The mission of Women’s Empowerment is to educate and empower women who are experiencing homelessness with the skills and the confidence necessary to get a job, create a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.
I ended up at Women’s Empowerment (WE) after I explained to a case worker at the River City Food Bank what I’d gone through, that I was homeless and at the end of my rope. I felt like I’d exhausted my options to try and get help. She told me that she knew of just the place to help me: Women’s Empowerment. It literally changed my life.

When I reflect on the program, I see all of the aspects of the program as an amazing synthesis of effort by Women’s Empowerment and all of their employees, as well as the countless volunteers and organizations who partner with them. My social worker at Women’s Empowerment is the most tenaciously loving, caring, and wise woman that I’ve ever been blessed to know. Women’s Empowerment provided unwavering care and support.

After I graduated from the program, WE connected me with a paid internship opportunity with California State Assemblymember McCarty. He has created pathways for WE graduates to intern in his office. These internships have all resulted in full time positions for the women, many of which are state and county positions, including my own.

My first day of the internship, I was excited and nervous. I was happily surprised that everyone in that office was truly kind and welcoming — especially Miss Robin, also a WE graduate.

After my internship, I was hired by Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, who had campaigned on helping the homeless. I love the challenge of learning the processes of the Capitol and how my job fits into them. I am in awe of how much passion and diligent hard work goes on in that place; it’s everywhere! Thank you for letting me share my story and love for WE!
Innovative Housing Program to Alleviate Homelessness

As part of our strategic plan in 2019, we committed to building affordable workforce housing for graduates and their families. In partnership with the local building industry and a WE board member and developer, we are creating workforce housing for 50 graduates who’ve secured jobs but still can’t afford housing to support their families. This workforce housing will be located close to public transportation, a park, and Women’s Empowerment, where women can receive wrap-around services and support.

Infants and Toddlers Reached Developmental Milestones

Ninety infants and toddlers were nurtured in our onsite Child Development Center, where they were given a safe space to learn, play, and grow. Children who experience homelessness are four times more likely to develop developmental delays. Through powerful partnerships, children received developmental assessments and healthy meals onsite.

*611* homeless and formerly homeless women received life-changing services and support.

*148* jobs were secured.

*82* homeless women graduated from our innovative job readiness program, regaining confidence, employment skills, and hope!

- *70%* regained or maintained a safe, stable home.
- *80%* secured a job or enrolled in school or training.
- *86%* reported feeling a greater sense of control over their lives and futures.

WE received the Community Partnership Award from The Sacramento Housing Alliance for giving women a RE-start.
Women’s Empowerment Heroes

You continue to step forward to help women succeed in breaking the cycle of poverty.

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Your generosity in 2019 provided vital fiscal stability, making it possible for hundreds more women and children to break the cycle of homelessness. We continue to keep our commitment to hold at least three months of operating funds in reserve at all times. The life-changing services we provide would not be possible without you – thank you.

INCOME

Grants
$435,973

Individual Gifts
$419,728

Special Events
$255,618

Investments
$74,470

Social Enterprise Sales
$87,472

Total Income
$1,273,261

EXPENSES

Program Services
$930,415

Operations & Administration
$90,772

Fundraising
$113,465

Social Enterprise Cost of Sales
$35,051

Total Expenses
$1,169,703