2025 Annual REPORT

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Stronger Together Now (STN) is an Inland Empire–based nonprofit organization, deeply rooted in San Bernardino and dedicated to advancing community safety, educational equity, and youth development through programs designed to meet the real and evolving needs of local neighborhoods.

Founded to bridge critical gaps in access to community resources, education, enrichment opportunities, and workforce pathways, STN has grown into a trusted partner to school districts, municipalities, and community organizations across San Bernardino County.

In 2025, STN delivered wide-ranging, measurable impact across education, public safety, health, the arts, and community development, while simultaneously navigating significant funding reductions and organizational restructuring. This included evaluating core values to ensure everyone on the team is aligned.

Despite a decrease in operating budget from $447,850 in 2024 to $327,429 in 2025 and a team reduction from 20 to 5 core staff members, STN expanded its service reach and deepened its community footprint. STN has been operating at 12% of 2025 budget since August, which illustrates the direct impact of educational cuts across the nation. It is also why STN has pivoted from educational services/programs to include health care services as Community Health Workers in 2026.

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Key impact highlights include:

- 566 students tutored and 283 students mentored
- 1,650 homes canvassed, with 76% of students successfully re-engaged in school and a 91% graduation rate
- 478 youth supported through sports and leadership programs, totaling 1,043 hours of structured activities
- 1,645 students trained through Barbering and Expanded Learning programs across 7 schools
- 750 hot meals, 237 produce distributions, 250 toys, and monthly clothing distributions serving families facing food and housing insecurity
- 375 Narcan kits and 132 supportive resources distributed to improve public health and safety
- 70 community events hosted, including cultural, wellness, and arts programming
- Completion of The Pulse, STN's community hub, renovated in 104 days, now serving as a central space for programs, partners, and residents

STN's experience and qualifications are grounded in successful large-scale program delivery, including the Traffic Safety Campaign (Summer 2024) funded by SCAG, OTS, and GoHuman; active school district partnerships with SBCUSD; county-level service provision through the San Bernardino County Probation Department; and emerging health services contracts with IEHP and Kaiser for Community Health Worker training.

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STN operates from its headquarters The Pulse, located at 479 W 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA, with an organizational structure supported by executive leadership, an engaged Board of Directors, 8 core staff members, 15+ contracted facilitators, and an expanding pipeline of trained mentors and community ambassadors. Specialized contracted partners provide professional services including accounting, legal compliance, HR, and operational/educational support for barbering classes, SB county hair cut services, and mural art series.

Through disciplined management, strong partnerships, and an unwavering commitment to community-driven solutions, Stronger Together Now continues to transform challenges into momentum — building safer streets, stronger schools, and healthier futures for the Inland Empire.

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Education Impact

Students Tutored: 566 | Students Mentored: 283 | Team Hours: 1,800 | Invoiced: $170,840

Re-Engagement

Homes: 1,650 | Reengaged: 76% | Graduation: 91% | Team Hours: 771.3 | Invoiced: $60,360

Sports & Lunch

Students: 478 | Sports Hours: 1,043 | Invoiced: $59,057
Lady Jags League Championship (2nd Place) led by STN Coaches Waylon & Kai

Barbering & EXL

Schools: 7 | Students: 1,645 | Competition Winners: 7
Give-A-Way: Clippers & Trimmers (15) & Barber Items (210)

Distributions: Food & Supplies

Hot Meals: 750 | Produce Distributed: ~7100lbs | Families Served: 237
Toys: 250 | Clothing Items: 50/month | Distros: 12 | DoorDash Deliveries: 25

Public Health

Narcan: 375 | Hygiene Items: 400 | Resources: 350 | Referrals: 132

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Community Events

Hosted Events: 70 | Paid Events: 12 | Community Events: 58
Salsa: 14 (280) | Yoga: 12 (75) | Artists Showcased: 3 | Art Sold: 6

The Pulse

Renovation: 104 days $25k | Mural: 7 days
Operation Costs: $18,440 at The Pulse | $7,600 at Studio D
Subtenants: $8k towards The Pulse

Cleanups

Trash Bags Collected: 79 | Events: 3 | Volunteers: 37

Organization Reality

Proposals: 16 | Contracts: 8 | Grants: 1 | Sponsorship: 1
Team Scaled: 20 (2024) → 5 (2025) since August due to education cuts.
Budget: $447,850 (2024) → $327,429 (2025) August-December is 12% of budget.

People Power

Team Hours: 3,647 | Officer Hours: 6,760
Team Pay: $118,688 | Officers (2): $68,000
Payroll Taxes:$24,371