



# 20 25 Annual Report



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# Message from our Founder

2025 was a year of clarity, growth, and renewal for our organization. Formerly Jacaranda Housing, we proudly rebranded as Jacaranda Rising—a name that more clearly reflects our mission, our services, and the potential we see in the young adults in our program. As a Board, we also refined our Vision, Mission, and Core Values and partnered with Access Impact ([accessyourimpact.com](https://accessyourimpact.com)) to develop a five-year Strategic Plan to guide our future.

This year was also our Outreach Program's strongest yet. In 2025, we served 77 young adults while remaining within budget, a meaningful milestone for our growing organization.

I am deeply grateful to our supporters. Whether you gave your time, resources, or financial support, your generosity made this work possible. We are excited for what 2026 and beyond will bring for Jacaranda Rising!

Gratefully,  
Alison Bodager



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# Our Vision & Mission

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## Vision Statement

Jacaranda Rising envisions a Los Angeles County where at-risk, transition-age adults (18-24) break free from cycles of poverty, homelessness, foster care, and other challenges. Our ultimate goal is to empower them to become confident, independent individuals.

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## Mission Statement

Jacaranda Rising is dedicated to empowering at-risk transition-age adults (18-24) in Los Angeles County by providing them with the tools necessary to thrive independently. We achieve this through a collaborative approach that combines life skills training with compassionate support in a welcoming and encouraging environment.



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# Our Core Values

**T**ogetherness - We are committed to creating a sense of community within our organization, through our dedication to young adults, our partners, our staff, and our board of directors.

**H**onor – We value and respect one another, embracing diversity and recognizing that this diversity strengthens and enriches our community.

**R**esilience – We are committed to learning and healing from our past, while moving on towards a bright future.

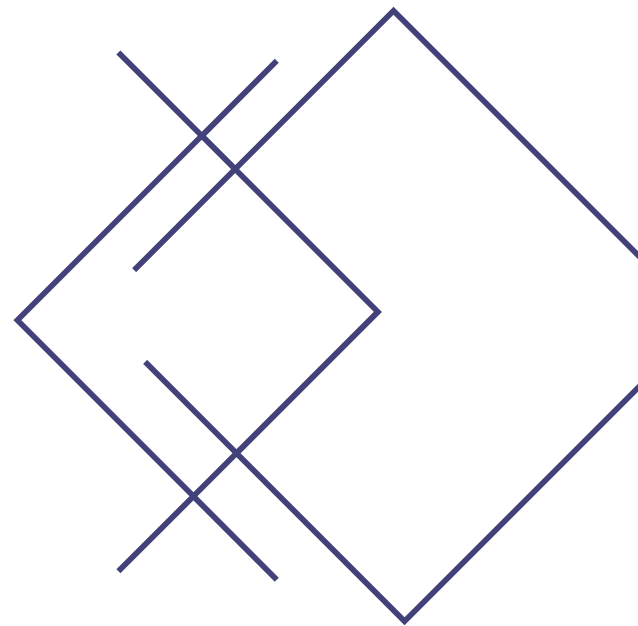
**I**ntegrity – We are dedicated to honesty and transparency, upholding strong moral and ethical values. We expect the same from our supporters and program members.

**V**ersatility – We are dedicated to creating a versatile program that adapts to the unique needs of each young adult, while recognizing that everyone's needs and experience are different.

**E**xcellence – We are dedicated to pursuing excellence in everything we do.

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# Program Highlights



## Our Outreach Program

In 2025, Jacaranda Rising's Outreach Program **served 77 transition-age young adults** (ages 18–24) who were experiencing homelessness or aging out of the foster care system. Through this program, we provided a total of **226 direct support services**, including life skills and job readiness workshops designed to help young adults build stability and independence.

Our outreach model emphasizes consistent, wraparound support. Of the young adults served, **57% received two or more services**, and **34% received three or more services**, reflecting meaningful engagement and ongoing participation in our programs.

Across Los Angeles County, **2,581 young adults experienced homelessness in 2025**. Jacaranda Rising works to keep these young adults from experiencing chronic homelessness by equipping them with the practical skills, confidence, and resources needed to live independently.

Together we are empowering young adults for bright futures.



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# Financial Highlights

For 2025, we proposed a total organizational budget of **\$62,425**, designed to prioritize direct impact while maintaining responsible financial stewardship. The majority of proposed expenses—**\$39,895 (64%)**—were allocated to our Outreach Program. **\$18,380 (29%)** was designated for administrative operations to ensure strong infrastructure and accountability, while **\$4,150 (7%)** was planned for fundraising efforts to sustain AND GROW our work.

This proposed budget reflected our commitment to maximizing resources in service of our mission while building a stable foundation for future growth.

## 2025 Actuals

In 2025, Jacaranda Rising **raised \$62,804** and **spent \$50,988**, remaining under budget while continuing to serve young adults effectively. **\$28,818 (57%)** supported program services, **\$18,367 (36%)** covered administrative operations, and **\$3,803 (7%)** was invested in fundraising.

We remained under budget in large part due to the **in-kind program donations** of our generous supporters, whose contributions helped maximize our impact and extend our reach.



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# Partnerships in 2025

## Who do we partner with?

In 2025, Jacaranda Rising strengthened its impact through partnerships with trusted organizations serving transition-age young adults across Los Angeles County. Through our partnership with **The Village Family Services**, we supported young adults experiencing homelessness at their transition-age youth shelter by providing life skills workshops, essential resources, birthday gifts, and an end-of-year holiday celebration.

We also partnered with **Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services** through their Clubhouse program, offering workshops and resources to young adults currently in or aging out of the foster care system. Additionally, our partnership with the **La La Land Foundation** allowed us to support participants in their Workforce Development Program with workshops and resources focused on building job readiness and independent living skills.

These collaborations enabled Jacaranda Rising to meet young adults where they are and deliver consistent, meaningful support tailored to their needs.

## Partnership Goals for 2026

In 2026, we aim to double our impact by doubling the number of organizational partners. **Three new partnerships** will allow us to reach more young adults and strengthen the local support network for transition-age youth experiencing homelessness or aging out of foster care.



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# Board & Volunteers

In 2025, Jacaranda Rising was fortunate to have **six incredible board members**—Gaby Carrera, Charlene Allen, Alison Bodager, Luis Curet, Chanel Williams, and Nancy Geroso—whose dedication to rebranding Jacaranda Rising while preserving the heart, mission, and vision of our founder played a major role in our successful year.

We are also deeply grateful to our **55 volunteers**, who contributed over **285 hours** through program and event support. The generosity, time, and energy of our board and volunteers make everything we do possible, and we could not achieve our mission without them.



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# 5 Year Strategic Plan

In collaboration with **Access Impact** ([accessyourimpact.com](https://accessyourimpact.com)), Jacaranda Rising developed a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to guide our growth and expand our impact for transition-age young adults.

**2026–2027:** We plan to expand our Outreach Program by offering new resources, including a mentorship program, and by doubling our collaborations with like-minded nonprofit partners to reach more young adults in need.

**2028–2030:** We aim to launch and grow Jacaranda Coffee House, a community space that will employ young adults in our program while also providing a venue for workshops, mentorship meetings, events, and additional support outside working hours.

This strategic plan reflects our commitment to creating long-term opportunities, stability, and community for the young adults we serve.

To view our full Strategic Plan, visit our website:  
[www.jacarandarising.org/outreach-program](https://www.jacarandarising.org/outreach-program)



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