



# IMPACT 2021

NOT JUST A HOUSE, BUT A HOME & A FUTURE.



## Our MISSION

TO TRANSITION EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TOWARD GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY ASSISTING THEM WITH HOUSING & EDUCATION



### Affordable Housing

44

YEARS OF SERVICE

314

FAMILIES HOUSED AT 28 SITES  
THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY

1,277

AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING

\$43,865

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
\$160,000+

SECURED RENT RELIEF

**2,226** LOW INCOME  
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



### College Awareness Program

471

YOUTH SERVED, 35 VIRTUAL  
WORKSHOPS PROVIDED & 68  
PARENTS INVOLVED IN PADRE

374

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

92

COLLEGE GRADUATES TO DATE

99.7%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
SUCCESS RATE OVER 15 YEARS

93,072

ADVISING HOURS SINCE 2006



### Economic Empowerment & Homeownership

478

ADULTS EDUCATED WITH 24  
**FREE** BILINGUAL WORKSHOPS ON  
SPENDING PLANS, CREDIT,  
BANKING & HOMEOWNERSHIP

96

ONE-ON-ONES WITH OVER 140  
COUNSELING HOURS PROVIDED

86

HOMEOWNERS SINCE 2003 WITH  
4 FAMILIES STEPPING UP TO  
HOMEOWNERSHIP DURING OUR  
3rd YEAR AS A

**HUD APPROVED AGENCY**

# Meet

## BRIDGET



Bridget joined SteppingUP as a first generation student. She shares that SteppingUP helped her to learn about what was needed to apply to universities and learn about financial aid, while also providing the tools to cope with stress through the pandemic as her father was tested positive for COVID-19 on Christmas Day. When asked about her favorite workshop, Bridget shares that it was the mental health workshops SteppingUP provided, noting that the inability to be physically present on her school campus during her senior year was really hard and adapting to classes from home with many distractions was a struggle where she felt overall stressed with online school and thanks her advisor, Mayra, for helping her through the year. This fall, Bridget stepped up to UC Irvine with a major in Biological Science and a dream to one day become a pediatrician.

## The TORRES FAMILY



After learning how to reduce debt and increase credit and savings, our new homeowner was able to take advantage of WISH funds allowing them to close with \$22,000 in down payment assistance.

Thank you Union Bank for making their dream a reality! *"Greatly appreciate your partnership. If it wasn't for you our borrower would not have been able to accomplish this achievement. As you know at first they could not believe or were hesitant that they could buy and receive down payment assistance, but because of your encouragement and guidance they did. We closed today... We funded our First Dreamer!"*

- Gabriel Gomez, Union Bank

## The PHAN FAMILY



*"I never went to college and can't help my sons much but I am so thankful for all of the help Mayra and the SteppingUP team provided. Mayra worked with my sons over the weekends, throughout the nights and during holidays to make sure that all deadlines were met. My only regret is not finding about SteppingUP sooner."*

- Mrs. Phan