

★ YEAR-END ★ IMPACT

Report

2023

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

REVISITING OUR PAST TO TAKE HOLD OF OUR FUTURE

ACTION VC was founded on the belief that united communities can make a difference by addressing needs and supporting the vulnerable. Our main inspiration is to embody the teachings of Jesus— to love our neighbors unconditionally. Today, that drive still fuels us to identify gaps in care and connect volunteers with service opportunities. To achieve our mission, we depend on the support of partner churches, businesses, agencies, and individuals who generously contribute time, talent, and resources to transform lives.



This report highlights the results of our passion, partnerships, and investments. Yet, the true impact goes beyond numbers; it's seen in lives filled with renewed hope— a child's joy at Christmas, restored freedom for the immobile, and the assurance of safety for the elderly. Thank you for joining us in taking action to restore hope one need and one neighbor at a time!



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OUR FOCUS



ACTION VC is a faith-based non-profit that believes we can create holistic care through *connected community*. Our *sustainable service* improves ongoing quality of life. We serve with *transformative compassion* that restores hope.

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VISION

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Our vision is to see every community in Ventura County experience renewed hope.



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MISSION

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We exist to serve the most vulnerable in our communities by empowering volunteers, mobilizing churches and businesses, and partnering with local agencies.

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MOTIVATION

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We follow the example of Jesus Christ who cared for the marginalized, met practical needs, and laid down his life so all people can experience the hope of a restored relationship with God.



OUR WORK



VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Many families are at risk of being stuck in the cycle of poverty. Some live paycheck to paycheck but do not qualify for benefits or have been impacted by a loss, and now parent alone. When our volunteers connect to these families, we meet spiritual needs as well as physical ones.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Almost a third of Ventura County's population are living with disabilities, and people with a disability are more likely to live in poverty than those around them. We meet accessibility needs at no cost to our neighbors so they can remain independent and safe at home.

LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Seniors 65+ are the fastest-growing demographic in Ventura County, and 8% live below the poverty level. By meeting their critical repair needs, we keep our seniors safe in their homes and create restorative relationships within the neighborhood.

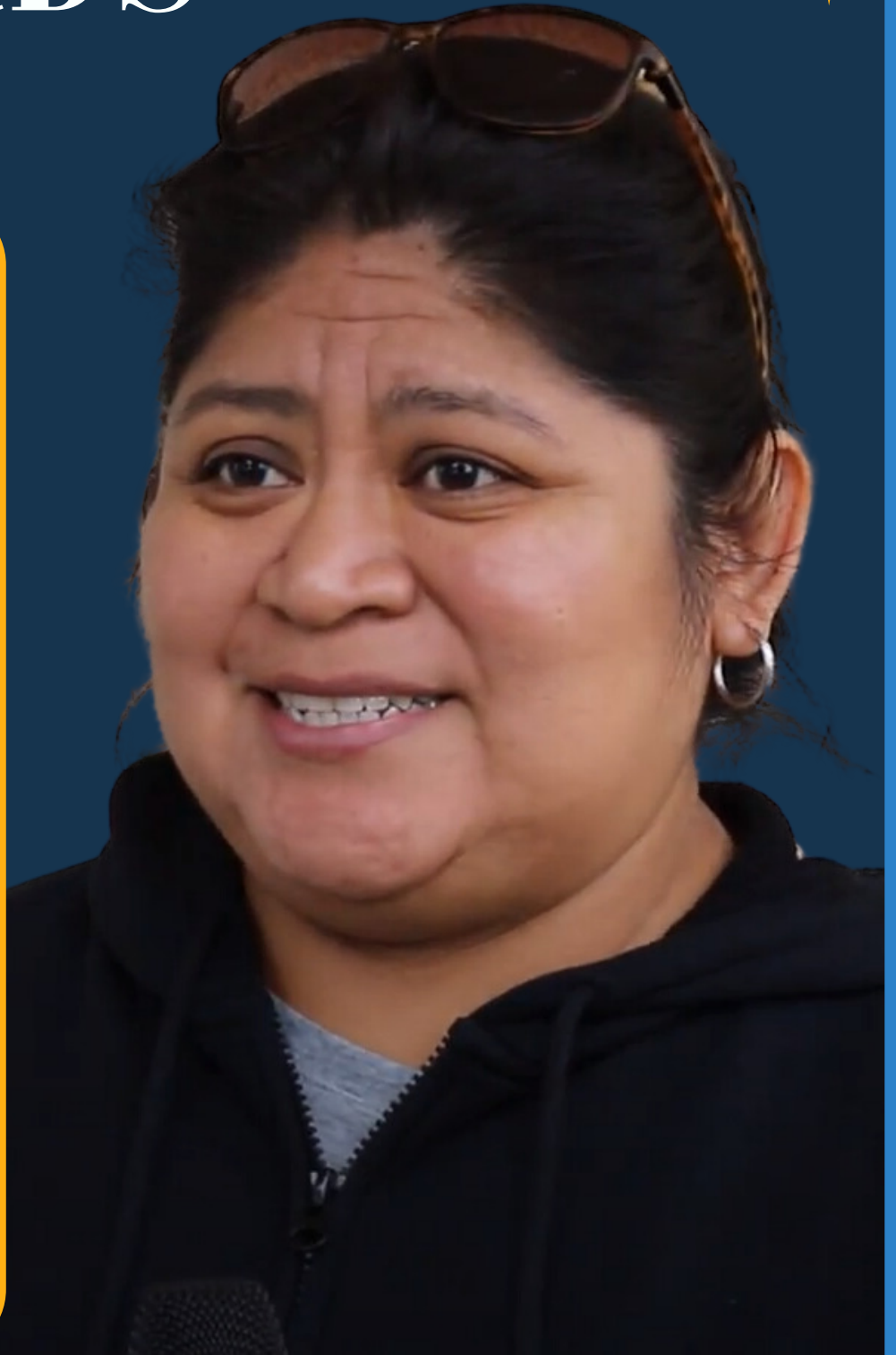


IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“The Community Christmas Shoppe volunteers ask you how your family is, and you can see how much they care.”

“With the economy the way it is, these presents I can get for my kids without having to spend money is a huge, huge help.”

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for the community!”



KEY NUMBERS



1469

Volunteers

Volunteers from churches, businesses, organizations, and the community came together to make a difference.

290

Projects Completed

Accessibility, beautification, and caregiving projects were completed throughout the year all over Ventura County.

7411

Hours Donated

Time and energy was invested in caring for vital practical needs with love and service.

162

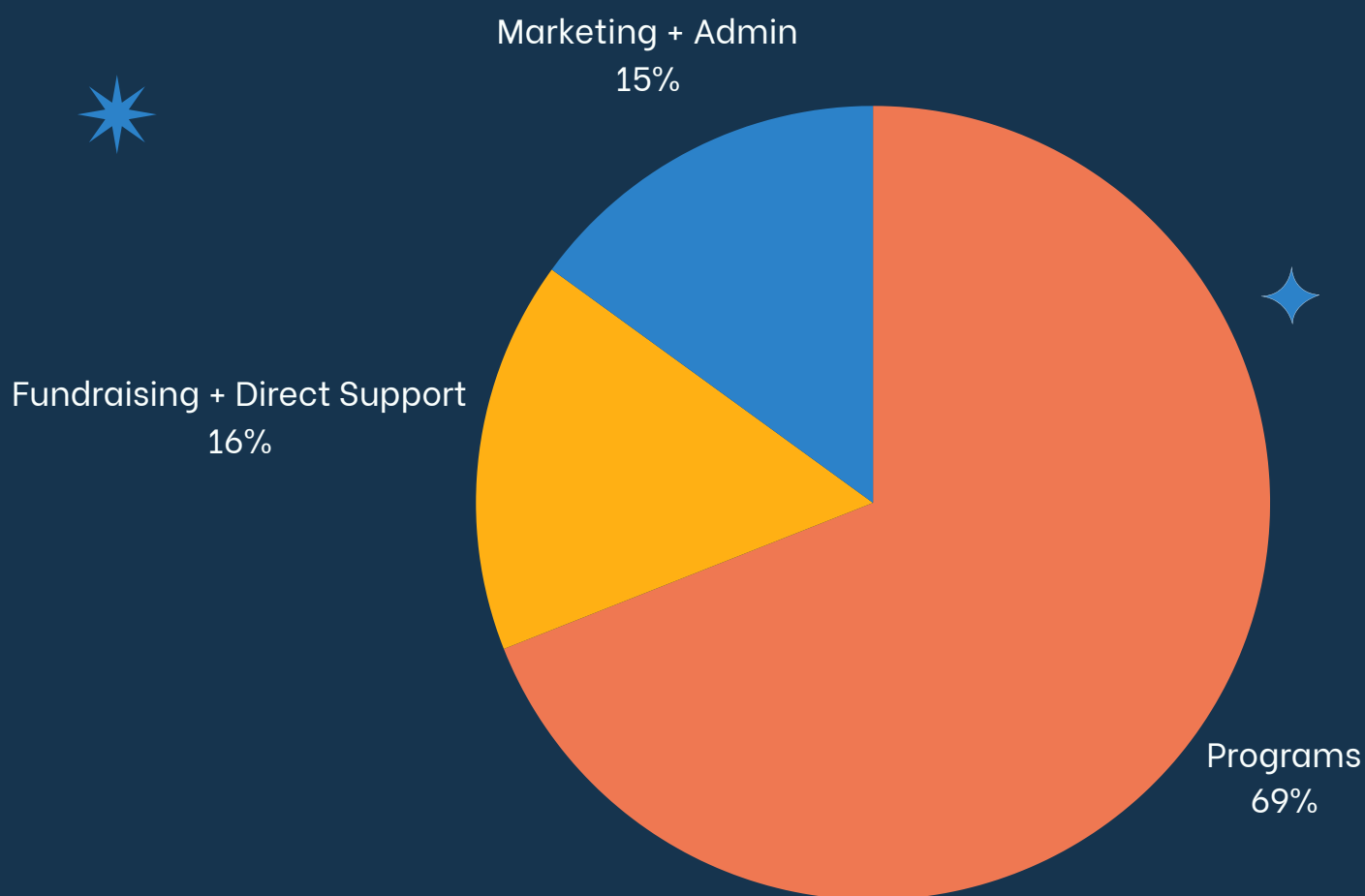
Community Partners

It takes a connected community to thrive and 2023 proved that when we all come together, we can make a huge impact.



BUDGET

Every contribution given to ACTION VC is used to empower the communities we love and live in. It is one of our core values that we use this money wisely. Here is how we stewarded every investment in our 2023 budget.



*Does not include in-kind gifts which would be allocated to programs.

TERESA'S STORY

"I was so stoked I got to take my sister out. It was the best day of my life. And it was the ramp!" Teresa and her siblings have looked out for their disabled sister, Martina, all her life. Five years ago, Martina, who has down syndrome, contracted pneumonia. She was hospitalized and when it became septic she lost some cognitive faculties as well as the use of her legs. "I thank God she's been able to be home with her family," said Teresa. But it hasn't been easy to get Martina in and out of the house.

It previously took four people to take her out on an unstable, makeshift ramp. Enter ACTION VC's volunteer Accessibility for All building team.

"They came in full force! They knew exactly what they were doing and they took care of it."



Because of your support we were able to install an ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp leading up to Martina's house so she can easily and safely enter and exit the home. "It means everything, it means easy accessibility when there's an emergency. If there's a fire... how're you going to get your loved one out? It's a big difference." Small acts of service make big changes in the community.

HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

This year through Community Christmas Shoppes **5,000** children received toys for Christmas, selected by their family members with the help of caring volunteers.

6

Local Locations

1,827

Families Served

19,000+

Toys Given



Community Christmas Shoppe is so much more than a toy giveaway. Families receive prayer from volunteers, encouragement from churches, and community resources. It is another way we are restoring hope.

HIGHLIGHTS

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

Through innovative solutions tailored to the needs of those with disabilities, we strive to break down barriers that inhibit safety and mobility so everyone can live life to the fullest.



14
Homes Helped

539
Hours
Donated



24
Skilled
Volunteers

Our Accessibility projects can deeply impact a person's life giving them the ability to maintain their freedom and independence.



HIGHLIGHTS

NEEDS OF THE WEEK

By addressing critical home repairs through volunteers, we help maintain safe households, foster relationships, and promote well-being for those who need it most.

50
Projects
Completed

52
Volunteers

189
Hours
Donated



NOW (Needs of the Week) Projects meet the tangible needs of senior, low-income, and disabled persons. These projects focus on minor repairs that improve safety in the home.

HIGHLIGHTS

LOVE VC

Together, we aim to build a stronger and more connected community, where the power of shared kindness becomes a step toward positive transformation.



593
Neighbors
Served

171
Projects
Completed

209
Volunteers

Love VC brings our county together to make a collective impact every summer. Through combined acts of service, we hope to inspire healing and collaboration across our community.



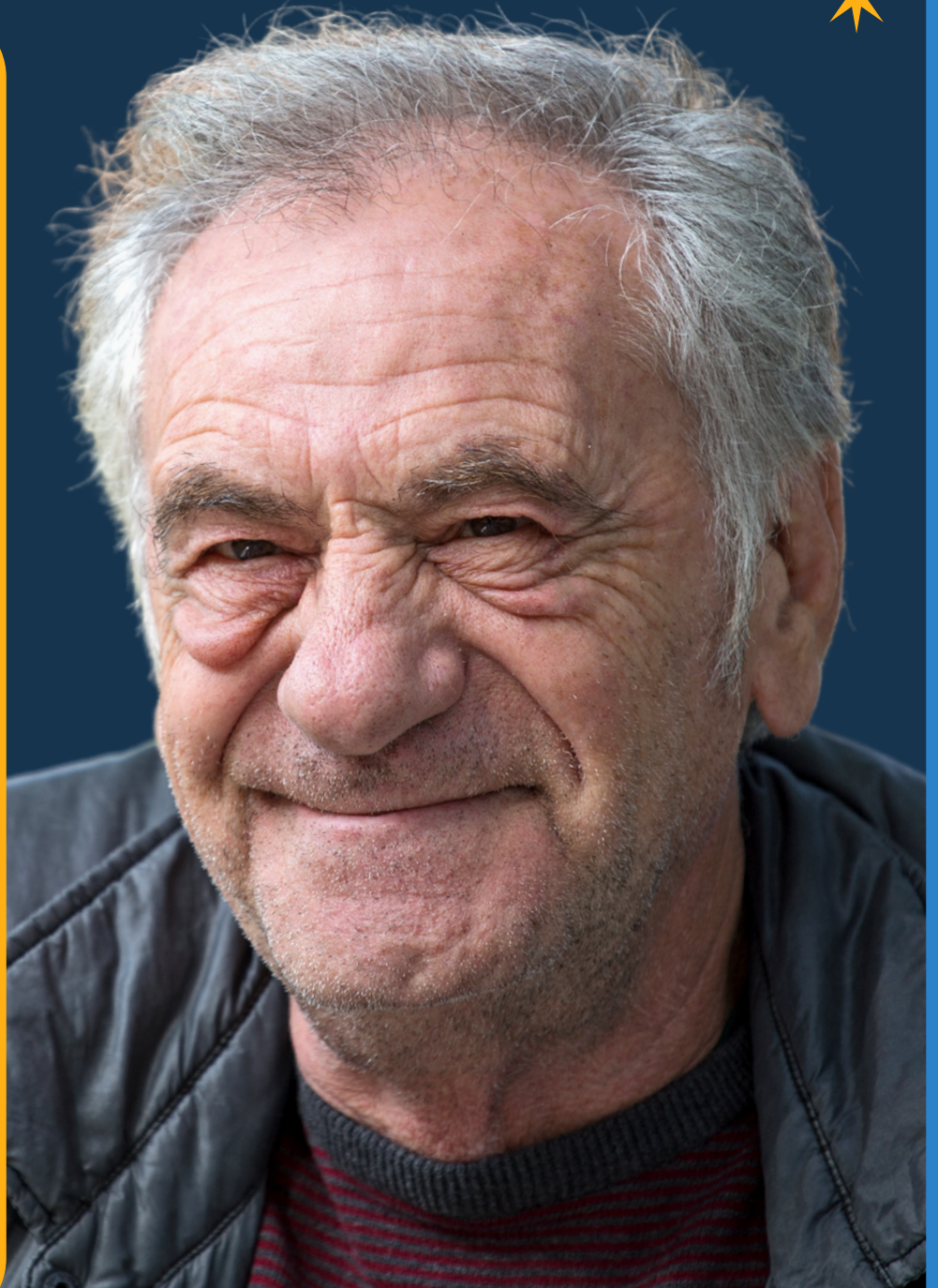
IN THEIR OWN WORDS

We sent a team to help dispose of built-up trash so Larry could pass his Section-8 inspection.

“I didn’t have the strength to take care of it on my own. You helped me considerably.”

“I checked with a lot of charities but they couldn’t help. Then I found ACTION VC.”

“You saved me from being evicted. I could never thank you enough.”



FOCUS IN 2024

1

RESOURCING PARTNERS

We are developing new opportunities and resources to empower churches and businesses to make a difference in their community.

3

RAISING AWARENESS

We are rolling out new methods of communicating the needs in our community and ways we can all make a difference.

2

RESTORING HOPE

We are finding ways to connect more volunteers to complete more projects so that more neighbors experience hope.

4

RELEASING GENEROSITY

We are offering more ways for people to invest in their communities through fun events, sponsorships, legacy giving, perks for monthly giving, and more.



YOU CAN HELP!

LET'S SERVE TOGETHER

A powerful aspect of community is how working together can make exponentially more impact than what anyone can alone. ACTION VC was founded by volunteers to help more people connect with opportunities to serve. We continue to link all kinds of people to local needs.

Whatever your skills, age, passion, or schedule... we have a place for you!

• VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers impact thousands of lives by meeting critical needs! You can help complete meaningful projects for vulnerable neighbors.

• DONATE

Every gift provides care to those in need. Your generosity will fund the necessary materials used to complete life-saving projects.



• SPONSOR

We are better together! Your church, business, agency, or group can adopt a project and show love local neighbors.





YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Thank You!



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