



# FAMILIES FORWARD

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DIGNITY • EMPOWERMENT • HOPE



Since 1984 Families Forward has been helping families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education and other support services.

Families Forward is committed to serving each family with the core values of **dignity, empowerment, accountability, community spirit, and hope.**

# Families Forward Creates a Brighter Future

## Services Provided:

- Housing
- Food Pantry
- Career Coaching
- Counseling
- Seasonal Programs



# Housing Program

*There is no place like home*



## 2016-2017 Impact

- **203** Homeless Families (**686** children and their parents) achieved safety and stability through our Housing Program.
- **97%** of the graduating families secured their own housing and gained self-sufficiency.

# Food Pantry



Nearly **7,000** individuals receive food each year through Families Forward's food pantry.

# Career Coaching



**172** individuals received career coaching services through workshops and one-on-one coaching.

# Community Counseling

**335 individuals** from

**201 families**

participated in  
counseling sessions to  
build confidence and  
self-sufficiency.



# Seasonal Programs

May



## Community Resource Fair

Annual event that brings together over 80 leading service providers in Orange County to offer free health screenings, legal advice, financial counseling, workshops, and children's activities to families in the community. In 2017, over **774 children and adults** received services.

June-August



## Back to School

Families Forward distributes grade-appropriate school supplies and backpacks, as well as clothing, to children in grades K-12 before the new school year starts. In 2017, **1,529 children** received clothing and backpacks.

# Seasonal Programs

November



## Thanksgiving

Baskets full of food items needed to prepare a homemade Thanksgiving meal are distributed to families prior to Thanksgiving. In 2016, **917 families** received holiday meal baskets.

December



## Adopt-A-Family

Holiday gifts are provided to children and their families by generous donors. In 2016, over **2,127 children** received gifts.



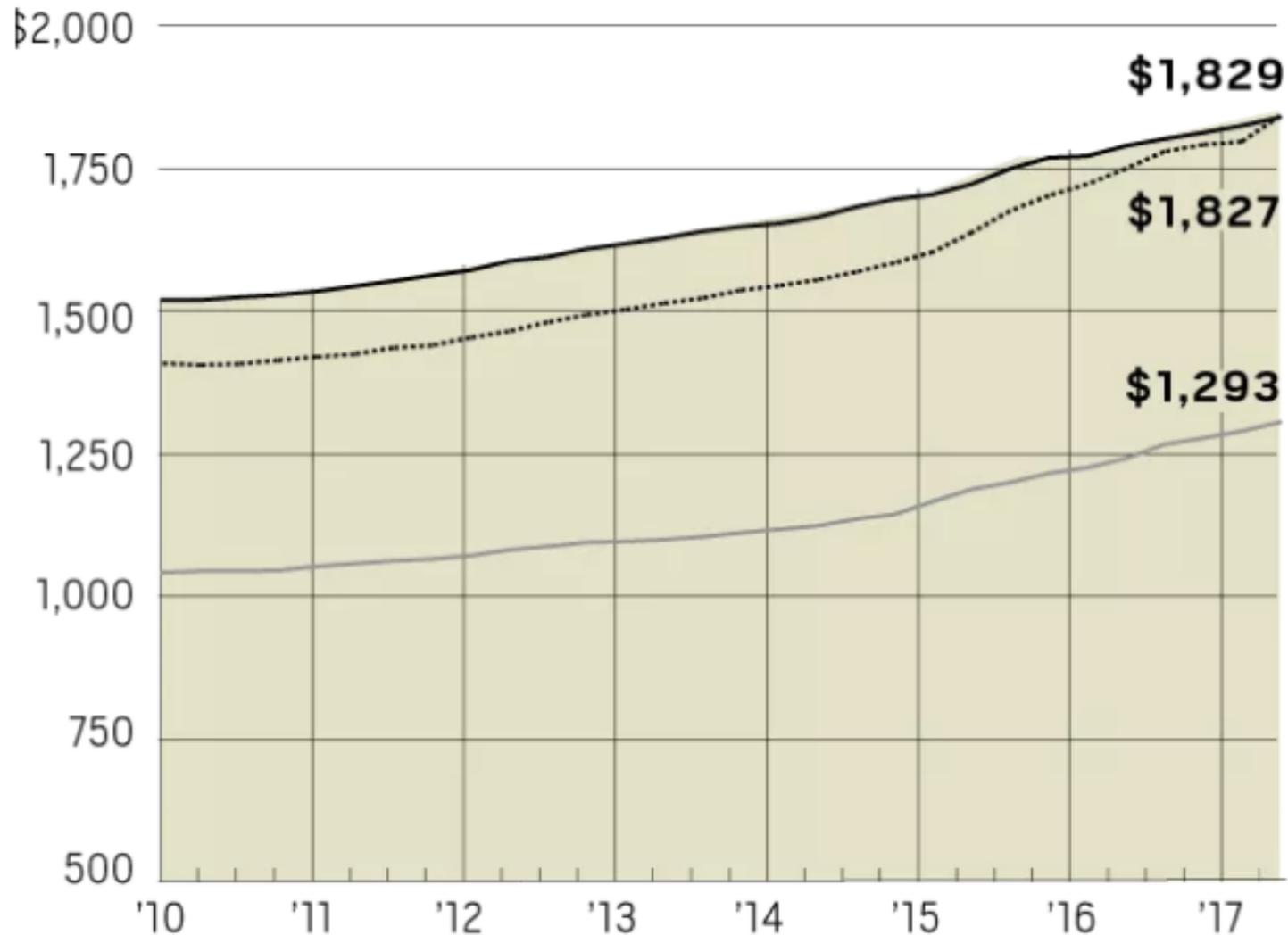
# HOUSING

# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ORANGE COUNTY?



# Southern California average asking rent

— L.A. County    ..... Orange County    — Inland Empire



Source: CoreLogic

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# Orange County's Harsh Realities

- Over 5% of Orange County students (28,450 children) are homeless or unstably housed, doubled from 2006-2007 and higher than Los Angeles and San Diego counties.
- Orange County's lowest-income renters spend 87% of income on rent, leaving little left for food, transportation, health expenses, and other needs.
- For low income families, median income has declines 10% while rents have increased 19% since 2000.

# Bottom Line

A minimum wage worker must work

**105 hours a week**

to afford a one-bedroom apartment  
in Orange County.



# RAPID RE-HOUSING

# HOUSED PEOPLE ARE NOT HOMELESS



Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) **ends homelessness** for families and individuals.

## **FIND** LANDLORDS & APARTMENTS

Help people quickly find housing within one month or less.

## **HELP PAY** FOR HOUSING

Help people pay for housing short term; longer-term help an option.

## **CONNECT** TO JOBS & SERVICES

Help access services so people can stay in housing.

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The **Core Components** of Rapid Re-Housing help people **find** housing fast, help **pay** for housing, and **connect** to jobs and services.

# FIND FAST HOUSING IDENTIFICATION



**Build** relationships with landlords to have access to as many housing units as possible.



**Find** and secure housing as quickly as possible after a person or family becomes homeless.



**Limit** the time a family or individual spends homeless. Move people into housing within **30 days or less**.

# HELP PAY RENT AND MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE



**Pay** for security deposits, move-in expenses...



... and/or rent and utilities.



Length of assistance varies, but often **4 to 6 months**.

# HELP CONNECT TO JOBS AND SERVICES

**Connect** families and individuals to services and supports in the community.

**Help** resolve issues that may threaten housing stability, including conflicts with landlords.



# Housing Resource Specialists



Tenant Screenings

Housing Plans

Tenant Education

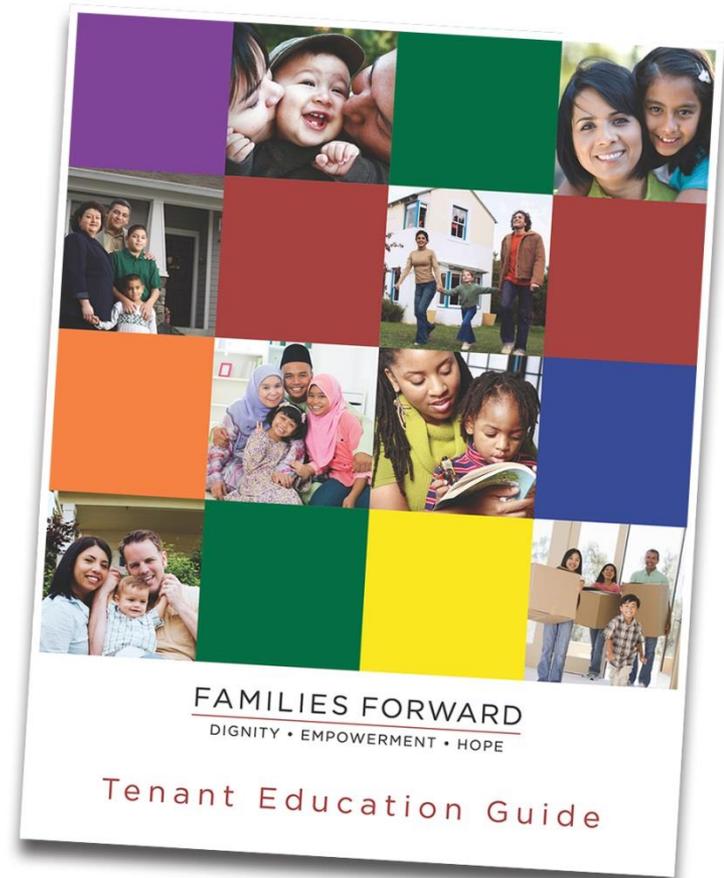
Home Visits

Landlord Engagement

Landlord Liaison

# Tenant Education

- Affordable Housing Education
- How to Find Housing
- The Rental Application Process
- Overcoming your Biggest Barriers
- Renter's Responsibilities
- What to Expect at the End of your Lease
- Ways to Ensure Maximum Security Deposit Refund



# WHAT IS



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines "affordable" as housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a household's monthly income.**

***For every 100 families that qualify for affordable housing in Orange County, only 18 units exist.***

Affordable housing  
is the key to long  
term housing  
sustainability for low  
income families.



A person is holding a white rectangular sign in front of their face. The sign has the words "Thank you!" written in a dark, handwritten-style font. The person's hands are visible at the corners of the sign. The background is a blurred green and blue, suggesting an outdoor setting. A small red vertical bar is visible on the far right edge of the image.

Thank  
you!