

Why contribute to The John Burton Foundation for Children without Homes?

We put your money where the needs are.

In fulfillment of our mission to help California's homeless children get the education and health care they're entitled to, and to provide for their basic needs, we make grants to community-based organizations around the state that serve kids without homes. The programs we support are small and local. Most struggle to stay afloat. They simply don't have resources to devote to fundraising. Like the children they serve, you might not even know they exist.



all i ever
wanted to be is
like a
normal kid.

— Shelby, age 14, Monarch School



Homeless children are our blameless population. In California alone, an estimated 100,000 children face each day with no fixed address, little prospect of a decent meal and the challenge of getting themselves to school, if they have a school to go to.

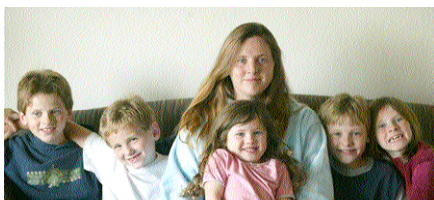
Imagine the entire population of Burbank or Berkeley living in and out of shelters, sleeping in cars and public parks, camped out beneath highway overpasses. Imagine all 100,000 eating at soup kitchens and out of dumpsters. Bathing in gas station restrooms and looking after younger siblings. Living by their wits.

It's not a lifestyle even one child would sign up for.

Bakersfield Homeless Center, the only shelter in Kern County and the largest in the Central Valley, received a \$32,000 grant to complete implementation of the Rainbow Room Child and Youth Program, which offers structured care and activities to 100 kids without homes.

Amistad Apartments,

"A Community of Friends," in Los Angeles received \$38,000 to help 53 homeless children of parents with mental disabilities. Kids spend a minimum of 20 hours per week in classes that foster expression and socialization skills and help mainstream them into the community.



Home Away from Homelessness,

based in San Francisco, received \$35,000 to fund 95 day trips to the Beach House in The Golden Gate National Recreation Area for children without homes.

Senator John Burton created The John Burton Foundation for Children without Homes in 2004 to continue homelessness relief efforts in the state with the largest homeless population in the nation.

Focusing our resources on helping kids imagine a future beyond the streets, the Foundation funds projects and programs that provide for children without homes while educating and mentoring them to become self-supporting members of society.

Our grant recipients don't apply to the Foundation. We choose them based on referrals, site visits and a rigorous evaluation process. We do the research for you. And we operate without overhead, so virtually 100% of a donation goes directly to our grantees.



Homeless Children's Network in

San Francisco is using a \$50,000 grant to help run its comprehensive mental health program, which serves more than 500 children and provides therapeutic, pediatric, social work and psychiatric care.

The Homeless Prenatal Program of San Francisco received \$40,000 to expand its mental health services for kids under 18, providing 40 kids with bi-weekly counseling visits with a full-time bilingual therapist.



LA Family Housing

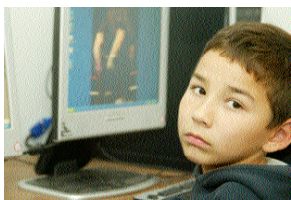
in Los Angeles received a \$50,000 grant to hire additional recreation center staff to expand youth services at times of greatest demand.

We're proud to fund their heroic efforts and we believe there are many other nurturing and productive programs in California deserving of the Foundation's support. But we can't continue to make grants to these vital programs without your help.

It really is that simple. We need you. So do the kids.

Mustard Seed

School in Sacramento received \$46,000 to assist children not enrolled in school due to immediate family crisis. The program works to locate missing documents, immunization records and birth certificates to enable children without homes to re-enter public school.



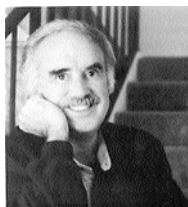
Monarch School in San Diego received \$30,000 in support of on-going programs providing over 100 homeless kids with medical and dental health care as well as counseling services to address long-term psychological and emotional needs.

Marjoree Mason

Center in Fresno was granted \$50,000 to provide complete mental health evaluations of every child four and older who enters the shelter.



John L. Burton, Founder



John Burton was elected Senate President pro Tempore in February of 1998, following his election to the California State Senate in 1996. He served in the State Assembly from 1964 to 1974 and from 1988 to 1996 and in Congress from 1974 to 1982. While in the legislature, Senator Burton increased aid to the elderly, blind and disabled, created the state's first education program for autistic children, increased payments to women and children on welfare and fought to protect workers' wages. He also earned perfect voting scores from the League of Conservation Voters and the AFL-CIO. Senator Burton's many awards include the California State University Lifetime Achievement Award and the Sean McBride Award for outstanding human rights work.

Sharon Johnson, Executive Director



San Francisco native Sharon Johnson assumes the directorship of The John Burton Foundation after years as Senator Burton's San Francisco Chief of Staff. Her long history of service to San Francisco includes positions as Executive Director of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, Executive Director of the San Francisco Democratic Party, Special Assistant to Mayor Art Agnos and Administrative Assistant to Supervisor Harry Britt. She has also served numerous organizations in various roles, including the National Women's Political Caucus; the United Farm Workers; the Harvey Milk Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Democratic Club; the Elizabeth Fry Center and Home Away from Homelessness.