcal.org) if you are interested.

What makes this so spectacular is that it is a collaborative project. In our role as a primary service provider for transitional age youth in Sacramento, LSS is helping to lead our partners and the community to growing services for this vulnerable population. I congratulate everyone who worked on this and continue to plan for the implementation of the grant.

There is still work to be done, and we are excited to share with you what is happening as we move forward.

Winter time is reading time

Get your books from A Novel Idea!



Winter has arrived, and who doesn't want to sit in a comfy chair with a hot beverage and a good book? A Novel Idea, the LSS of Northern California social enterprise in which the formerly homeless youth in our program have the opportunity to develop job skills while receiving a wage, has a collection of books online and ready.

"One of my favorite things about the books you have in your collection is that they are unique and hard to find," says one of our customers.

Check out our current and ever-changing sale list here: <https://anoveliidea-lss.com/>. Make a purchase, support youth working toward self-

efficacy and stable lives and have a good book or two to read when the best thing to do is curl up and imagine.

Announcing 2023 Board Officers

Lutheran Social Services of Northern California is pleased to announce this year's officers, elected by the Board of Directors

To contact the Board of Directors of LSS, please email boardofdirectors@lssnorcal.org.

Would you like to join us?

Regina Q. Banks, Chair





Yolanda Gan
Vice-Chair

Ridwana Bentley
Secretary
(no picture available)



Brion Beetz
Treasurer



Save the Date!

Please join us in honoring and celebrating our Sacramento participants

Details to Come!

Our Mission

To promote stability and honor the dignity of those we serve by providing supportive housing services that lead to self-sufficiency.

DONATE

