

# Salinas SHARE Center Annual Report 2023

Uplifting Monterey County's under-served individuals and families by doing whatever it takes











#### **Program Overview**

BACS welcomed the first clients in June of 2021. The SHARE Center has a maximum capacity of 128 beds and serves single adults and families.

Our mission is uplift under-served individuals and their families by doing whatever it takes, and our vision is a world where all people are healthy, safe, and engaged in community wellness, with access to quality housing. The SHARE Center is extremely low barrier, meaning clients can come with their pets, partners, or families, and mental health challenges / low income / other complex needs are not a barrier to coming indoors. Once a person moves into the SHARE Center, we hold a determined focus on getting people housed, while breaking down the other barriers that hold people back by providing mental health support, employment / benefits support, and more. Our Housing Navigators work with clients on an individualized basis to help clients end their own cycle of being unhoused and help them find permanent, sustainable housing. Our team will then work with them for 6 months afterwards to ensure they remain stably housed.

BACS is excited to be part of the Salinas community as the operator of the SHARE Center – we currently operate multiple "housing first" model programs, and we have strong practices, outcomes, and philosophies already in place to create a strong program at the SHARE Center. Homelessness knows no borders, so BACS takes a grassroots, regional approach to solving the housing crisis – and we want this "housing first" model to succeed regionally.



### **Fiscal Year Outcomes**

Since the opening of the Center in 2021 over 400 individuals have received services, 196 have been permanently housed, 89 households are still enrolled. still in residence at the SHARE Center). 45% of all households that exit to permanent housing destinations were supported by Rapid Rehousing (RRH). Rapid Rehousing relies on building strong relationships with landlords and property owners, our participants have to compete with renters that often have higher income and longer rental histories. The Monterey County region is also very expensive to live in, which presents a challenge in the sustainability of available housing options.

During the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Our team continued to expand on partnerships with landlords and property owners. Because of this, we successfully housed 111 partners in permanent housing destinations during the fiscal year. Sixteen (16) exits were to short term destinations, this includes treatment facilities, hospital stays, Transistional housing and incarceration.





#### 31%

of Households served were Chronically Homeless

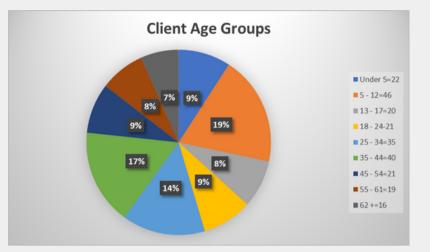


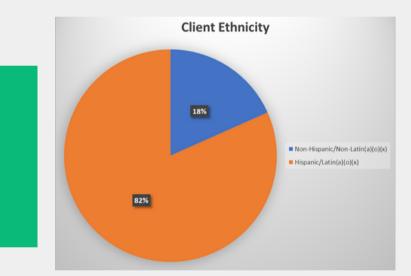


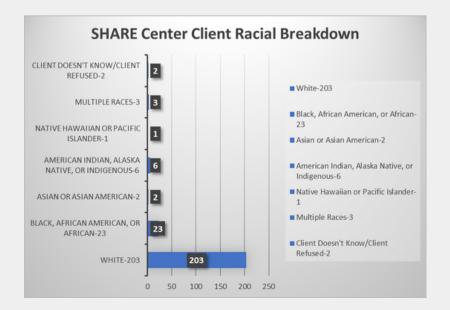
#### Employment Placements **34**

**240** Unduplicated Clients Served

## **Client Demographics**











### SHARE Center Events and Partnerships

The SHARE Center held a number of events during the fiscal year, the goal of the events is to uplift the community, build on social connections and create opportunities for connections to resources in the Monterey County region. Aside from holiday celebrations, our team developed a number of partnerships with local agencies that assisted with providing a number of on site services for all clients enrolled in the program.

Children were supported throughout the year with tutoring services thru our partnership with Monterey County Office of Education. Each visit children are able to work with the teachers and participate in creative and fun filled educational activities. We also created opportunities for holistic wellness by developing ongoing meditation, cooking demonstrations and teatime groups. Supporting our clients during their housing journey using innovative tools and resources proved to be beneficial for our clients, our team partnered with the Department of Child Support to assist clients with financial literacy and child support benefits. We also partnered with the Workforce Development Board to host a Job Fair at the SHARE Center.

There were a number of events held throughout the year along with countless partnerships with local nonprofits and government agencies. Below is a snapshot of our events and partnerships.





All major holidays and Cultural Events Celebrated

The SHARE Center Held 2 Events Per Month on Average

Barbecues and Holiday Events Were Most Loved SHARE Center Partnerships Natividad Hospital Access Support Network Rape Crisis Center Catholic Charities Monterey Co. Health Department Comcast Silver Star Epicenter T-Mobile and more

## **Client Success Stories**

During fiscal year our team worked to support clients that had a number of housing barriers. Participants with large families and head of households that were undocumented were especially challenging. Our team worked to support each participant with creative and innovative ways to support housing connections. Throughout our time in working with each household our team was able to see the growth and progress that each of them accomplished during their housing journey.

"I experienced homelessness from August 2021 onwards. Without a resume, it was difficult for me to apply for jobs, as I hadn't had one in a long time. Fortunately, I was quickly able to find housing, and thanks to your assistance, my emergency voucher was expedited, allowing me to secure the house I currently live in."

"I want to express my sincere gratitude for providing essential items to myself and my family during our stay at the Share. When we arrived, we had nothing but the clothes on our backs. The emotional support we received was invaluable, especially considering the challenges I was facing with my children. The staff was always there for me, and I truly appreciate everything the SHARE Center staff did for us. Thanks to your help, we now have a place we can proudly call home."

#### **Ramirez Family**





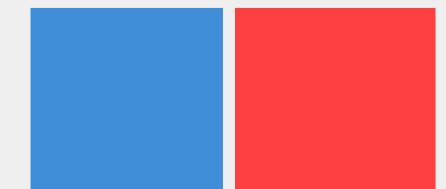
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#### Johnson Family



After enduring a year of homelessness, the Johnson family found refuge at the Salinas Share Center. Their primary hurdle in securing housing was their limited income. Fortunately, the SHARE Center came to their aid by helping them obtain a housing voucher for a three-bedroom home. "I am immensely grateful for the SHARE Center," expressed Yvette Johnson. "I only wish I had known about the program sooner." Within three months of enrollment, the Johnson family found a permanent home in the Monterey County region.





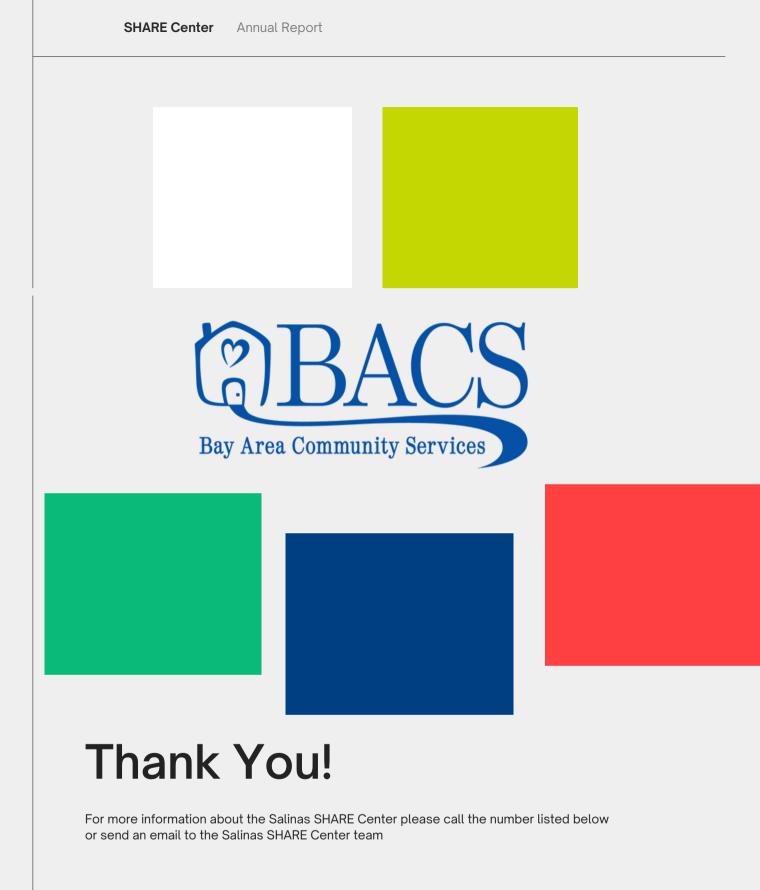
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#### Martinez Family



Humberto and his two children experienced homelessness for a year after a devastating tragedy that took the life of his wife and their mother. They made the difficult journey from Mexico to the United States with hopes to make a fresh start. Despite Humberto's determination to provide for his family by always maintaining a job, they faced numerous obstacles in finding a stable place to call home. The heartbreaking reality was that property management companies would not even consider their rental applications, leaving them in a constant state of uncertainty.

The SHARE Center team played a pivotal role in their lives. They connected Humberto with a private landlord who possessed a deeper understanding of his situation and the challenges he had faced. Now, free from the burden of homelessness, Humberto can focus on nurturing and supporting his children, ensuring they have the opportunity to thrive in their new home.





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