

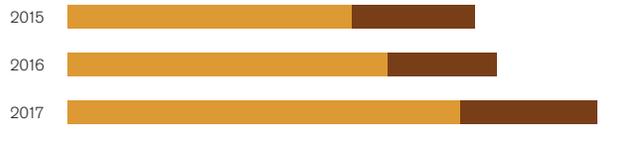


St. Francis Center Long Beach
Serving in the Spirit of St. Francis

HOMELESSNESS BY THE NUMBERS

L.A. County Homelessness Soars*

Change from 2010 to 2016



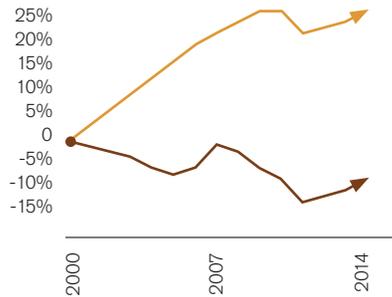
42,828 **Unsheltered**

14,966 **Sheltered**

57,794 **Total Homeless**

*Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Rent vs Renter Income*

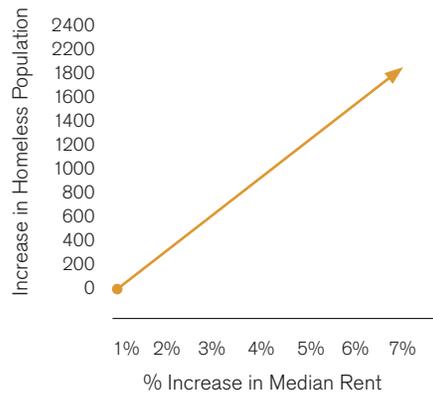


- % Change in Rent
- % Change in Renter Income

*California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Housing Partnership. All figures in 2000 dollars.

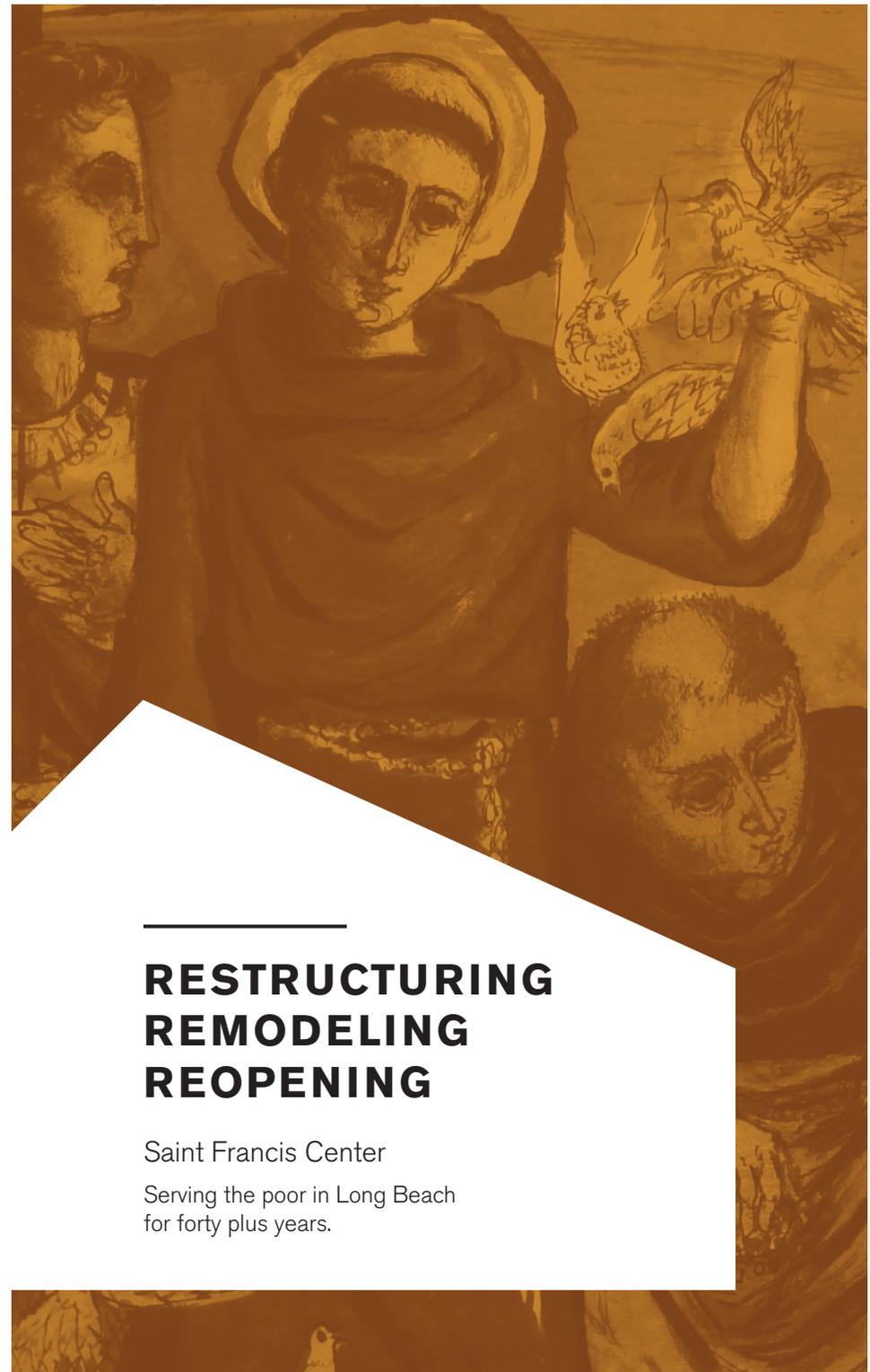
Rents / Homelessness*

Projected increase in L.A. Homelessness for each 1% increase in rent



- % Change in Rent
- % Change in Renter Income

*Zillow



RESTRUCTURING REMODELING REOPENING

Saint Francis Center

Serving the poor in Long Beach
 for forty plus years.



In 1970 the St. Francis Center of Long Beach was founded by a group of Secular Franciscans, the St. Francis Center of Long Beach operated out of a rented store front at 808 E. 4th Street. Paul Mousel was the original volunteer of the Center. In time, Paul Mousel became the director of the Center and gradually, the Secular Franciscans relinquished total control of the Center to Paul Mousel. The mission of the center in the words of the late Paul Mousel, OFS, a long-time volunteer and director of the center, remains as always “to meet the emergency needs of the less fortunate people for food, housing and clothing” and “putting into practice the Gospel idea that you help those in need and feed the hungry.” *

In February of 1985, the St. Francis Center was able to purchase its present location at 1041 E. 7th Street for a reduced price in an “as is” condition. Under the direction of Paul Mousel, the center continued to carry out its original mission meeting the ever increasing needs of the community.

After Paul’s passing in August 2015, the center began to flounder. Due to the state of disrepair of the building, the center was temporarily closed in August 2018.

On September 8, 2017 a new Board of Directors was formed and is currently working diligently to restructure, remodel and reopen the St. Francis Center of Long Beach never forgetting the core mission of caring for the less fortunate people of our society.

The Center currently faces approximate mandatory renovations in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.00 in building costs.

Prior to Paul Mousel’s passing and before its temporary closure, the Center was feeding 100 people a week and provided groceries to 60 families weekly.

One need only walk the streets of Long Beach and other cities to realize the fact that in three (3) years, the number of homeless has grown drastically. Along with hunger comes the need for clothing and shelter. It is the desire and intent of St. Francis Center of Long Beach to make a concerted effort to meet these needs. While it is impossible to meet all the needs of all the less fortunate individuals, a diligent and heart felt effort must be made.



Above: St. Francis Center Long Beach, CA in its current state. On September 8, 2017 a new Board of Directors was formed and are working diligently to restructure, remodel and reopen the Center.

The specific and primary purpose of St. Francis Center is to perform social and charitable activities within the community of greater Long Beach. These activities are designed to eliminate the dire needs and wants of families and individuals who are destitute and without



Above: Rendering of the purposed remodeled Saint Francis Center.

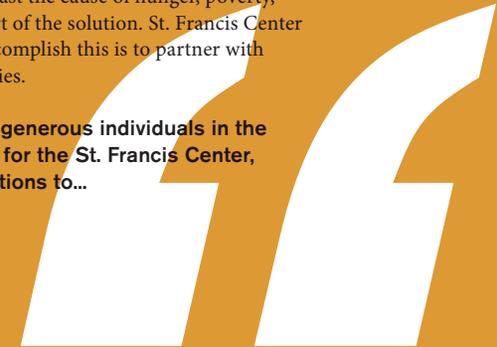
resources by exposing them to avenues of self-help thereby improving the general quality of their daily lives which otherwise might be trapped in a perpetual cycle of poverty.

It is not and never will be the intentions of the Center to enter the political arena, but one can only see that with states and its cities becoming ‘Sanctuary States and cities’, the level of poverty, hunger and homelessness will increase. It is the intent of St. Francis Center to do its part in this day and age to look past the cause of hunger, poverty, and homelessness and become a part of the solution. St. Francis Center also realizes that the only way to accomplish this is to partner with benevolent individuals and companies.

We are seeking donations from generous individuals in the community to realize our vision for the St. Francis Center, please kindly address any donations to...

**St. Francis Center
1041 E. 7th Street
Long Beach, CA 90813**

or visit us at: sfclb.org



**LOVE IS A FRUIT IN SEASON AT ALL TIMES,
AND WITHIN REACH OF EVERY HAND.**

Finally, in the words of St. (Mother) Teresa...

*Quotes from a Press - Telegram article dated 10/3/1981 from an interview with Paul Mousel, OFS