



Project Homeless Connect Report

January 23, 2014

This report provides a profile of the men and women who attended The 8th Project Homeless Connect – Downtown San Diego (PHC). They make up part of the homeless population in the City of San Diego, and this report captures the challenges they face.

A one-day resource fair, PHC served 854 San Diegans at Golden Hall in the San Diego Concourse in downtown San Diego on December 4, 2013.

Registration for PHC was paperless for the second time, using computers at the entrance to gather information from participants about their current life circumstances. Their responses are contained in this PHC report.

PHC provided an important opportunity for homeless individuals to begin the process of ending their homelessness and rebuilding their lives, engaging them in a process to help them learn about housing programs, mental health services, substance abuse counseling and other services.

The majority of PHC participants were single (81.3 percent), men (61.1 percent), between the ages of 41 and 60 (58.5 percent), and unemployed (85.6 percent).

At PHC, 692 volunteers and 86 service providers came together to offer free clothing, food, and a variety of services, such as flu shots, dental exams, haircuts, housing assistance information, and identification cards from the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

For the fourth consecutive time, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) was the lead organizer for PHC, providing financial support and, through SDHC's website, volunteer recruitment. Major partners were the City of San Diego, Interfaith Shelter Network, Family Health Centers of San Diego and St. Vincent de Paul Village.

We were honored to have had Interim Mayor Todd Gloria serve as Honorary Chair of PHC.

The generosity of San Diegans and the participation of our elected officials, local businesses, and the community made a difference in the lives of these San Diegans.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission



Goals

- Connect San Diego homeless individuals with necessary services, including help that leads to permanent housing
- Expand awareness of homelessness, necessary services and potential solutions
- Improve the system of care through collaboration among service providers
- Partner with the private sector, corporations and foundations to expand service capacity and funding support
- Engage a broad base of volunteers: nonprofits, businesses and individual community members

Project Homeless Connect, a national best practice model, originated in San Francisco in October 2004 and brings much-needed services together in one place, on one day, making it easy for homeless people to get the help and answers they need.

The first Project Homeless Connect in the City of San Diego was held on December 8, 2005.

SDHC became the lead organizer in 2010.



Participant Information

This report is based on the information homeless participants at PHC provided about themselves.

Alfred, 53, was one of the 38.8 percent of the 854 PHC participants who said they are currently living on the streets and the 85.6 percent who said they are unemployed.

Alfred said he has been homeless for about eight months, after being laid off from his janitorial job. He attended PHC to find help to get a job, clothes and something to eat.

“This is very good for the community, and it’s very good for the homeless people,” Alfred explained. “A lot of these people lost their jobs, they were making good money and everything; and it all went down the drain.”

Another 18.4 percent of the PHC participants said they were residing in an emergency shelter; and 10.0 percent were living with family or friends.

Women represented 36.3 percent of the PHC participants.

Jennifer, 33, who is living in a shelter for women, has been homeless since July because of domestic violence.

Jennifer attended PHC to receive legal aid, clothing, housing information, counseling, and, as a childhood cancer survivor, to learn about health care options.

“I didn’t even know there was such a thing—it’s amazing,” Jennifer said about PHC. “There is so much help out there, and people actually care about us.”

Additional characteristics of PHC participants:

- 58.5 percent of homeless men and women were between the ages of 41-60;
- 81.3 percent were single;
- 61.1 percent were male;
- 36.3 percent were female;
- 58.3 percent were white;
- 24.4 percent were Hispanic;
- 21.3 percent were black or African-American;
- 15.3 percent were military veterans;
- 53.5 percent had a medical condition or disability;
- More than half – 56.9 percent – relied on clinics for health care, while 14.3 percent do not go anywhere for health care treatment;
- 49.3 percent said they had mental health issues, but only 37.2 percent said they were receiving treatment;
- 30.9 percent had mobility limitations;
- 36.3 percent had an average monthly cash income of \$999 or less;
- 46.0 percent received non-cash benefits, such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh or County Medical Services; and
- 11.6 percent were families with children.

SDHC’s Housing Innovations Department compiled the data for this report.





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Statistics

854 Participants Served

522 Males

310 Females

4 Transgender

18 did not respond to gender question

Services Rendered

150 ID Re-instatements/Cards Approved by DMV Services

85 New ID Cards Issued

125 Flu Shots

355 Haircuts

85 Dental Exams/Education/Referrals

39 Social Security Inquiries Served

38 HIV Tests Administered

32 Dental Cleanings Administered

22 Hepatitis-C Tests Administered

18 Dental/Educational Referrals

14 Social Security Card Applications Processed



Agencies & Volunteers

692 Registered Volunteers

86 Service Providers



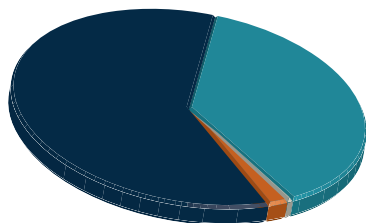
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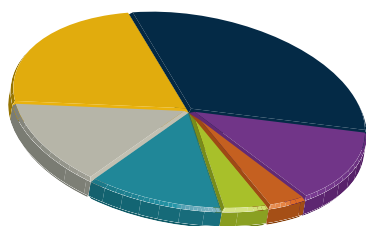
Demographics

Gender



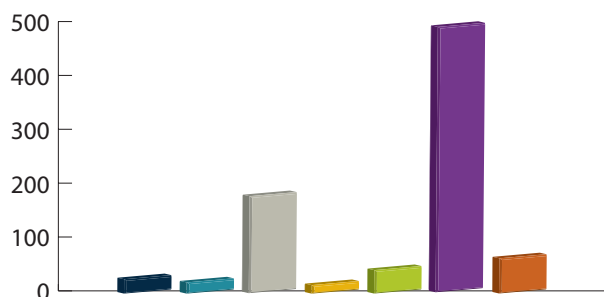
Male - 61.1%	(522)
Female - 36.3%	(310)
Transgender - 0.5%	(4)
Did not respond - 2.1%	(18)

Age



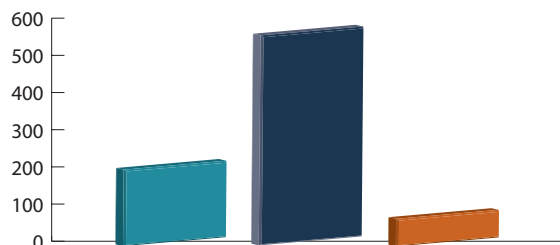
20 & Younger - 2.7%	(23)
21-30 - 8.5%	(73)
31-40 - 13.5%	(115)
41-50 - 25.6%	(219)
51-60 - 32.9%	(281)
Over 60 - 14.2%	(121)
Did not respond - 2.6%	(22)

Race*



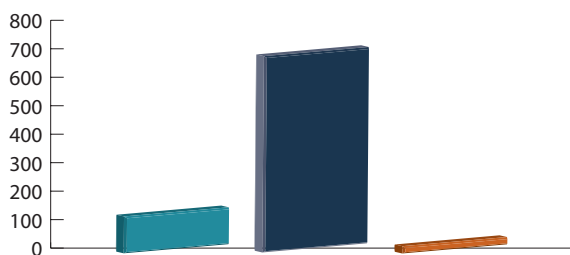
American Indian/Alaska Native - 3.2%	(27)
Asian - 2.5%	(21)
Black/African-American - 21.3%	(182)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 1.9%	(16)
Refused - 5.2%	(44)
Caucasian - 58.3%	(498)
Did not respond - 7.7%	(66)

Hispanic*



Yes - 24.4%	(208)
No - 66.9%	(571)
Did not respond - 8.9%	(75)

Veterans*



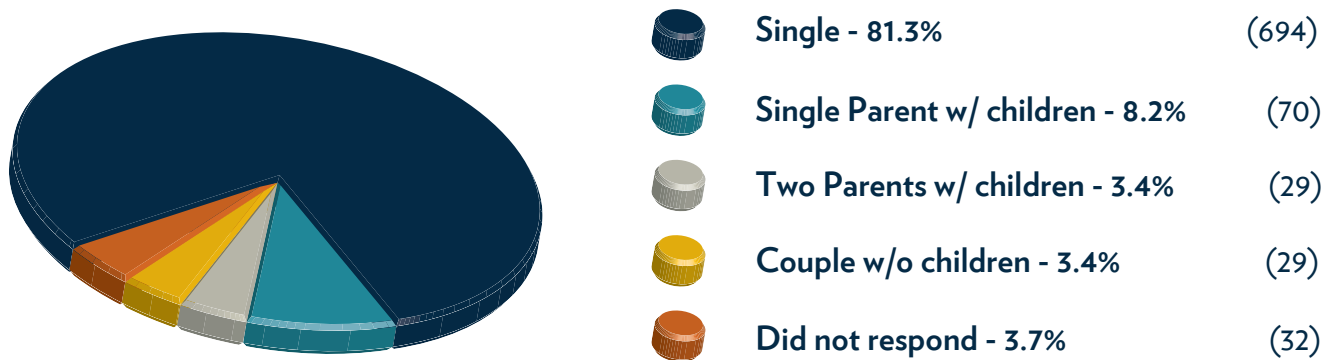
Yes - 15.3%	(131)
No - 81.6%	(697)
Did not respond - 3.0%	(26)

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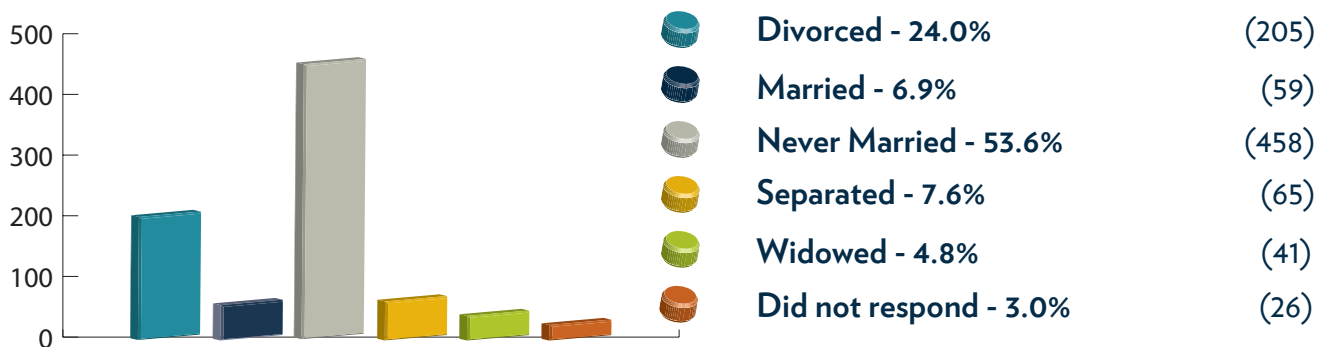


Families

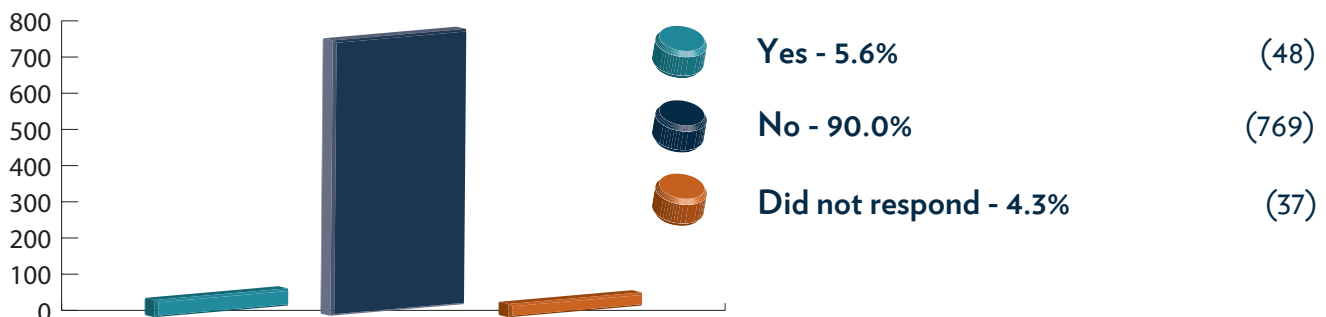
Family Type



Marital Status*



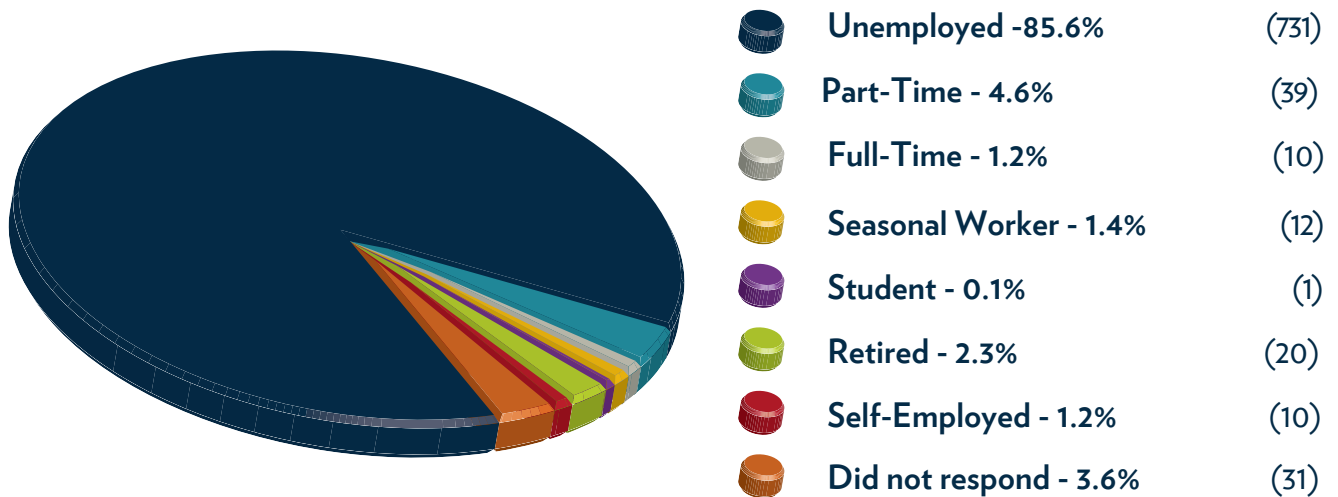
Have Minor Children*



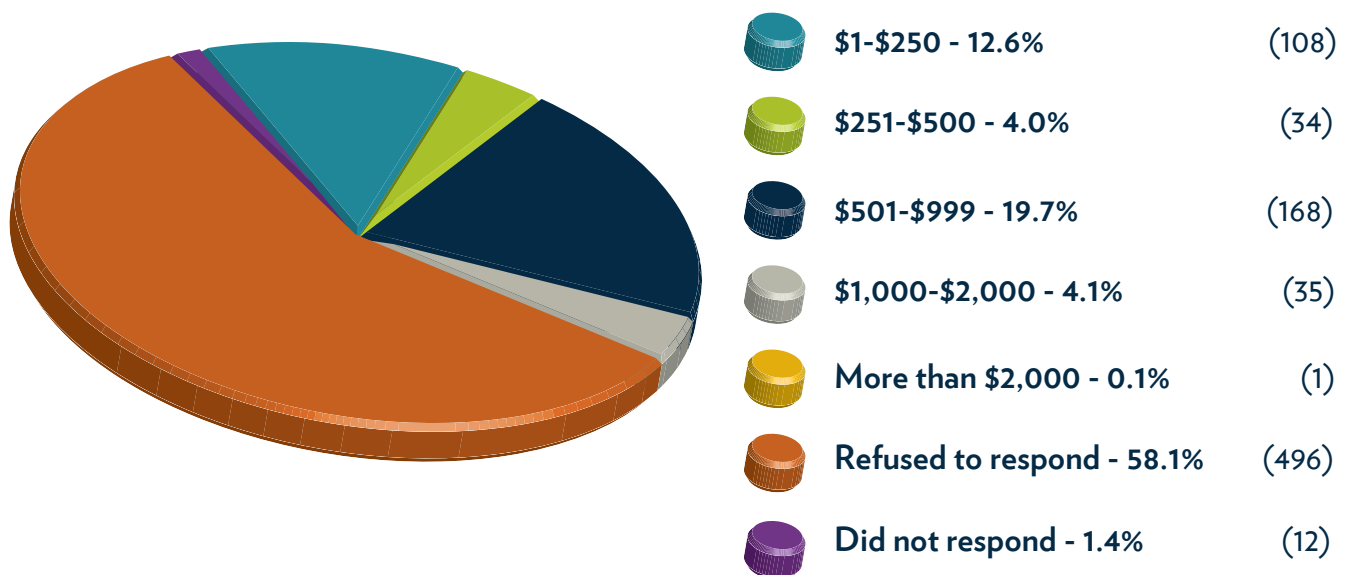
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Summary of Employment Status



Average Monthly Cash Income

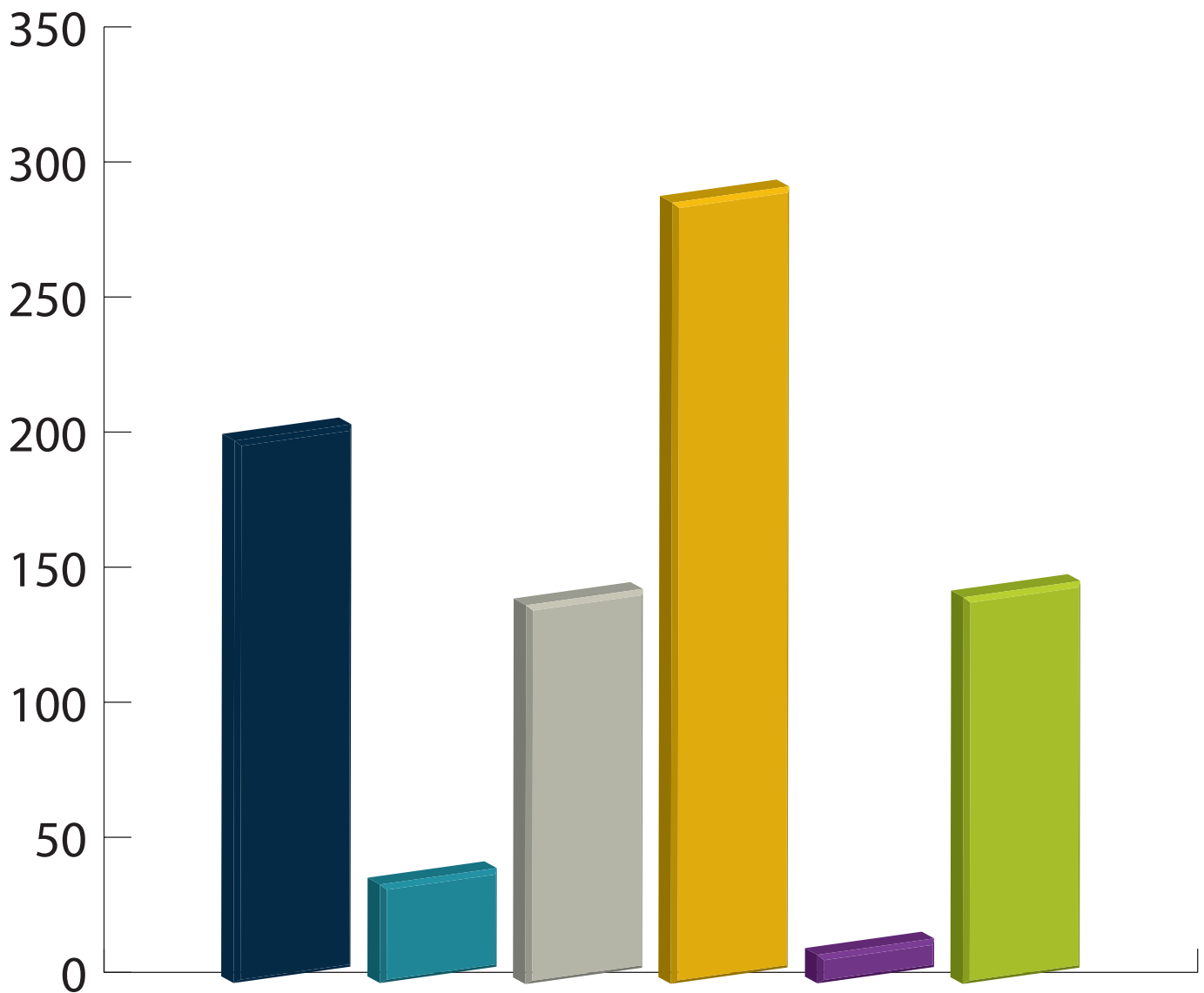








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Non-Cash Benefits*



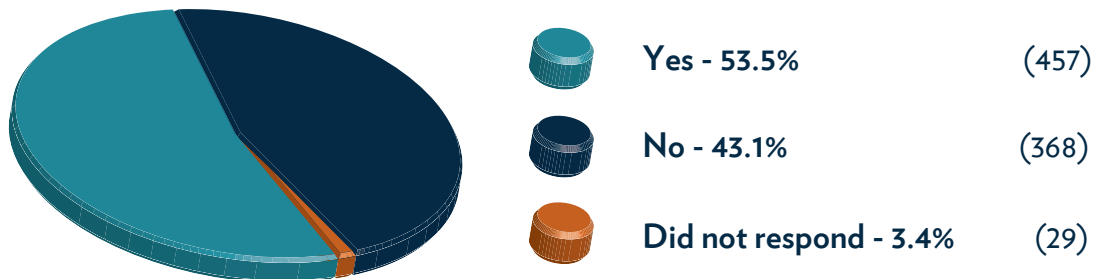
	CalFresh - 24.5%	(209)		Refused to respond - 1.3%	(11)
	County Medical Services - 4.4%	(38)		Did not respond - 17.4%	(149)
	Medi-Cal - 17.1%	(146)			
	None - 35.2%	(301)			

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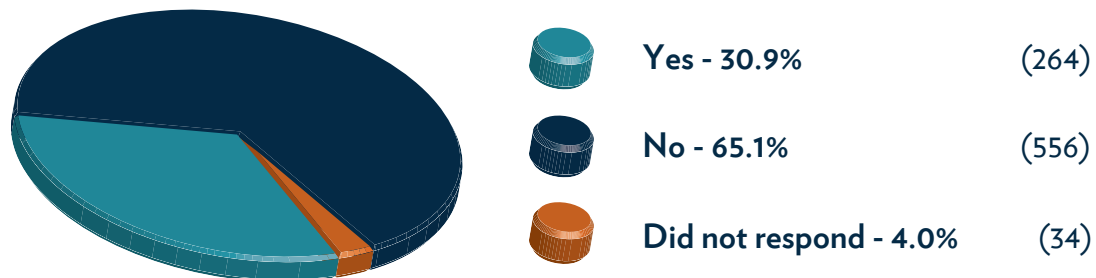


Medical and Mental Health Conditions

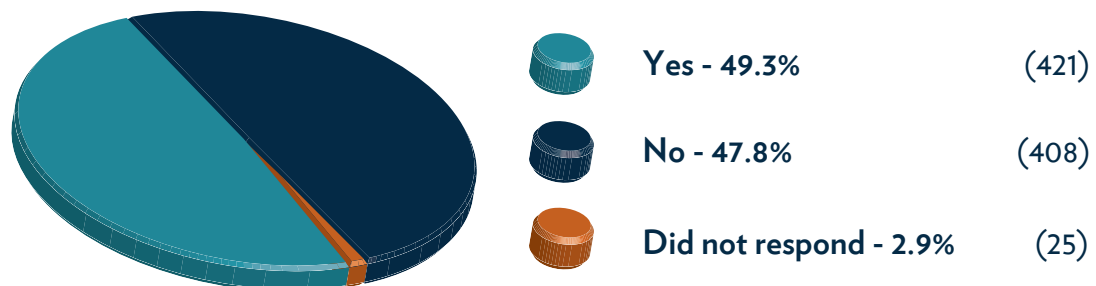
Medical Conditions or Disabilities



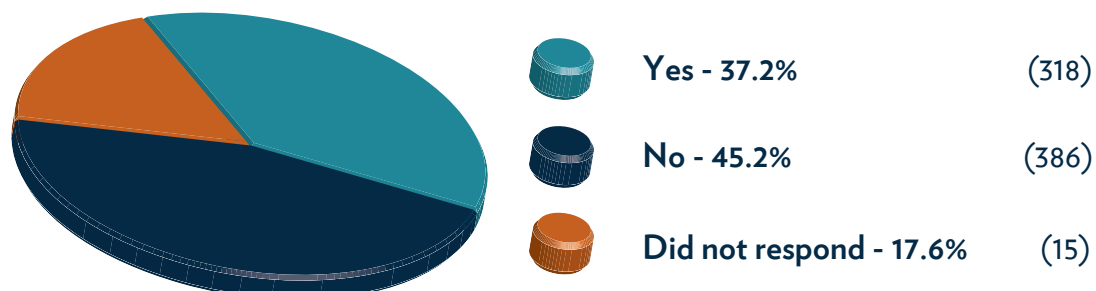
Mobility Limitations



Mental Health Issue



Mental Health Treatment



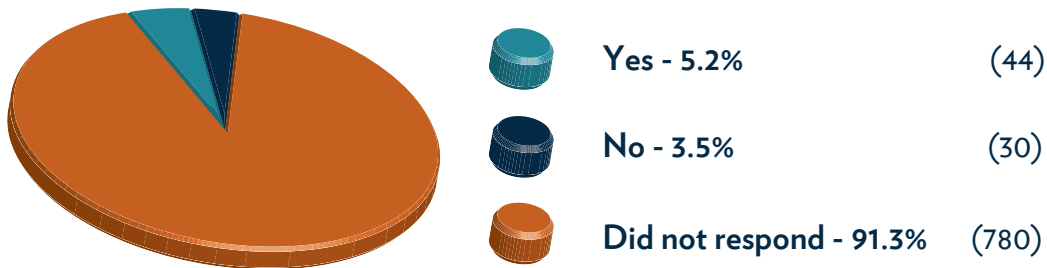


Substance Abuse

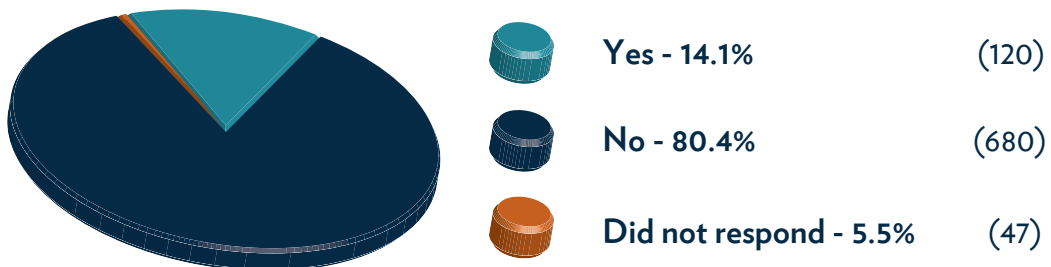
Alcohol Abuse



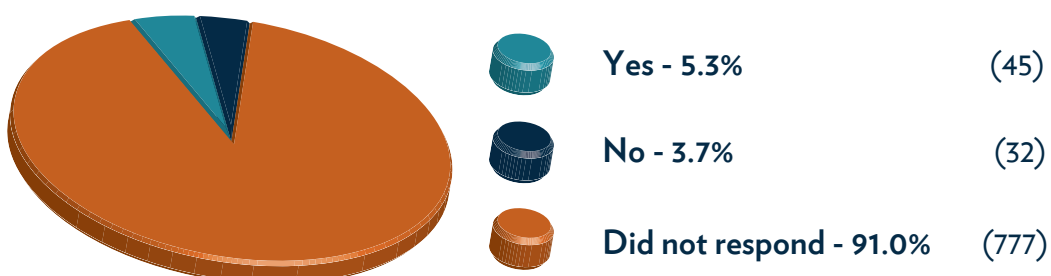
Alcohol Treatment



Drug Abuse



Drug Treatment

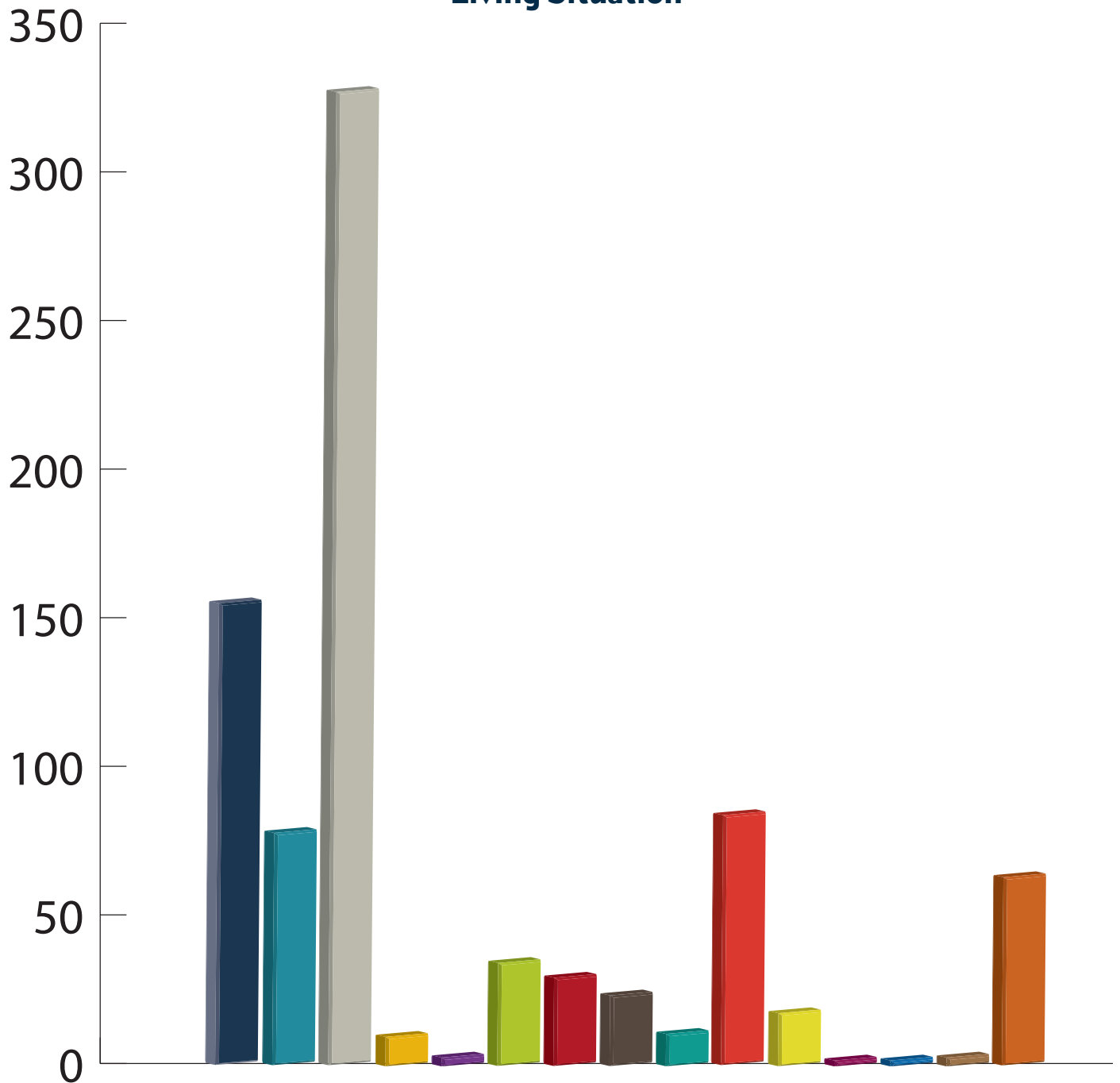


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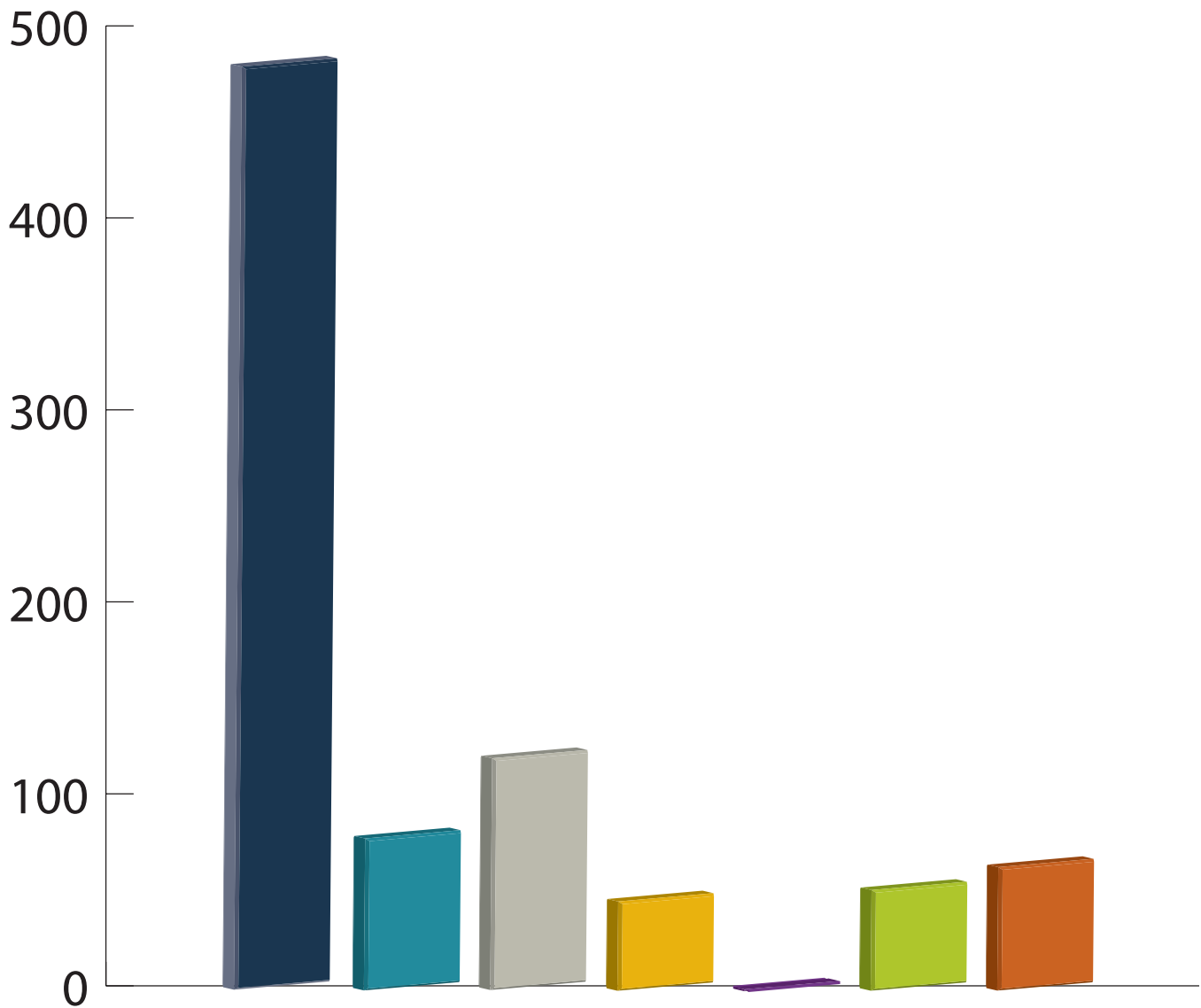
Living Situation*










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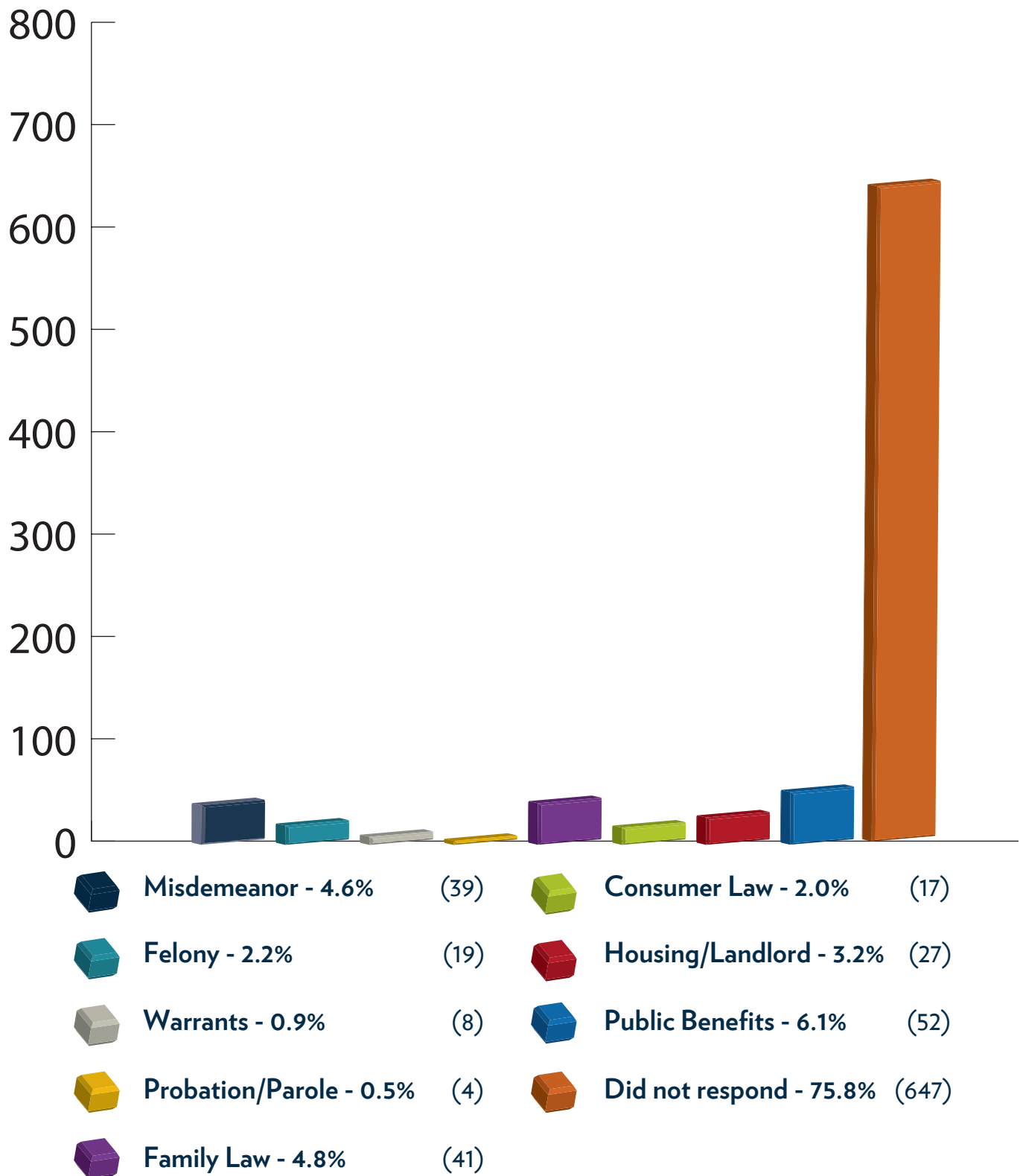
Health Care Access



	Clinic - 56.9%	(486)		Urgent Care - 0.1%	(1)
	Emergency Room - 9.4%	(80)		VA Hospital - 6.2%	(53)
	Do Not Go for Care - 14.3%	(122)		Did not respond - 7.6%	(65)
	Clinic - 5.5%	(47)			



Legal Services Requested*



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Community Partners & Service Providers - Thank You!

- 2-1-1 San Diego
- Alpha Project
- Alpine Special Treatment Center
- American Health Services
- American Medical Response - CPR Training
- Bellus Academy of Hair Design
- California Department of Motor Vehicles
- California Hair Design School
- Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego - Rachel's Women's Center
- Children's Reading by Charlotte Perry
- Center for Justice & Social Compassion
- City of Refuge
- Community Research Foundation - (CRF) - Areta Crowell BPSR Center
- Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy
- County of San Diego Animal Services
- County of San Diego - Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) - Centre City Family Resource
- Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
- Public Assistance Programs
- Downtown San Diego Partnership
- East County Transitional Living Center
- Episcopal Community Services - Friend to Friend
- Head Start
- Family Health Centers San Diego
- Father Joe's Villages - Registration of Participants
- Healing Touch Program
- Homeless Advocacy Program
- Housing Opportunities Collaborative
- Kaplan College Nursing Program
- McAlister Institute - Hope Program
- Melody's Mobile Dental Hygiene
- Mental Health Systems - Courage to Call
- Serial Inebriate Program
- Pastoral Care
- People Assisting the Homeless - (PATH) - Veteran Services
- PAWS
- Point Loma Nazarene University - School of Nursing
- Foot Washers
- Providence Community Services
- Recovery Innovations of CA
- Religious of the Sacred Heart
- SDHC Rental Assistance
- Salvation Army - Adult Rehabilitation Center - (ARC)
- Social Services
- San Diego Book Project
- San Diego County Dental Society
- San Diego County - Mental Health Services
- San Diego Humane Society
- San Diego Rescue Mission
- San Diego Youth Services
- The Association for Community Housing Solutions (TACHS)
- The Drake Center
- The Meeting Place Clubhouse
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development - (HUD)
- UCSD - Antiviral Research Center
- Bridges to Recovery
- U.S. Social Security Administration
- Union of Pan Asian Communities
- Uplift
- Veterans Community Services
- Veterans Village of San Diego
- Vista Hill Foundation
- Volunteers - Chaplains
- Dental Hygienists
- Hair Stylists
- Nurses
- Way Back, Inc. - Substance Abuse Recovery
- Women's Resource Fair
- YMCA Childcare Resource Services
- YWCA

Large Donations - Thank You!

Food & Beverages

- American Medical Response - 2,000 Bottles of Water
- City of Refuge - 500 Snacks
- D'Lush - Smoothies
- Einstein Brothers Bagels, San Carlos - 100 Bagels
- Episcopal Community Services - 50 Snacks & Juices for Children
- Just Call Us Volunteers - 1,200 Salads and Bread
- San Diego Rescue Mission - 1,200 Desserts
- Souplantation, La Mesa - 100 Muffins
- St. Vincent de Paul Village - 1,200 Meals
- The Coca-Cola Company - 1 Pallet of Water
- Whole Foods - 450+ Bananas

Clothing

- American Medical Response - 1,000 Pairs of Socks
- Mountain View Rec Center - 100 Bags of Clothing
- Pure Fitness - 80 Bags of Clothing
- Rangel & Associates - 1,000 Pairs of Socks

- San Diego Airport Authority - 14 Boxes Gently Used Uniform Jackets, Shirts, and Pants
- SDHC Staff - 518 Pairs of Socks
- The Gold Diggers - Shoes and Socks Valued at \$1,000
- Teague Insurance - 200 Jackets

Toiletries

- Downtown Fellowship - 200 Hygiene Kits
- James Justus - 250 Hygiene Kits
- ResMed - 1,200 Bags for Hygiene Items
- San Diego County Dental Society - 500 Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Floss
- Sunstar Butler - 250 Toothbrushes and Dental Floss

Information Technology

- Cox Communications - Increased Bandwidth
- Meeting Tomorrow - Discounted Rental Computers
- Skyriver Communications - Wireless Infrastructure

Additional Services & Donations

- Gold Field - Transportation - 49 Passenger Van for Shuttling Veterans to and from Event
- Bank of America - \$1,000 Donation
- Big Frog-T-Shirt \$400 Discount on Volunteer T-Shirts
- Center for Justice & Social Compassion and Episcopal Church Center - \$800 Donation for DMV ID Cards
- Craig & Juli Smith - Locks for Storage, Plastic Floor Covering for Haircuts, Home Depot Gift Cards
- Melody Swaroop, Dental Hygienist - 40 Cleanings
- PAWS - 80 Bags of Dog Food
- Rumberger Foundation - Foundation Award, \$1,500 Cash Donation
- San Diego County Dental Society - \$500 for Dental Equipment
- SuperMedia LLC - 100 Bags & 50 Bars of Soap

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