

HEALTH ACCESS

Food and connection today, health tomorrow: **200k** lbs. of food distributed

A retired couple's stroll with one of HEC's **Walk with Friends** groups led to weekly produce, additional food sources, and a community. The result: nutritious meals and less stress.

Health access and food security

4,400 residents reached through the Mobile Market partnership in Yolo County

2,420 received healthy food every month in South Sacramento

120

seniors per month received healthy food at their housing sites in Placer County



WAYS TO GIVE

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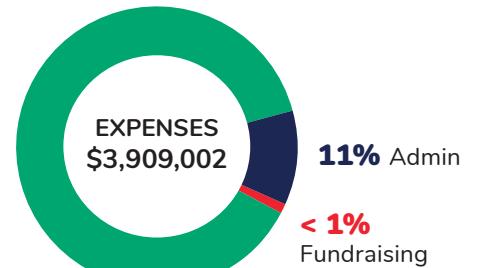
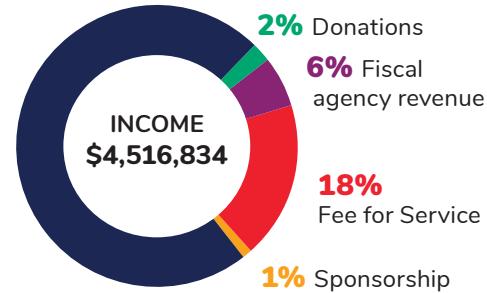
FIRST CONVERSATIONS INTO LASTING CHANGE



"We invite you to learn more about HEC, our programs, impact and ways to get involved as we believe, 'health happens together'.

In gratitude,

Debra Oto-Kent, Founder and Executive Director



SOCIAL CONNECTION

A door opened **9,300** times to lasting physical and mental health

A warm “hello” from HEC staff at the Mexican Consulate led Jaime to counseling, care navigation, and employment. Six months later: milder depression symptoms, a steady job, and art sales that help pay the bills.

Mental health navigation and direct services

32,000

received health education

290

referred for additional mental health services

4,933

participated in a preventive health screening, and

523

screenings for depression

ECONOMIC WELLBEING

HEC is improving job readiness for youth and adults, setting the stage for long term economic mobility.

In 2024, HEC launched its 1st **Annual Workforce Development Symposium & Job Fair**—uniting 150 stakeholders, 400+ job seekers, and 40 employers to reduce barriers, building pathways to economic well-being.

Jobs & small business—by the numbers

660

individuals participated in financial education workshops

8

entrepreneurs received **\$2,500** micro-loans

3

youth career workshops and 2 career panels;

90%

reported feeling interview ready

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Youth on track: **1,436** hours of healing-centered mentorship

Mentorship sparked confidence. Skills practice led to job-readiness. A young adult spoke up, set goals, and got her first job—healing-centered support turned into a paycheck.

Youth growth and neighborhood wellbeing

215

youth served through the HEC program Safety, Health, Opportunity, and Practice (SHOP)

60

youth exposed to 8 nature environments that build confidence and teamwork

Convened 3 multi-sector coalitions—**50** partners

mobilizing investment for community safety and wellness.

WELLNESS EDUCATION

From classroom to community wellness: **58,002** nutrition education connections

Two evenings, five languages, one kitchen. Families cooked, laughed, and learned—one mom discovered her daughter loves cucumbers. They left with recipes, confidence, and new habits.

Students, families, and community wellness

11,017

youth learned to love real food with nutrition education in Sacramento County schools

748

caregivers received direct nutrition education

258

youth reached in schools with the Don’t Buy the Lie tobacco use prevention campaign

