

2023

HOME-Y MADE MEALS

IMPACT REPORT





To Our Home-ys,

In a moment in time where the world is changing and systems are breaking down, we acknowledge all that we are carrying in our hearts for the lives that have been lost from the pandemic, war, racism, and poverty. As people yearn for a future based in care, doing this work while holding the starvation and killings of thousands of innocent Palestinians with our country's resources is devastating. We see how this same attitude of conquest at the expense of the "Other" plays out at home, and how dehumanization is used as a strategy to uphold racial capitalism. Our struggles are interlinked.

And here we are Home-ys, wrapping up year 4 and still at this love exercise. Whether powering meals to the unhoused or protesting for a more just world, answering the call of care during crises layered on one after another isn't something to take lightly. While there's beauty in the struggle, to move towards suffering and opening yourself up to what may come with that choice—frustration, education, pain, love, trauma, healing, grief, celebration— *is exhausting!*

Caring for ourselves is just as important in deeply caring for one another and especially our neighbors on the margins. In that spirit, we made the decision to take more breaks throughout the year, especially in the midst of the team's own family and life transitions. In respecting our humanity, we're building a culture where our full selves can be seen and held in this care work we're doing.

Speaking of care work, have y'all heard about the new [Creating Justice LA Peace and Healing Center](#), yet? A decade ago, we first stepped into Skid Row and have since committed ourselves to community care. Seeing our love, relationships, and efforts come to life in this physical space feels like genuine progress. It's a collective effort, reflecting years of solidarity with each other and the community. In the words of social activist Grace Lee Boggs, "***We never know how our small activities will affect others through the invisible fabric of our connectedness.***" We think this tangible establishment of care is a testament to what's possible and the future we want.

Buoyed by a long gone surplus of donations and awarded grants from previous years, we've navigated through a financially stretched 2023. Fundraising remains a challenge, particularly amid post-pandemic economic hardship and limited grant funding prioritizing other pressing social issues. We faithfully continue forward believing resources are out there and on their way, so whether you support us with money, meals, or miles, **THANK YOU** for being on this journey of care with us. ***To 131,482 meals and counting!***

**With love and gratitude,
Alex Yoon (co-founder)**

March 2024



Being a Home-y sparks ***“the joy of helping others. It is an opportunity to be innovative and resourceful in what I cook. I try to make the meals as balanced, practical, and original as possible!”***

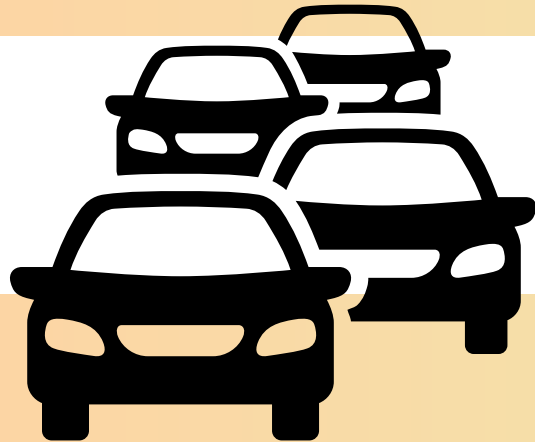


Morgan Yuvienco
Chef since Aug 2021

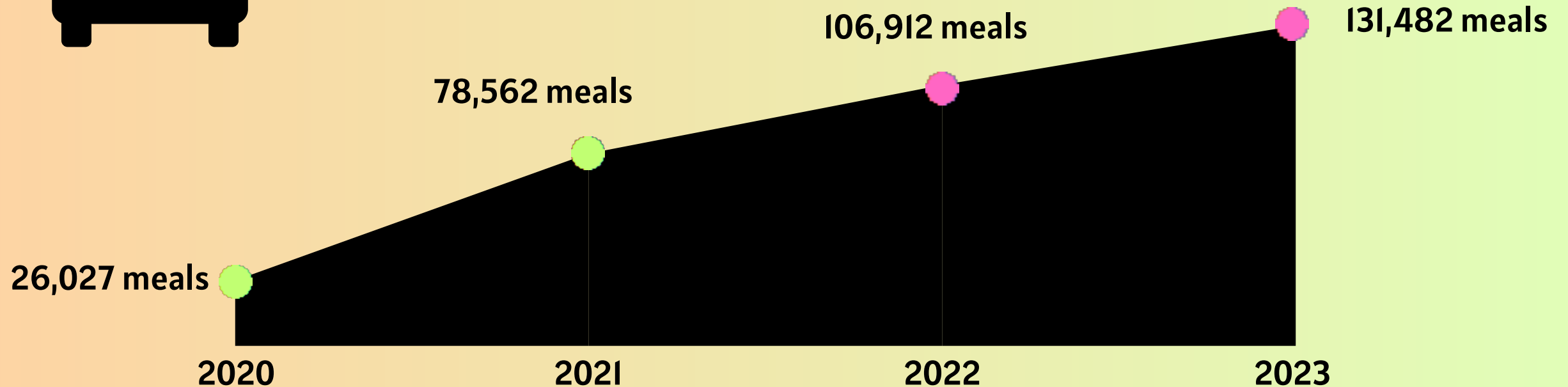


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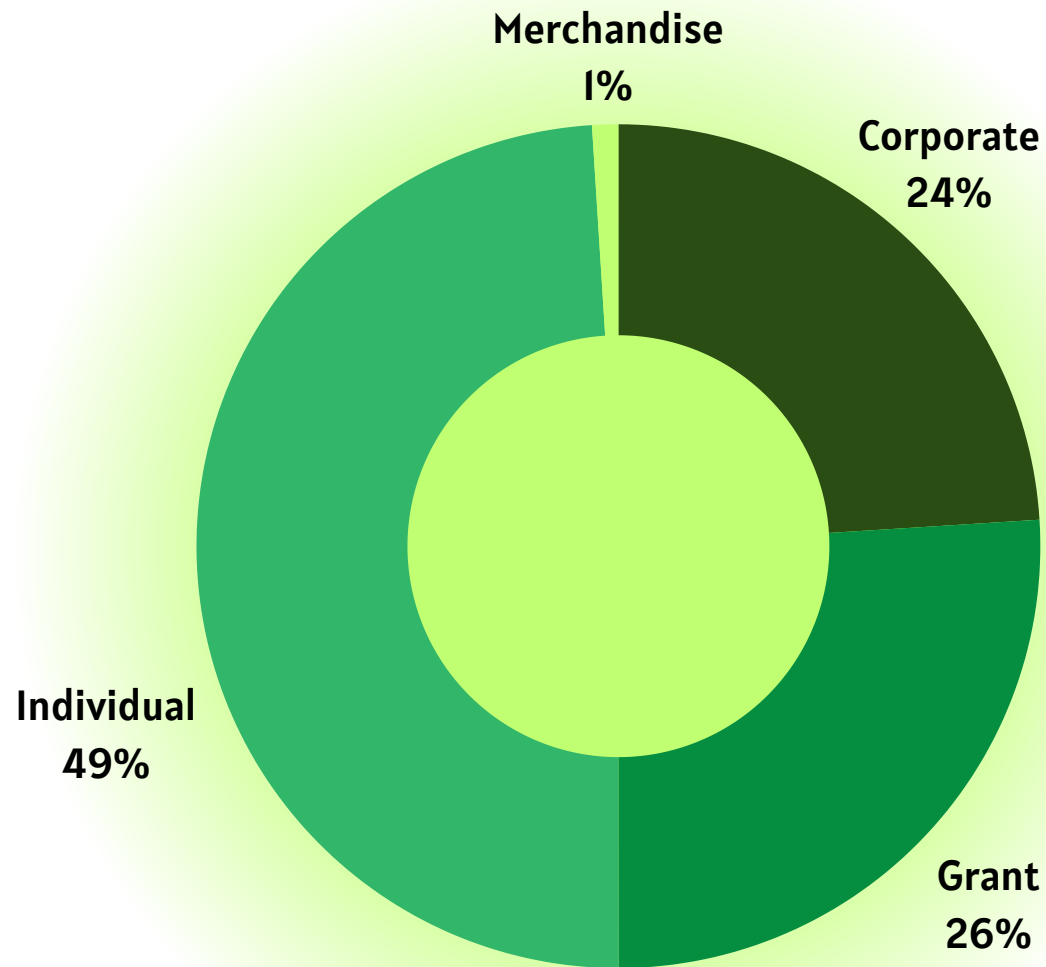
1,473 chefs prepared **24,374** meals



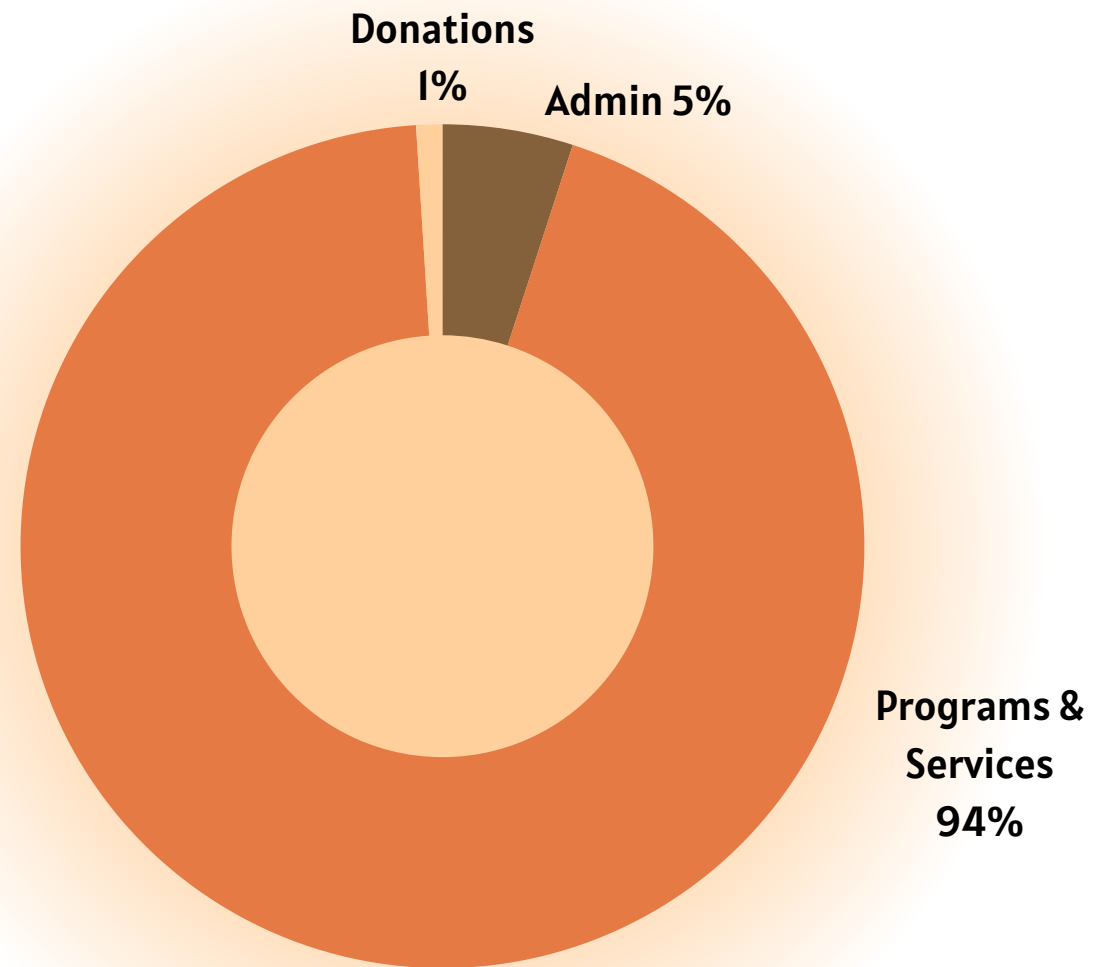
668 drivers drove **14,148** miles



Revenue



Expenses



Our Home-y made meals were delivered to...

LOS ANGELES



COVENANT HOUSE



PEACE & HEALING CENTER



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THE PEOPLE'S COALITION



714 MUTUAL AID



SOUTH BAY



SOUTH BAY MUTUAL AID & CARE CLUB



Our volunteers have rated...

Level of ease when volunteering



Overall experience with Home-y Made Meals



"You make it easy!"

Monica Dimson
Chef since Sept 2023



Coalition Spotlight:

South Bay Mutual Aid & Care Club

South Bay Mutual Aid & Care Club (SBMACC) is a small group of police and prison abolitionists supporting over 100 people living unsheltered in the Harbor City area of Los Angeles. SBMACC hosts weekly distribution events, provide court support, midweek support for sweeps and other crises, rides to the DMV and DPSS, as well as refer people to veterinary, medical, dental, harm reduction and other services.



How did SBMACC get started?

We got started by combining forces with other small groups supporting similar movements, and grew from there.

How have the Home-y Made Meals impacted the organization?

We have a few vegan residents, and they are always so happy to receive homemade vegan meals. I especially love when the drivers bring their kids to drop off, their kids get to see us hugging unhoused people and the kids and the unhoused people always help us set up the event and drop off the food. It does so much to challenge state-sponsored dehumanization.

Want to get involved with SBMACC?

Contact [@sbmutualaidcareclub](https://www.instagram.com/sbmutualaidcareclub)



Staying Fresh in Mind & Spirit

Our “Teach & Learn” Journey to Unpack Food Justice

In 2022, the Home-y Made Meals Operations team started a series called “**Teach and Learn**” to incorporate into our weekly meetings. Our aim was simple yet profound: to dive into the concept of food justice in order to build our knowledge and understanding as we continue to do work in this space. Through this series, we’ve not only educated ourselves but also deepened our appreciation for the powerful work and impact led by the organizers we work with and beyond. Here are some of the “Teach and Learn” topics.

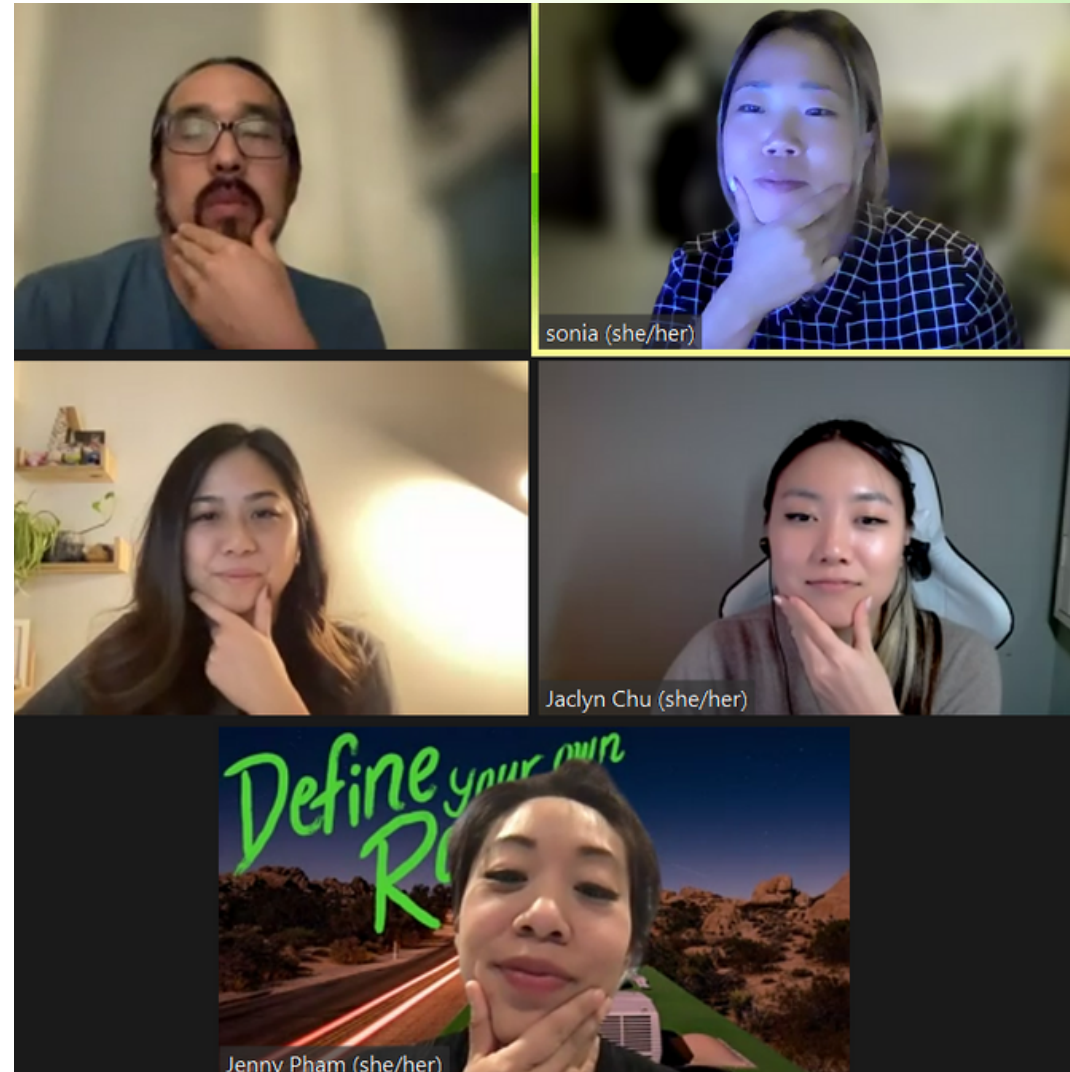
Food Justice: To understanding food justice in general, we explored how factors like poverty and discrimination create barriers to food access and perpetuate inequalities. The titles of our sessions were: LA Community Fridges, Community Land Trust, Decolonizing Food Systems 101, Globalizing Food Justice, and The Original Farmers Market.

Food Justice in California: With a more localized look into California, we explored organizations who are tapping into the state’s agricultural richness, resources, and power of community to address food justice in action. Our sessions included themes around: transforming Koreatown food desert to food mecca, largest community gardens in California, current farm-to-fork suppliers in the LA area, and the Food Justice Film Festival.

National Food Justice: Zooming out, we delved into how reputable organizations across various states navigate food justice in their respective regions, enriching our understanding of the broader landscape. Learning from other organizations was insightful in seeing potential ways for enacting positive change not only within our local communities, but also in our internal teams. Highlighted organizations were: Denver Food Rescue, Urban Roots, Farmers Assisting Returning Military, Soul Fire Farm, and Detroit People’s Food Co-op.

Localized Impact in Los Angeles Houselessness: A particularly relevant part of our series was shining a light on the intersection of food justice and houselessness in our own backyard. We took a deep dive into local organizations doing meaningful work, while tackling systemic challenges that impact food security, especially in marginalized communities. Here are the featured sessions to learn more about: [The Laundry Truck](#), [Miracle Messages](#), [Mapping the Potential Futures of DTLA](#), [FoodCycle LA](#), and [Farm2Power](#)

Revisiting a Home-y: Revisiting a Home-y: Finally, we circled back to what it means to be a “Home-y” and re-spotlighted standout organizations from our series. We reflected on the power of taking action and community support in addressing systemic issues, reinforcing the importance of grassroots initiatives like Home-y Made Meals.



Our “Teach and Learn” series has been an inspiring journey of education, awareness, and humility. And this is just the beginning—we’re committed to continuing this important work, learning with empathy and fueled by love. Thank you for supporting us on the ride!

Honoring Our 2023 Grant Recipient: Danny Park

In 2022, we started this mini-grant initiative as a way to fund self-care for someone providing direct relief in the community. We believe people create ripples of impact, so let's be more intentional about also caring for those caring for others. **Danny Park** was our unanimously chosen mini-grantee for 2023 because of the care he provides for the people of Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles.

Many years before the pandemic hit, Danny was already in Skid Row starting a non-profit job training cafe, **Skid Row Coffee**, and transforming his parent's convenience store of 20+ years into an EBT-friendly grocery store that's since changed names to **Skid Row People's Market**, hired locally, and is **now being sold to Creating Justice LA, a Black-led nonprofit** all in the spirit of healing from the 1992 LA Riots. Isn't that pretty remarkable? And that's just the surface of the direct relief he's providing to our neighbors navigating life in shelters, SROs, and tents. We're continuously inspired by his heart and dedication to the People, and honored to support him in this way.



FUN FACT If you're riding the Metro A Line and stop at **Little Tokyo Station**, look for the Korean guy and his mom on the Skid Row mural by Audrey Chan, that's Danny!

**“Protect the ones we serve
and the ones serving.”**

My favorite part about volunteering is
*“talking to neighbors all doing good work. Making
meals is always fulfilling and very rewarding!”*

Milo Smolin

Chef since Feb 2022



Our Operations Team



Melle Acedera
Co-Founder



Alex Yoon
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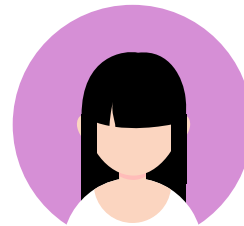
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Team Update: Farewell, Lance!

After four incredible long years as the Home-y Made Meals Pantry Coordinator, Lance is embarking on an exciting new journey to Texas! Throughout his time here, Lance has been the heartbeat of our community. With his positive energy and unwavering dedication, he infused our mini-pantry with lots of warmth and joy. While Lance charts a new course, we will never forget his Home-y Made Meals legacy. Thank you Lance! ❤️

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