



AMITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

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A circle room at Amity Broadway in Los Angeles

FRONT COVER Photo: Gates opening at Circle Tree Ranch Campus in Tucson
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Amity Foundation Mission

Amity Foundation is dedicated to the inclusion and habilitation of people marginalized by addiction, trauma, criminality, incarceration, poverty, racism, sexism, homelessness and violence.

We strive to improve health, and promote environmental, social and economic justice.

Amity is committed to research, development, implementation and dissemination of information regarding community building.

Misión de la Fundación Amistad

La Fundación Amistad se dedica a la

inclusión y habilitación de personas marginadas a causa de sus problemas de adicción, experiencias traumáticas, encarcelamiento, pobreza, discriminación racial o sexual, carencia de vivienda, y violencia.

Nos esforzamos por mejorar la salud y promover la justicia ambiental, social y económica.

La Fundación Amistad está entregada a la investigación, desarrollo, ejecución y difusión de información dirigida a construir un sentido comunitario más completo.

A Letter From Our CEO

Dear community,

This year posed many challenges. In addition to COVID-19, the nation experienced racial injustices, political tensions, and economic upheaval that further squeezed our lives. During this time, Amity's diverse community remained dedicated and strong. I am grateful to the faculty who are committed to our mission of bringing about change for others, whether on our campuses, in prisons, through employment services or housing operations.

The Returning Home Well (RHW) initiative, a public-private partnership, was borne out of the COVID-19 crisis. Given an impossibly short timeframe, we were able to collaborate with community-based organizations to support the early release of nearly 15,000 people and mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19 in California prisons.

Additionally, we saw the closing of two private prisons in California this year, through the leadership of the state and our reentry services, furthering the movement toward appropriate systemic change. We are also developing hundreds of units of safe and affordable housing, while creating livable wage jobs for people reentering society. These basics are essential to permanent recidivism reduction.

We are thrilled by our newest campus, La Entrada de Los Angeles. This is our first women's campus in California for those returning home from incarceration. We have further plans to build on the momentum of this exciting project.

Finally, I am honored to mention that 2021 marks the forty-year anniversary that Naya Arbiter has been at Amity. The day she came aboard as director of Tucson Awareness House, marked the beginning of an inspiring tenure which continues today. Naya has a unique ability to inspire and foster complete transformations in others with humility and grace. She has championed multitudes of people, tirelessly. Naya's ability to recognize the shared humanity in every walk of life allows for extraordinary turnaround experiences.



Doug Bond

Her demonstration has in its wake, many talented people, especially women. Many of us are committed and involved at Amity, decades later, because of her leadership and friendship. She has carried the moral and ethical baton for our organization on many occasions, creating a community with intelligence and heart. I am so grateful for her friendship as we move and grow into the future, along with the next generation of Amity.

I wish to thank all of the agencies, partners and donors with whom we work. Have a safe and healthy new year.

With gratitude,
Doug Bond

Services & Environment

Educating the whole person is a mainstay of our Teaching Community model. This begins with the basics of self-care and membership in an Amity community. It then moves into a deeper excavation of understanding one's own family history. In order to shift from a non-contributing member to a contributing citizen, it is also essential to understand the larger whole from where we came.

Ceremonies and workshops add value to the standard operations of a Therapeutic Community. As events in which both faculty and students participate. They offer intensive learning opportunities that foster rapid personal and social growth.

This year, we studied the four part documentary series by Raul Peck. The docuseries, entitled Exterminate All the Brutes, examines "the exploitative and genocidal aspects of European colonialism from America to Africa".



Jesse Losoya, Executive Community Advocate

Mike Salazar, Director of Facilities & Assets



Faculty Family Tapestry Workshop (Back Row): Doug Bond, Robin Rettmer, Rod Mullen. (Front Row): Raul Frias, Elaine Noah, Juana Ochoa, Linda McBee, Jesse Losoya, Rhonda Hall, Regina Slaughter

Amistad de Los Angeles

Amistad de Los Angeles provides reentry services for up to 184 men in California as they work their way towards reintegration. We use elements of our Teaching Community curriculum to help students process past trauma, history, and behavior.

Additionally, we partner with numerous agencies to provide vocational, GED, educational, employment, and housing services. We will soon break ground on a three- year renovation project for our Amistad campus, allowing us to help more people.

Students and faculty worked together to maintain the safety and health of the community. We are grateful for our efficient vaccination protocol.



Mural at the entrance of Amistad

Beacon

2020 was a challenging time at Beacon ensuring the safety of students during this pandemic.

In order to reunite and integrate our students with family, we implemented procedures and protocols for visiting in an open park area, following CDC guidelines.

In 2021, with vaccinations and safety protocols, students were able to go out and gain employment, access training, and return to school. They were also able to enjoy outings together including attending Sparks and Angels games, visiting the Santa Monica Pier beach, the Friendship Bell in San Pedro, and picnicking at Balboa Park.

Students and faculty engaged in monthly workshops covering topics such as climate change, the Nina Simone documentary; the story of the Osage Indians, Black Wall Street and Dolores Huerta. These workshops afford our community a global view of issues that require immediate attention.



Students from Beacon having a surfing lesson

Dragonfly Village

Dragonfly Village has been serving the Tucson community for seven years. This beautiful campus offers 39 units of permanent, supportive housing for any qualified individual, veteran or family, offering access to opportunities, job readiness and transportation.

Through a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Amity at Dragonfly offers non-residential support services for homeless individuals and their families.

Students participate in counseling that addresses trauma and substance abuse as well as a full spectrum of services central to education, health, wellness, career readiness, and adult education.



Winter in Tucson (photo courtesy Rod Mullen)

Circle Tree Ranch

Circle Tree Ranch, Amity's flagship campus, is a Teaching Community located on 60 acres between the Catalina and Rincon mountain ranges. Since the mid-1980's, this campus has been cultivated as a safe and inclusive environment for all people.

This year, despite restraints from COVID-19, students and faculty participated in monthly workshops written by Naya Arbiter. Although there was not much recreation due to the pandemic, students did an excellent job safeguarding and coming up with in-house activities which included karaoke talent shows and music.

In terms of community building, one happy outcome of students' taking responsibility for their own personal growth, is that they began hosting overnight 12-hour circles. These took place every weekend on a voluntary basis for several months. This offered opportunities to share stories, forge friendships, and build self-reliance.



A gathering at Circle Tree Ranch | Tucson

La Entrada de Los Angeles

Our first dedicated community campus for women in the state of California, La Entrada de Los Angeles, opened in January 2021.

Funded by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP), this 60-bed residential community provides whole-person services during the last 45 days to 2 years of the womens' sentences.

At La Entrada, we help students begin to break the multigenerational cycles of substance abuse, trauma, and violence through family reunification, parenting workshops, meditation, yoga and other learning plans.

Additionally, we partner with numerous agencies to provide vocational, GED, educational and employment services.



Lillian Marquez, one of the directors of in-prison services in California

Vista Ranch

Vista Ranch, a 5-acre campus in San Diego county, opened its doors in 1991.

This residential campus serves 60 men from the county of San Diego. We provide reentry support services to individuals whose lives have been complicated by substance abuse.

Vista offers students a teaching environment and continued education to support personal growth and change. There are many opportunities to participate in ceremony and celebration with family and friends.

During the holiday season, we are proud of our students who volunteer and collaborate with Toys for Tots by helping distribute over 100,000 toys to children in need.



Mark Schuettinger
VP & Director of Circle Tree Ranch



BELOVED FACULTY
Stephanie Reveles & Mary Aguirre



Robin Rettmer, Chief Operating Officer

Just in Reach

Just in Reach is part of our de-incarceration initiative. We are a provider with in-jail outreach that links up to 350 LA probationers with services. It is a pay-for-success initiative that funds based on successful outcomes. In addition to housing and mental health services, it connects people to other resources such as healthcare, education, job readiness, and employment services.

This year: 114 students were placed in Permanent Supportive Housing, 30 students were placed in Enriched Residential Care and 144 students were permanently housed.



Annalisa Mitchell, Regional Project Director

Broadway

This reentry arm of our services rose to the challenge of increased releases from prisons due to social distancing measures. Amity was awarded a reentry contract from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that funds parolees in their first year of release as they transition back into the community.

We place students with dozens of providers throughout Los Angeles county and follow up on their quality of services closely. This year, Amity on Broadway enrolled 3521 men and women.



A favorite archived Amity photo

In-Prison Services

Amity is able to offer services via Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment (ISUDT) contracts with California Department of Corrections (CDCR) Division of Rehabilitative Programs in Regions 3, 4 and 5 in the state.

Additionally, we have a collaborative youth offender contract at Valley State Prison. The pilot project's success will be an example for future endeavors.

Lastly, we are currently ramping up a Department of Juvenile Justice project across three prison campuses, promoting policy changes supporting community based alternatives to incarceration.

Family Reconciliation

Our students are influenced and inspired by their environment. The most catalytic parts of the teaching and learning environment at Amity are faculty who are enthusiastic and passionate learners, who inspire engagement, and meet the challenges by the students within the community context.

Throughout the organization, the week-long "Tapestry of Family" workshops give our faculty the opportunity to learn more about themselves, understand our students better, enhance our students' needs, and build a stronger faculty community.

The workshops are designed with materials developed by pioneers in psychology including Jacob Moreno, Alice Miller, and Virginia Satir. Workshops include multi-generational studies, verbal and non-verbal exercises, reading, and writing assignments.

Amity has had a rich history supporting our students rebuilding often damaged relationships with family, whether spouses, parents, and/or children. After students spend some time on themselves accounting for their roles in damaging the delicate threads of those relationships, they can begin to spend time in a safe and supportive environment, where both they and their family members can begin to speak the language of accountability and forgiveness.



Faculty and students gathering at the Pavilion in Tucson



Some of the children who have been at Amity

Whole Person Education At Work

Together Increases

- Authentic Citizenship
- Community Membership
- Community Respect
- Economic Justice
- Emotional Literacy
- Environmental Justice
- Family Reconciliation
- Financial Literacy
- Moral Development
- Self Actualization
- Permanent Housing
- Policy Change
- Public Safety
- Recidivism Reduction
- Social Accountability
- Social Impact
- Social Progress

Teaching Community Elements

- Attention to Environment
- Attention to Friendships
- Ceremony & Traditions
- Family Work/Social Atom
- Personal History Work
- Social Responsibility
- Workshops



Therapeutic Community Elements

- Membership Feedback
- Participant Roles
- Personal Change
- Personal Sharing
- Role Modeling
- Shared Norms
- Work & Skills

Continuance & Wellbeing

- Appropriate Housing
- Finance Skills
- Education/GED
- Health & Wellness
- Parenting
- Positive Employment
- Re-Entry Skills
- Vocational Training

Philanthropy & Giving

GEORGE HOAG - PARENTING & FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Amity received a \$15,000 grant to provide family reunification services at our La Entrada project for women. Funds received from the George Hoag Family Foundation have been used to purchase and deliver parenting curriculum and help support family reunification such as games and toys for parent-child interactions during visitations. The project is now in its third round and has reached over 40 mothers in just the first 6 months.

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Amity was the grateful recipient of a \$10,000 COVID Emergency Relief grant from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to provide critical personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies to manage the strict protocols in place to keep Amity's Arizona campuses clean, safe, and virus-free. Such efforts have kept Amity's communities safe from excessive virus transmission and have allowed the continued provision of necessary services to its students.

CALIFORNIA REINVESTMENT GRANT

Amity received close to \$450K from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to implement employment and navigation services in Los Angeles. This includes linkages to workforce initiatives sponsored by the City of LA, County of LA, LA Unified School District and community partners, Community for Responsible Community Development (CRCDD), Goodwill Industries, and Chrysalis. This grant also funded an education and training fund with \$31K designated for student training costs, work required equipment, and support services.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT OF HOPE & PACIFIC WESTERN BANK

We are grateful to the Bank of Hope for its \$10,000 charitable contribution for Community Services targeted to benefit low and moderate income individuals and families in Los Angeles County. We also want to thank the Pacific Western Bank for its financial contribution of \$10,000, supporting our Amistad de Los Angeles renovation project.

Employment Services

Thanks to the generosity from the team at Enterprise Vision Technologies (EVT), we opened the Education and Employment Center, this past summer. EVT's gift of \$50,000 funded new computers and other technology for employment services such as resume building, employment preparation, and job searches. It also serves 5 Keys Charter school, which provides classes for students to obtain their GED.

The Center serves students from Amity's campuses and people from neighboring community-based organizations in Los Angeles County. On any given week, our faculty serve upwards of 300 students.

We also enrolled over 900 students in the **Returning Citizen Stimulus** program, funded through the Center for Employment Opportunities. Students received a stipend of \$2,750 for completing milestones in the program.



The new space at Amity's Education and Employment center

Danny's Girls

HOW A STORY TURNS AROUND

Walk through Rainmaker or the dining room at Amistad in Los Angeles with Daniel Cuevas Romero, and every few feet you'll hear from students, "Hey Danny", "Que pasa, Danny" or "Gracias por el ejemplo". "Thank you for the example". These are words he did not think he'd be hearing every day at work. With a ready smile and an authentic desire to offer his hand to others, Danny now walks the same path as others did for him.

Danny began his association with Amity back in 1999, but bounced in and out of jail and prison for a decade after that. At long last, Danny took a firm hold of the hand Amity extended to him. First a student, then as faculty, Danny is now a demonstrator, a mentor, a community advocate, a role model, an advisor, a leader and a beloved friend to many.

This year, in an unusual turn of events, the courts granted Danny full custody of his very young granddaughters, Ariel (6) and Melody (4). It is rare for someone with Danny's background of addiction, violence, crime, and decades of jail and prison to prove themselves a fit "parent". It is especially difficult when one is not the actual parent. It is through persistence and commitment that Danny is able to give his little girls a strong foundation and a promising future.

Today, Danny focuses on finding healthy snacks for the girls, reading storybooks and finding good hair conditioner. After school, the girls excitedly tell him about their days. They run circles around Danny, but he wouldn't have it any other way.



Ariel & Melody saying, "Thank you!"



Danny working on his styling skills



The girls and a red balloon



Relaxing after a long day

Danny's Girls

From a Student: Our Circle Tree Ranch Newsletter Excerpt²

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Since the day I walked through the arches here at Amity, I've been awe struck with its beauty. It's a combination of art, architecture, and nature that gives this place its unique aura. When you enter the dining room you feel like you have brought a piece of the outdoors in with you, with the huge stone fire place and the giant wooden beams in the ceiling. Everywhere you go outside, there is an intricate woven melody of brick work, flagstone, and cement sidewalks that seem to complement each other. The multicultural artwork represents every corner of the world should, in contrast to the Spanish colonial architecture, and yet it seems to only add to the serenity of the environment.

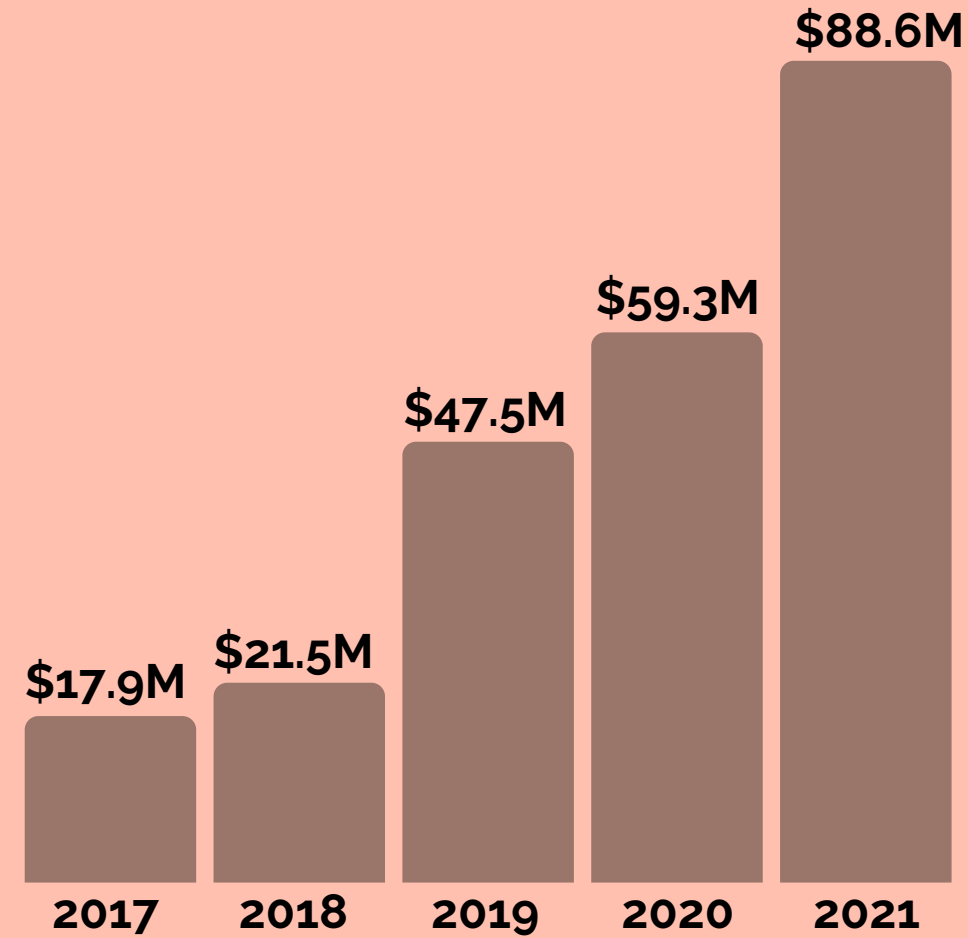
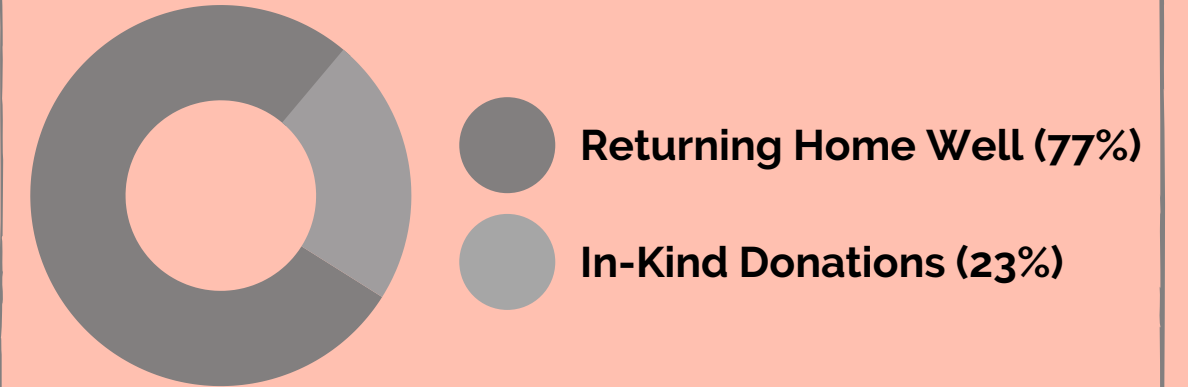
All of the Hindu, Buddhist, Catholic, and First American totems give this place its own sense of spirituality that no other place of worship can compete with.

I know every day here is not a good day. Maybe even today might be one of those days that seems to never end. Take a minute. Take a breath. Take some time to focus on the wonderful place in which you are because it could always be worse. Don't ever forget that jails, prisons, and graveyards are full of people with our afflictions.

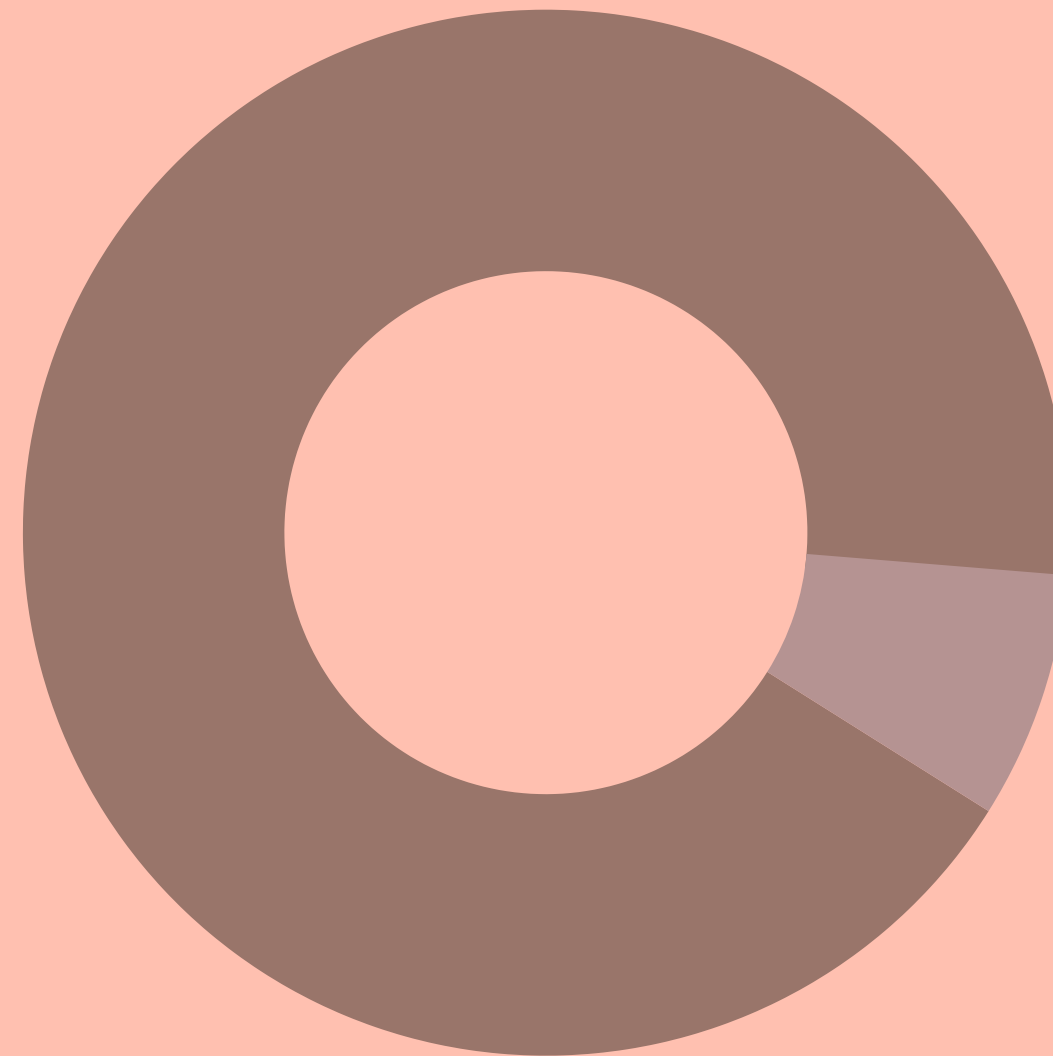
I challenge each and every person to reflect and spend a moment being grateful for where you are and what you got. There are those who aren't so fortunate, and we may not get this opportunity again.

Financials

Fundraising \$14.9m



Revenue by Year



FY 2021 Expenses
\$83.9m

Returning Home Well

In 2020, the Governor of California tapped Amity to serve as lead agency for the Returning Home Well initiative, a \$30+ million statewide public-private initiative to reduce COVID-19 transmission by expediting early releases from California's overcrowded prisons. As lead agency, Amity coordinated with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and a network of 200 community-based service providers to offer housing, wrap-around services, and financial assistance to those released.

As of August 2021, Returning Home Well has achieved remarkable milestones: 14,800 individuals have been released; 13,817 received substance use disorder treatment and housing; 5,021 received re-entry housing and 5,701 received financial assistance. Amity and its network of partners provided transportation, meals, linkages to healthcare, and employment. Together, the network of reentry providers is serving 3,077 people daily – up from 1,850. As of June 2021, California prisons are still overcrowded, at 107% of design capacity, as the pandemic continues. Amity will continue leading the Returning Home Well initiative into 2022 with additional funds added from CDCR. This work has further cemented Amity's mission to end mass incarceration and serve as a national model for quality reentry services.



Youth Treatment at Valley State Prison

In March of 2021, Amity at Valley State Prison was awarded the first Youth Offender Program in California, which allows inmates under the age of 25 access to programs in lower security-level housing as a way to increase success. This service provides one on one treatment planning, as well as a curriculum designed to work with both PTSD and substance use disorders.

In July 2021, thirty-four students at the "Valley State Prison Youth Offender Trauma-Focused Treatment Program" were the first class to graduate. The Seeking Safety Treatment Program is a collaborative effort between California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and Amity Foundation.

This is an innovative 11-week course that combines substance abuse help and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorders to combat destructive behavior. The program of study is listed by the American Psychological Association as having strong research support as an appropriate treatment for success and recidivism reduction.

The courses are taught by licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, and are supported by inmate mentors who have completed the rigorous Offender Mentor Certification Program. Participants receive Rehabilitative Achievement Credits (RAC), which helps reduce time to served.



The first graduation class from this project

Board of Directors

We would like to thank our Board of Directors for their commitment and work in supporting Amity's mission



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 Center for Health Justice
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 Coalition for Responsible Community Development
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 CODAC Behavioral Health
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 Community Coalition

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 Crossroads, Inc.
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 GetBetterFuture.com
 Gila River Indian Community
 Glendora Recovery Center
 Go Staff
 Golden Path, The
 Good Shepard Center
 Goodwill Industries
 Gospel Rescue Mission
 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
 Grandview Foundation
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 Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law
 Healing America's Youth
 Health Right 360
 Heising Simons Foundation
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 Hillsman Center
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 Homeless Solutions Access Center
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In Gratitude

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 Manna Feast
 Maxine Waters Employment

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 Pathways 2 Success
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 Paving the Way Foundation
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 People Assisting the Homeless
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 Pima County
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 Pomona College
 Preparation Center
 Primavera Foundation
 Project 180
 Prototypes Pomona
 Public Counsel Law Center
 Public Defender Mobile Monthly
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PV Jobs
 Reborn Transitional Housing
 Reclaim Possibility
 Reentry Providers Association of Los Angeles
 Rescue-A-Life Foundation
 Resource for Human Development
 Reverend John Mireles
 Room and Board
 Roosevelt Community Adult School
 Root and Rebound
 Rosenberg Foundation
 Rowdy and Kathleen Yates
 Sadler Healthcare, Inc.
 Salvaged Lives Resources
 Salvation Army
 San Carlos Apache Tribe
 San Diego Futures Foundation
 San Diego Probation & Parole
 San Diego Reentry Round Table
 San Fernando Recovery Center
 Second Chance
 Select Staffing
 Shelter Partnership
 Sober Clarity Living Inc.
 Soles4Souls
 Special Service for Groups
 SRO Housing Corporation
 SSD Help Center
 St. Margaret's Center
 St. Vincent de Paul Center
 Stanford Law School
 Steal Deal
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 Supersmile
 Tangle Creations
 Tanque Verde School District
 Tarzana Treatment Center

Telecare Corp.
 The Eye of the Beholder
 The Golden Path
 The Salvation Army
 Timelist Group, Inc.
 Tohono O'Odham Tribe
 Toys for Tots
 Transformational Living Homes
 Treatment Communities of America
 Tri-City Mental Health
 Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
 Two Men and a Truck
 U. S. Vets - Inglewood
 United American Indian Involvement
 United Homeless Healthcare Partnership
 United Way of Greater Los Angeles
 Unity Bridges
 University of Arizona SW Institute for Research on Women
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Southern California
 Urban League of San Diego County
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 Vera Institute of Justice
 Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation
 Violence Prevention Coalition
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 Vista Unified School District
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 Weingart Center Association
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 White Mountain Apache Tribe
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Amity Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on the belief that life is an apprenticeship to the truth. Around every circle of truth a larger circle can grow. The extent to which this circle expands depends upon the force of truth which the individual manifests. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of our minds. We must press on, for nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

We do not treat friendships delicately, but with the roughest courage, for when they are real, they are the most solid, the most powerful things we know. There are two elements that go into the composition of friendship; one is truth; the other is tenderness. Daily, we weave a tapestry of friendship, each individual becoming a part of the larger whole. No person is an island unto themselves.

Each of us must consciously participate in our own evolution, helping ourselves and reaching out to each other. We are our brother's and sister's keeper. We teach by doing and not otherwise. Always our actions speak more clearly and loudly than our words.

One teaches who gives, one learns who receives. As long as we willingly accept ourselves, we will continue to grow and develop our potentialities. We do not know what it is that we can do until we have tried, nor can we guess today the power of tomorrow when we are in the process of building ourselves. What frightens us from self-reliance is a mistaken reverence for our past acts confining us to be true to yesterday's realities. There is no end to nature because every end is a beginning. So let us use all called fortune and deal with cause and effect. In the will we must work and acquire. Nothing can bring us peace but ourselves. Nothing can bring us peace but the triumph of principle.



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Rainmaking

When people gather with good intent

Wind collect spirit clouds

Rain falls nourishing earth

Spring returns to all our relations

Haciendo la Lluvia

Cuando la gente se reúne con buenas intenciones

El viento crea nubes espirituales

La Lluvia cae nutriendo la tierra

La Primavera regresa en todas nuestra relaciones