

# History of Piece by Piece

## 2007

Friends and family backyard mosaic fundraiser for pilot program on April 22.

Launched Piece by Piece's first workshop in South LA in the community room of Beyond Shelter, a permanent affordable housing development for families who have experienced homelessness.

## 2008

Workshops expand to Skid Row at the James Wood Community Center.

First Annual Art Show and Fundraiser.



## 2009

One of Piece by Piece's very talented artists was selected to exhibit his mosaics at the two day Beverly Hills Art Show in May. Approximately 40,000 people attended, featuring more than 200 exhibitions from around the nation.

Summer City Lights Program provided mosaic workshops in South LA for hundreds of youth and family members through the Summer Night Lights gang reduction program.

## 2013

First public art project: "Gower Villas in Hollywood". 3D mosaic leaves installed on five-story supportive housing building.



## 2014

"Entangled Bank" mural installed at Irvine Valley City College Life Sciences Building.

"Discover a Star" mural installed at Universal Studio's City Walk in March.



## 2015

"Pollinator's Paradise Garden Spheres" created for mosaic show at the Crescent Farm at LA County Arboretum and the "Water is Life" permanent installation at the Arboretum.

"Blooming Gardens" installation completed in October.



## 2016

"Broadway's Blooming" project was awarded best Community Project at the Mosaic Art International Awards!

Entered in to a Strategic Alliance with Skid Row Housing Trust



## 2017

"Mandala Project" competed for the Legal Aid Foundation. A series of 12 mandalas from 2-ft to 14-ft.



## 2021

"Village Well Mural" project completed. Over 20' long mural incorporating Culver City landmarks.

"Phoenix Rising" mosaic and painted mural completed for Firestone-Phoenix Affordable Housing (pictured above).

Immersive Van Gogh and Impact Museum partnership

# \$52k

in income earned by participants

# 435

items created and sold by participant artists

# 619

digital seats filled in classes

# 1.5 tons

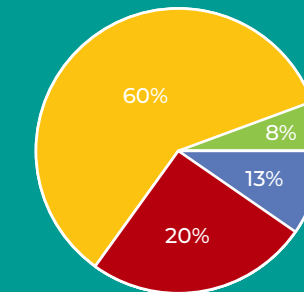
of recycled materials used, keeping it out of a landfill

# 205

works commissioned

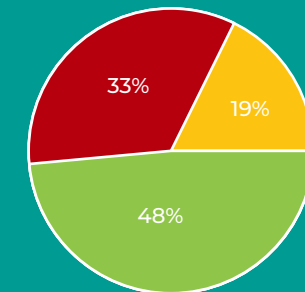
# \$15,679

of artist created mosaics sold at Immersive Van Gogh/Impact Museums



## Revenue

Social Enterprise	\$57,601
Individual Giving	\$91,584
Foundation Support	\$270,003
Grants	\$34,290
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$453,478</b>



## Expenses

Program	\$151,496
General	\$104,670
Fundraising	\$58,359
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$314,525</b>

## Letter From Our Founder

Throughout the past year, we worked in small safe pods and were able to continue creating amazing mosaic art. Piece by Piece also offered virtual classes twice a week, delivering needed materials to participants sheltering in place. These classes were a lifeline for many, offering connection, a place to create, and the therapeutic benefit of art. In spite of COVID challenges, Piece by Piece provided programming for over 150 individuals in our community.

I am very proud of the lessons learned and growth Piece by Piece has gained throughout this global pandemic. We are in a stronger position as an organization, with a deeper understanding of our need to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion. Although there has always been an organic, therapeutic benefit to our work, we have also become more intentional about our program's focus on mental health and wellness.

We are grateful for our partnerships with other community organizations for their continued support in commissioning awards. Both The Village Well and A Community of Friends (ACOF) commissioned large scale projects that were completed in 2021. Additionally, Impact Museum's Immersive Van Gogh exhibit, Hauser & Wirth and the Village Well provided us with wonderful retail sales opportunities that extend into 2022.

We amicably separated from Skid Row Housing Trust (SRHT) to address our organizational growth and settle into a much-needed permanent space of our own in South Los Angeles. The board and I are extremely grateful for all SRHT did for Piece by Piece over the years and look forward to working together on future projects.

Piece by Piece welcomed two new staff members, Maggie Bohlman as our new Executive Director and Jadie Delgado as Operations Manager. We bid farewell to Daniel Villa after his seven-year tenure with the organization. Daniel accomplished a great deal in his time with Piece by Piece, and on behalf of the entire organization, I want to express our gratitude for his friendship and support.

We have always been an organization driven by the passion and dedication of our staff, supporters and participants. We've built a community that thrives on being connected through art, creativity and hope. I sincerely thank each of you for your commitment and faith in the important work we are doing in the community. I am excited about all that we will accomplish in 2022 with your ongoing support.



With much gratitude,  
Sophie Alpert, *Founder*

### Mission

Our mission is to empower residents who have experienced homelessness or economic insecurity by providing free mosaic art workshops enabling them to build confidence, earn supplementary income, promote wellness and improved quality of life.

### Piece by Piece Team

#### Board of Directors

Sophie Alpert, *Board Chair*  
Alan Alpert, *Treasurer*  
Derek Alpert, *Secretary*  
Wendy Colman Levin

#### Advisory Board

June Cigar  
Jose Morales  
Luz Mack  
Bea Jones

#### Teaching Artists

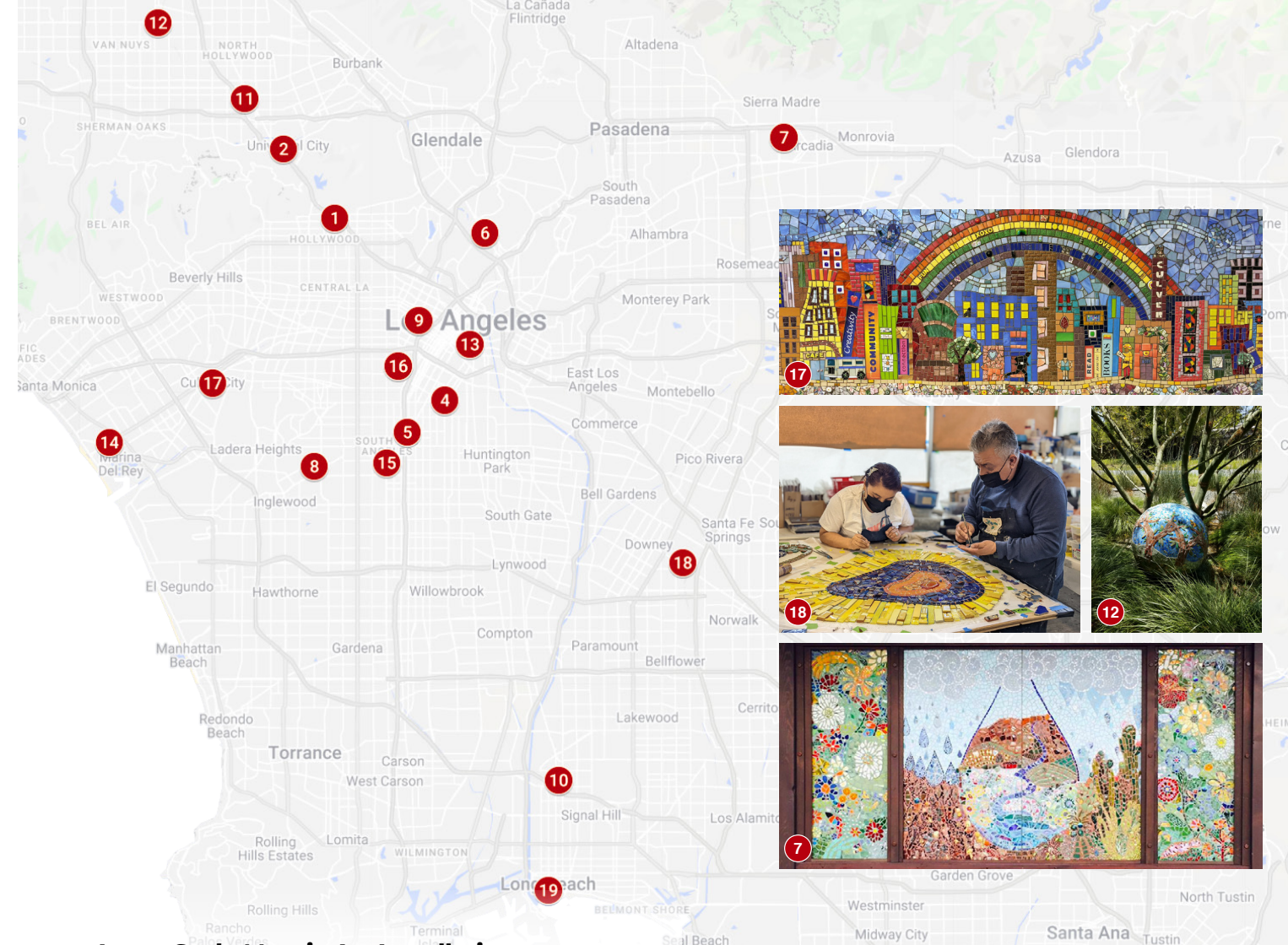
Luz Mack, *Social Enterprise Manager*  
Dawn Mendelson  
Bea Jones  
Julie Williams  
Ellen Dinerman  
Betty Rosen  
Jose Morales

#### Administrative Staff

Maggie Bohlman, *Executive Director*  
Dawn Mendelson, *Artistic Director*  
Jadie Delgado, *Operations Manager*

#### Visiting Artists

Carol Shelkin  
Adriana Mufarrege  
Carolyn Elaine  
Kim Emerson  
Wasantha Young  
Bonnie Fitzgerald  
Sabrina Frey  
Linda Biggers  
Karen Ami



### Large Mosaic Art Installations

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Villas at Gower (2014)        | 11 Otsego Apartments (2018)   |
| 2 Giving is Universal (2014)    | 12 Crest Apartments (2018)    |
| 3 Entangled Bank (2014)         | 13 Weldon (2019)              |
| 4 Central Ave Garden (2016)     | 14 Rossmore (2019)            |
| 5 Broadway's Blooming (2016)    | 15 Community Garden (2019)    |
| 6 Native Flora and Fauna (2017) | 16 USC Bus Shelter (2019)     |
| 7 Water is Life (2017)          | 17 Senator (2019)             |
| 8 Silver Star (2017)            | 18 Village Well Mural (2020)  |
| 9 Spirit of Community (2017)    | 19 Phoenix Rising (2021)      |
| 10 Community Benches (2018)     | 20 200 Ocean Spa Mural (2022) |



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It is because of you that Piece by Piece artists are able to change their lives, thank you! Help increase the number of artists who will gain the skills needed to earn supplemental income in 2022 by donating at [piecebypiece.org](http://piecebypiece.org)