The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women.

We envision a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy.
Dear Friends,

It has been an honor and a privilege to return to serve as Downtown Women’s Center’s interim CEO in 2018, just in time to celebrate 40 years of serving women experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.

In many ways, DWC is the same organization that has always been close to my heart. Our doors remain open to any woman in need of safety and community. We still work to meet each individual where she is, and connect her to life changing resources, whether that’s talking with a case manager, visiting our health clinic, accessing workforce development services, or just enjoying a hot, nutritious meal with other women.

But one thing has changed:

We are serving more women than ever before.

While we saw the overall homeless count decrease for the first time in years in 2018, the number of women experiencing homelessness in Skid Row rose, as well as the number of people experiencing homelessness over the age of 62. This was a stark reminder that unaccompanied women remain a vulnerable subgroup in the larger homeless population, and revitalized our commitment to work towards policies that address the root problems and barriers that women experiencing homelessness face.

Through our women centered advocacy, we influence policy efforts at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Our staff lead coalitions, publish reports, and most importantly, provide a platform for the women we serve to share their lived
experience, through our Advocacy Program. In 2018, DWC Advocate addressed HUD in relation to the Violence Against Women Act, they lobbied the state of California for increased support, and they shared their stories at City Council meetings. By elevating their voices, we are creating a path to sustainable impact and modeling the change necessary to achieve our vision: a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to permanent stability.

The success of our efforts thus far is a testament to the consistent support of our donors, who continue to respond to the needs of the women we serve.

With your support, the Downtown Women’s Center will continue serving women experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty in Los Angeles with the same determination, dedication, and passion that we have become known for over the past 40 years. Homelessness is not inevitable, and together, we WILL end women’s homelessness in Los Angeles.

Thank you for being a part of the DWC family.

Sincerely,

Lisa Watson
Interim Chief Executive Officer
A National Model

For 40 years, DWC has worked to insure the needs of women experiencing homelessness remain visible. Our community-based research elevates the voices of the women we serve, and informs both the services we offer and the policies we recommend. We disseminate best practices by training other service providers and public departments that interact with individuals experiencing homelessness. In 2018, we published the Trauma and Resiliency Informed Toolkit, a guide to working with women who have experienced homelessness. The toolkit garnered national recognition and allowed us to extend our service model far beyond Los Angeles. In 2019 we will continue to fill important data gaps and advocate for systems change by publishing The LA City Women’s Needs Assessment and the Women’s Housing Gap Analysis.

At DWC, we know that ending homelessness can not happen alone. In partnership with Rainbow Services, we co-founded the Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC) in 2017, and it has grown to be the largest coalition of its kind. Research shows that domestic violence is a primary driver into homelessness for women and that gender-based violence is the most significant difference between men and women experiencing homelessness. The coalition has led to increased skills and knowledge-sharing opportunities between the domestic violence and homeless services sector. As a direct result of our advocacy to date, we are beginning to see an increased awareness and investment in women at the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness by organizations and government across Los Angeles.
Day Center

Our Day Center serves as a sanctuary for over 200 women each day. Here, in the heart of Skid Row, women can find reprieve from the elements, clean bathrooms and showers, a fresh change of clothes, and a safe place to rest. Our kitchen staff serve three nutritious meals per day that always include fresh fruits and vegetables. The Day Center provides a mailing address where women can receive mail, access to phones and computers, and perhaps most importantly, a community; a place where women can build new friendships and are welcomed each day by the committed and caring DWC team.

Health & Wellness

DWC’s Day Center houses the only women-specific health clinic in Skid Row. In partnership with Wesley Health Centers, our Women’s Health Clinic provides both primary and specialty healthcare including, STD and HIV testing and counseling, tuberculosis screenings, immunizations; and monthly mammograms. Co-locating our health clinic and Day Center reduces barriers to access important medical services and provides continuity of care.

Clinical Program

As a designated Trauma Recovery Center, we work to address the trauma experienced by the women we serve. Through our Clinical Program, women have access to mental health counseling, psychiatric services, and support groups where they can build self-esteem and develop coping skills. Case Managers provide housing support via the Coordinated Entry System (CES), as well as linkage to shelter and transportation assistance, domestic violence services, legal aid, employment support, and other resources.
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“DWC welcomed me with open arms. That meant a lot to me because there aren’t many places you can go to and be accepted as a transgender woman. They allowed me to be me. I received housing, clothing, cosmetics, and bus tokens. When you come here they have all these opportunities. It is a blessing.”

-Momo, DWC Participant
Every Woman Housed

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Our two permanent supportive residences in downtown Los Angeles are home to 119 women. As a housing-first provider, we recognize the importance of reducing barriers to housing, and have seen firsthand how women successfully confront life’s challenges once they are housed.

Permanent supportive housing is comfortable, safe, and affordable housing without time limits and with access to on-site services. Women experiencing homelessness face unique challenges, and we are prepared to support them every step of the way. Each Resident is paired with a case manager to support her path to personal stability and our dedicated residence team is available 24 hours a day to provide onsite assistance whenever needed.

We provide women with all the tools they need to transition out of homelessness, which is why we have a 99% retention rate for the women we house.
HOUSING RETENTION RATE

99%

2,450 CASE MANAGEMENT SESSIONS

97% PARTICIPATION IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
“I appreciate being housed and being safe. It’s helped me continue my education. It's made me proud of myself. I’m proud to be living at the Downtown Women’s Center.”

–Quiana, DWC Resident
DWC’s Community-Based Housing Program connects women and families to housing and supportive services throughout Los Angeles County. Our field-based housing programs are designed to meet the needs of four diverse groups including women who are likely to reenter the workforce, domestic violence survivors, female veterans, and those who frequently access emergency services.

Our Case Managers are highly skilled in navigating resources and connecting women to their new communities. Each client receives an individualized service plan to establish goals and identify resources to sustain her housing. For some women, case management is a resource for finding affordable housing. For others, it involves relocating after an abusive relationship, or finding a safe community after a tour of duty. When women have histories of complex trauma or chronic health needs, case management is provided over a longer period of time in the permanent supportive housing model of “whatever it takes.”

Because each woman’s pathway out of homelessness is unique to her circumstances, our case managers work steadfastly to meet each woman’s individual needs.
HOUSING RETENTION RATE

93 WOMEN OBTAINED HOUSING

12,227 CASE MANAGEMENT SESSIONS
“Because of DWC, I have a home with my daughter and her new baby boy. We continue to grow and bond as mother and daughter every day. We have a good relationship, one I didn’t know we could ever have after everything we’ve been through.”

–Debbie, DWC Participant
Every Woman Employed

With increasing numbers of women falling into homelessness as a result of unemployment, our Workforce Development Program serves the dual purpose of preventing homelessness and creating a pathway out of it. Our Employment Coordinators meet women where they are, and support them in setting goals that are aligned with their interests, backgrounds, and experiences. Women may be connected to transitional employment through our social enterprise, MADE by DWC, or to permanent job placements in the community. DWC works in partnership with local employment partners who contribute to ending homelessness by recruiting from our pool of qualified candidates.

DWC’s Learning Center provides a safe space for women to access the internet, search for jobs, print their resumes, and connect to a wide array of workshops. Women build skills in these volunteer-led workshops on topics such as, resume and cover letter writing, interview techniques, and customer service training.

MADE by DWC is a social enterprise operated by DWC to provide job training and transitional employment in product and retail environments for women transitioning out of homelessness. Offering a signature line of products handmade by women transitioning out of homelessness, 100% of the proceeds go back to DWC programs. Browse and buy from MADE by DWC in person and online at: https://madebydwc.org/
895 women accessed workforce development services

25 job training placements

85 job placements
“I had a hard time keeping a job, raising a family, and balancing my life. The Downtown Women’s Center and MADE by DWC have provided me with the good ideas to navigate my life. DWC is a place I can go to every day and support myself.”

—Cynthia, DWC Participant
Every Woman Heard

We believe the most effective way to advocate for systems change is to ensure the voices and lived experiences of DWC residents and participants are at the forefront of our work. For people with lived experience, advocacy can also be a healing intervention as they influence change over issues that have significantly impacted their lives.

To that end, we welcomed a new class of DWC Advocates in 2018! More than 30 formerly homeless women participated in a four-month training program to become successful advocates for themselves and for other women experiencing homelessness. DWC Advocates drive change through press interviews and public policy meetings.

This year nine women with lived experience joined our the Domestic Violence and Housing Serving Coalition (DVHSC) Advocates program to drive innovative solutions for women experiencing both violence and homelessness. In 2018, the DVHSC Advocates amplified the voices of women by presenting to organization leads and decision makers of the Los Angeles County Focus Group Report, a community-based research publication highlighting the service and housing needs of women survivors.

“The Advocates program gave me a chance to tell my story. If that can help someone come out of their fear and speak up for themselves, that is the most powerful thing.”

– Dorothy, DWC Advocate
We rely on your support to fulfill our mission, so we handle all resources provided to us with the utmost care and respect.

Expenses: $9,408,543

- 80% Programs
- 10% Admin
- 10% Fundraising
Revenue: $11,133,565

- 29% Government Grants
- 24% Foundation & Corporate Grants
- 14% Individual Contributions
- 9% Capital Contributions
- 9% In-Kind Support
- 8% Rental Income
- 5% Event Income
- 3% Social Enterprise Income
- 3% Investment & Other Income

Net Assets

- $17,387,049
- Temporary Restricted Net Assets: $6,794,876
- Unrestricted Net Assets: $10,592,173

Complete 2018 Audited Financial Statements and tax documents will be available on our website at DowntownWomenCenter.org this Summer 2019.
Help End Homelessness for Women

Donate
From serving three meals daily in our Day Center to putting down a deposit on a new apartment for a formerly homeless woman, everything DWC does is made possible by our network of donors. Giving a one-time gift or becoming a monthly donor will provide crucial support to a woman on her path to permanent housing and personal stability. Donate online at DowntownWomensCenter.org/Donate.

Lead
We believe it takes leadership from all parts of the community to end homelessness. DWC’s Leadership Council provides professional development opportunities for emerging leaders who want to make a difference in their communities. Become a member at DowntownWomensCenter.org/Leadership-Council.

Volunteer
We benefit from thousands of compassionate Angelinos each year who dedicate their time, energy, and expertise to furthering the mission of DWC. More than 5,100 individual and group volunteers dedicated their time, passion, and skills to working with us in 2018. Volunteers take on numerous important roles at DWC, and our staff and the women we serve love the opportunity to develop bonds with caring members of our community. Get started at DowntownWomensCenter.org/Volunteer.
Celebrate

Celebrate with us at this year’s Dinner With a Cause on September 12, 2019! Located at the Taglyan Complex in Hollywood, the event is a lively night with cocktails, a silent auction, dinner program, and MADE by DWC shopping. Learn more by visiting DowntownWomensCenter.org/Dinner.

Advocate

Our strategic efforts to address homelessness are beginning to make an impact. However, the growing affordable housing crisis continues to drive people into homelessness. There is plenty more work to be done, and it remains important that the voices of women with lived experience be heard. Together with supporters like you, we’re ensuring that happens.

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