

# Richstone Family Center



# RICHSTONE FAMILY CENTER

Preventing Child Abuse & Strengthening Families

*Since 1974, Richstone Family Center has been a lifeline for children and families in Los Angeles County. From our humble beginnings as a child abuse treatment program to the comprehensive mental health, education, and family support services we provide today, our mission has always been about healing, hope, and resilience.*

[www.RichstoneFamily.org](http://www.RichstoneFamily.org)



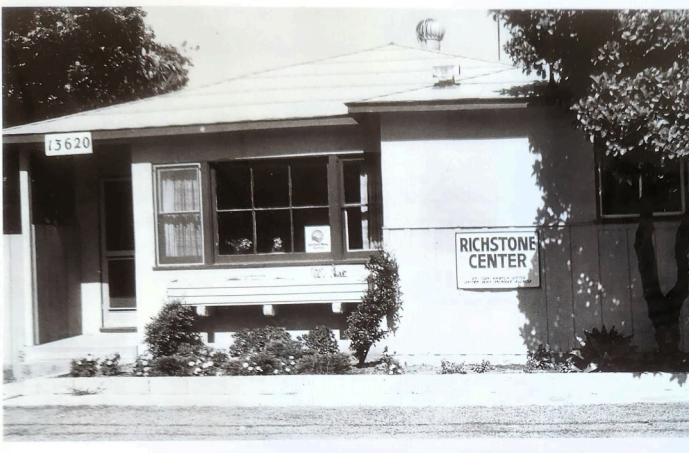
# OUR HISTORY

Beginning as a child abuse treatment program in 1974, the Richstone Family Center has grown into a beacon of hope, providing mental health and support programs. Across five decades, our journey has been marked by the positive change we've created in countless families. As we commemorate our 50-year history, we continue to dedicate ourselves to growing safe, resilient families and to shaping a future of hope and limitless potential.



**1974**

Richstone was founded at the Hawthorne YMCA by Dr. Wyman Sanders using \$6,000 in seed money from Bea Richstone.



**1977**

Richstone moves into a space at Manhattan Heights Elementary School. The State of California awards Richstone a grant as one of the first six child abuse treatment and prevention programs in the state, enabling the agency to serve 70 families a year.

**1979**

Richstone moves into the house on Cordary Avenue in Hawthorne, where the Center remains today.

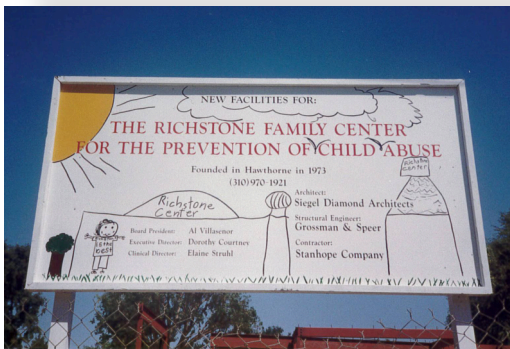


**1980**

Richstone recognized as a neighborhood family center by ICAN (Los Angeles County Inter-agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect) as programs expand. Dorothy Courtney hired as Executive Director.

**1994**

Dedication of Richstone's new Jim Murray building and facility.





2020

Grand opening of the Everychild Foundation Healing Center.



2024

Richstone celebrates 50 years of serving the community.



## HEART MENDERS

To celebrate this milestone year, we're highlighting 50 extraordinary people who have been the heartbeat of the Richstone Family Center over the last 50 years. From tireless volunteers to passionate advocates, these Heart Menders helped shape our mission, guide our growth, and have been a driving force in our efforts to heal and empower communities.

Meet our Heart Menders at:  
[www.RichstoneFamily.org/50years](http://www.RichstoneFamily.org/50years)

We are filled with gratitude for the generous community that has made this journey possible. We invite you to be a part of our next 50 years, as we focus on furthering our mission to treat and prevent child abuse and domestic violence by:

*Training the next generation of therapists to continue our legacy of healing and care.*

*Strengthening family mental health to create long-term resilience and lasting well-being.*

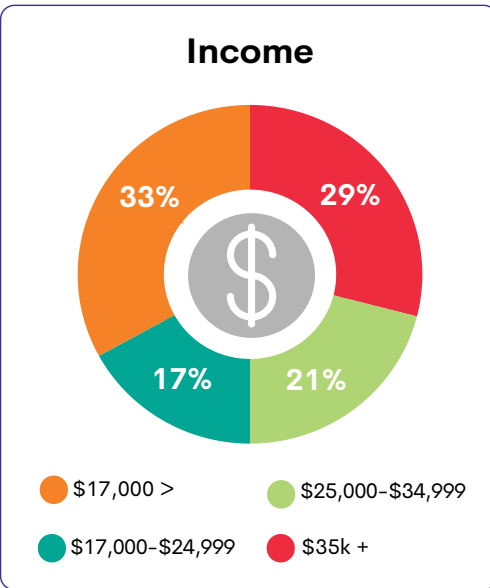
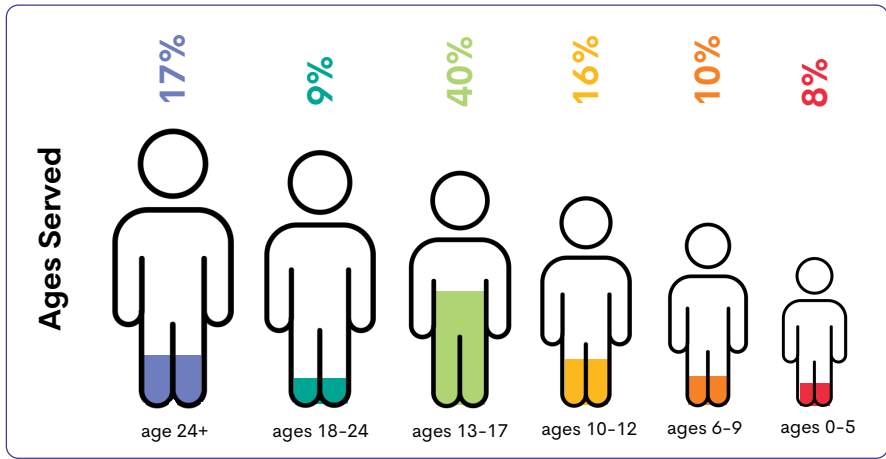
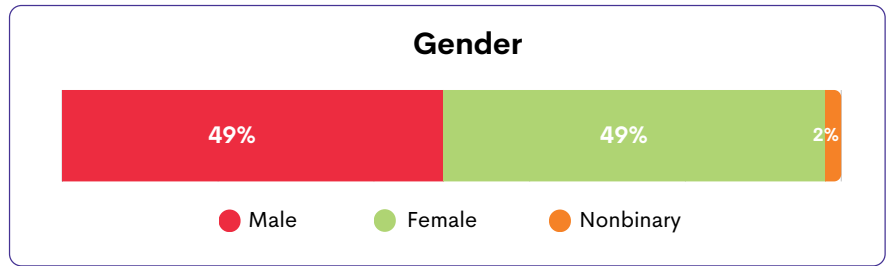
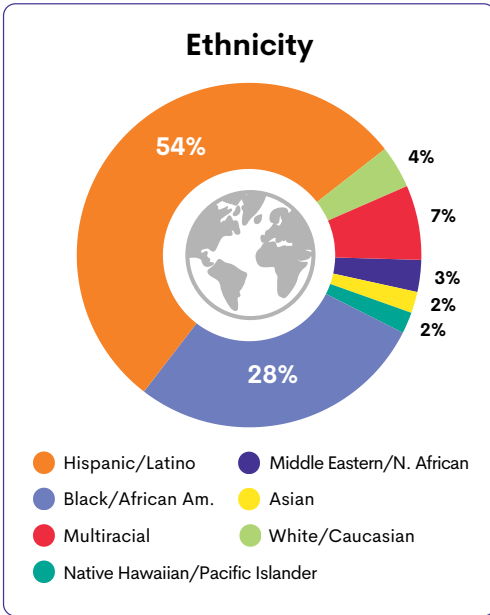
*Enhancing partnerships with schools, government, and community organizations to create comprehensive solutions for our families.*

*Building protective factors and fostering social connections to reduce risks and help families thrive.*



# OUR FAMILIES

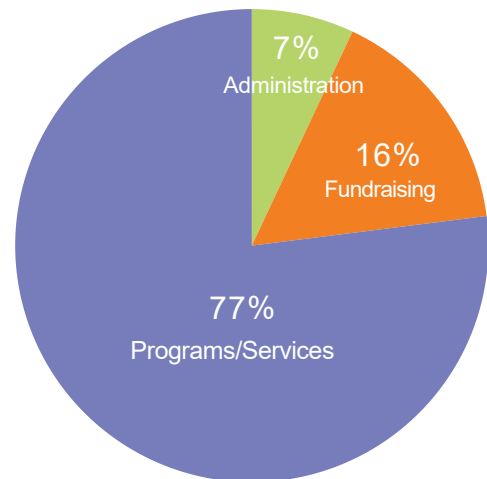
In 2023-2024, Richstone provided services to **3,033** children and families.



Richstone was founded 50 years ago, on the belief that no family or child facing violence in the home should ever be turned away. Many of our clients are living in poverty and represent the working poor. Without Richstone, these individuals and families would be unable to access the critical treatment and support they need and deserve.



## Richstone's Operating Expenses



# OUR PROGRAMS

Richstone’s mental health and trauma treatment programs move children and their families out of crisis and down a path of healing. Our programs care for the well-being of the whole person and are individualized to meet the unique needs of each child and family.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### PROVIDENCE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY

Provides individual, family and group therapy at the Providence Vasek Polak community health clinic in Hawthorne to promote mental health in the community.  
*(182 individuals served)*

### allcove BEACH CITIES

Offers short term mental health services to young people at the allcove Beach Cities site in Redondo Beach.  
*(30 youths served)*

### THE HELP GROUP

Provides therapy and support services to vulnerable families in partnership with the Help Group.  
*(79 individuals served)*

## SCHOOL COLLABORATIONS

### CVUHS CRISIS PROGRAM

Provides crisis intervention and support groups, parent presentations, and staff trainings at high schools in the Centinela Valley Union High School District.  
*(437 students served)*

### ELEVATE YOUTH

A partnership with DaVinci RISE High School that empowers students through mental health and youth-centered programs.  
*(736 individuals served)*

### SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS

Supports students through therapy services at Lennox Academy and at sites within the Hawthorne School District.  
*(414 students served)*

## SITE-BASED SERVICES

### EVERYCHILD FOUNDATION HEALING CENTER

Provides trauma focused treatment, support and educational groups, and wellness programs to both address the needs of children and families in crisis and help them build long-term resilience.  
*(1,258 individuals served)*

### KIDS CLUB

A year-round after-school program at Richstone providing tutoring, social skills development, and enrichment activities in a safe and nurturing environment.  
*(34 students served)*

*Our PAT team is growing!*

*In 24-25, PAT will expand services into Compton, Crenshaw, Florence, Hyde Park, Lynwood, Paramount, and Watts, allowing an additional 120 families to receive vital support.*



### PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)

Provides home visitation services to high-risk families with children ages 0-5. Families receive case management, resources and referrals, parent education, child development screenings and assessments.  
*(133 families served)*



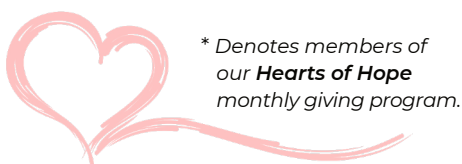
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Aum a Merrell-sponsored ultrarunner, discovered that running could be a powerful vehicle for change. His path to ultrarunning was untraditional. At 18, he weighed 250 pounds and faced a pre-diabetes diagnosis, leading to a transformative weight loss journey. When age 25, he turned to running for mental health relief from a high-stress engineering job. By 2021, he placed 3rd in the Across the Years 72-hour race, then went on to complete 200-mile races with a top-10 finish in a 300-mile event.



While studying at California State University, Long Beach, Aum began volunteering at Richstone. Growing up in a similar environment, he felt a deep connection to the cause and started using his races to raise awareness and funds for Richstone, wearing the Richstone heart on his hydration vest to inspire donations and attention on the trails. "I grew up in a similar environment in the Los Angeles area and experienced things such as abuse, being around domestic violence, and seeing the damages of generational trauma," he says. "I saw how passionate their volunteers are and I just see myself in those kids."

## PALOS VERDES RE SALE

Founded in 2005, Palos Verdes Resale is operated entirely by volunteers dedicated to supporting their local community. The organization collects and sells donated items in its thrift shop, with all proceeds benefiting local charities. Volunteers vote on the distribution of funds to approved nonprofits based on the hours they've worked at the shop. Over the past 16 years, PV Resale has contributed more than \$236,000 to further Richstone's work.

PV Resale is looking for adult volunteers to sort/price inventory, stock the sales floor, pick-up donations, and assist customers. If you are interested in helping, give them a call at (310) 534-1722.

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