# SAFE PASSAGE YOUTH ANNUAL REPORT



2021 Literacy, Nutrition, Safety

> 22,816 COMBINED SUMMER CAMP HOURS.

36,283 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED.

57,842 KID'S BREAKFAST AND LUNCHES SERVED.

- Family Health Wellness Clinics
- Horseback Riding Day Camp
- ➤ Snap Robotics Classes
- ➤ STEAM Art Classes
- COVID Vaccine Clinics
- ▶ Dance Arts Classes
- **►** Community Fresh Market
- After School Mentoring Mon-Fri





CRIME REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY

### All activities are always free to any child

A healthy and balanced community requires child literacy, nutrition, stable families and safety.

Each day CRPD staff & volunteers teach hundreds of local children in the arts, technology, science, wellness and the outdoors.

The first 4000 days of a child's life will set the course for hope, grit and resiliency. Safe Passage effectively bridges the gaps and barriers for children to

succeed as healthy adults

#### **Who We Serve**

Safe Passage Youth was designed to promote a safe pathway to equal educational & community access for underserved children of color from Kinder to Middle School.

**Our Impact** 

As of January 2022, Safe Passage has reduced the total area gang population by 47% & reduced overall crime by 49% in underserved microcommunities.



READING
BELONGING
COMMUNITY
MENTORS



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We provide education services for parents, host community-wide youth events throughout the year, and have distributed over 150,182 pounds of food, 26,000 diapers, 1,502 articles of clothing, beds, books, cars, bikes, toys, and household essentials into their community.

Safe Passage daily free programs include afterschool academic tutoring, mental health assistance. nutrition, art, science, music, dance, civic engagement, college training, college vehicles, scholarships, entrepreneurship & youth job placement. These programs support the future of healthy, selfreliant, resilient, community-minded young adults and healthy micro community family systems.

Each day volunteers and staff greet 100's of underserved children in the morning & help them safely to their school buses because they do not have a community school and must be bused across town.

When the kids finish their school day, Safe Passage welcomes them home off their buses and back into their neighborhood. Each child receives a healthy snack, help with homework completion, friendship, internet access, STEAM classes, grit, play, fun and







# STOPPING FOOD INSECURITY



- Nearly 200 New Bicycles Provided.
- Cars for College-Bound Kids.
- College Tuition
   Paid for 2 Years.
- 160 Home Utility Grants Issued.



# How To Help Kids Choose Healthy Paths In Life:

Covid struck overnight back in the winter of 2019-2020. The schools were forced to shut down almost immediately. Safe Passage swerved instantly and opened our doors wider. We grew from 127 kids Pre-Covid to a peak in 2021 of nearly 600 kids. Why? Because we never closed our doors a single day, in fact, we expanded youth services to include daily food, 6 day a week outdoor school and rent relief for the most vulnerable families.

During 2021, Safe Passage provided rent relief for the hardest hit families in our community. Each family was vetted by teachers and local social service leaders to determine needs. In addition we provided payment for funeral expenses for those kids's families that lost parents to COVID.

Creating positive community environments with leading teen and adult mentors helps form good habits at an early age, Starting in Kindergarten, laying a foundation for a healthy future.

Who Pays For This? Safe Passage works because we are a cohesive group who work with other community groups such as Conejo Community Outreach, Art Trek, BSA, Kiwanis, Adalante, Westminster Clinic, Rotary,

The Assistance and National Charity Leagues.

Our local businesses and municpal support is key and we could not do what we do without Conejo Recreation and Park District, Los Robles Health System, The City of Thousand Oaks, The Ventura Sheriff Dept, Thousand Oaks Police, Moorpark College, CLU, CVUSD, Ventura County Credit Union, Ventura County Foundation and so many local moms, dads, and Family Foundtions.



2022

- MONTHLY FIELD TRIPS.
- STEAMO CLASSES.
- SWIM LESSSONS.
- DANCE & ART CLASSES.
- WEEKLY MEAL SUPPLIES.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
- -CHILD HEALTHCARE.
- COLLEGE TUITION.
- MENTORING BY LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS.
- CLOTHING, INFANT CARE, HOUSING HELP.



Economic and Educational Impact
The communities served by Safe Passage are
historically under-resourced and suffer from
generational poverty and persistent adversity.

#### Households:

Housing is a chronic problem for the working poor. 99% of these children's households consist of a two bedroom, one bathroom condo or apartment.

A recent 2021 survey of over 600 Safe Passage Families revealed that each apartment or condominium has between 5 and 9 members living in their residence.

#### **Economics:**

Micro Community Housing costs an average between \$2,000 to \$2,600 per family.

Families are spending over 63% of their income on housing.

The poverty rate in these micro communities is nearly double the average rate for Ventura County.

#### **Education:**

94% of all K-5th Safe Passage children attend a Title 1 Federally assisted elementary school.

Nearly 100% of all Safe Passage children are on the Federal School Lunch Assistance program.



### Safety:

Prior to the Safe Passage
Neighborhood Safety Program,
the micro communities had the
highest FBI crime rates for 60
square miles. Safe Passage
works every day side by side
with teachers, counselors,
police and moms to keep
gangs out of these
neighborhoods.

# OUR TOOLBOX WE PROVIDE COMPUTERS

**INTERNET** 

SCHOOL CLOTHES & SHOES

**GROCERIES** 

FAMILY RENT RELIEF

UTILITY GRANTS

**HEALTH CARE** 

**LEGAL AID** 

VACCINE CLINICS

**COVID RELIEF** 

**RECREATION**