



A fierce thirst
blistered feet
longing for a deep night's sleep.
To know these things
is to understand
the importance of
being generous with water.
To know these things
is to understand
our legacy and history.
To know these things
is to understand
this dream that is our inheritance.

This dream is a tree
growing
in a grid of streets
that intersect
with the destinies
of people who
struggle with poverty.
A people generous
and tolerant
with stories of sorrow
and good friends passing
with stories of others
forced out by high prices.
with stories of resilience
that defy all predictions.

This dream is a tree
that sprouts
not leaves
but wings
as will happen
when a people are treated
with dignity and compassion.
Their thoughts take flight.
They remember a future
long forgotten.
They come to believe
in their ability
to make themselves anew.

This dream is a tree that flowers.
In its branches
art
poetry
music
blossom.
Tales of exile and acceptance
stories of injustice and survival
flower
into a mosaic
of narratives
of the Tenderloin
as a kaleidoscope
of languages
beliefs
genders
complexions
and cultures.
(A view of our world
unique and unknown
to outsiders).

This dream is a tree
fruit-bearing.
A harvest
of small victories
a job interview
a new pair of shoes
a hair-cut
a room.
Being of value.
Going to school.
Finding strength
among those around you.
Finding meaning
in the struggle.
Finding yourself
in helping others.
Feeling a part of something
larger than ourselves.

This dream is a tree
that grows out our community.

This dream is a tree
deep-rooted and far reaching.

Performed by Michael Hampton, Kim Mosteiro, Darnell Boyd during Hospitality House's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Written by Jesse James Johnson.

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We are always in need of volunteers to help with the various task involved in hosting a major fundraiser. Email our Development Manager Tess Davis at tdavis@hospitalityhouse.org to get involved.



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Artists, Impresario, and Instigator
Art Hazelwood created a stunning
limited edition silkscreen
poster commemorating
Hospitality House's
50 years of building
community strength.

We Believe In Our Humanity

A Letter from Executive Director, Joe Wilson

This year marked a significant milestone for Hospitality House – 50 years of history! As we celebrate a half-century of struggle, triumph, and still more struggle, it's important to also acknowledge the progress we've made along the way. Hospitality House has utilized an innovative approach that combines direct service, community building, and leadership development – meeting basic needs while empowering residents to be engaged in civic participation and renewal, and become community leaders who inspire still other leaders.

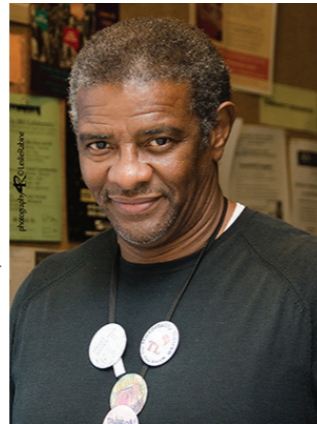


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Fifty years ago, on the eve of the Summer of Love, a committed group of community volunteers came together to start Hospitality House as a safe space for all, inspired by courageous young people seeking acceptance and equality. Over the years, our humble beginnings from a simple gathering space for youth and others evolved into a vibrant community hub in multiple neighborhoods teeming with activity, creativity, connection, and purpose. Hospitality House's struggles and triumphs spanning more than five decades reinforced our steadfast belief that every community can define its own priorities, choose its own solutions, and lift up its residents' voices. That those with the problem hold the keys to the solution, that everyone matters, and we leave no one behind.

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Throughout Hospitality House, there are concrete examples of our peer-based model come to life – and the power of people fighting to preserve the soul of the City. Formerly incarcerated men and women lead agency programs that inspire others to strive for change. Former gang members inspire community volunteers to give back, give themselves a chance, and lay the groundwork for others to inspire other residents to become leaders. Former drug users are role models for others in recovery, support each other, teach each other, and mentor others to explore new ways of living and doing. A formerly homeless person, a former resident of our shelter program, is now leading the organization into its next half-century of community building.

Indeed, as social struggles have intensified, our role as a truly responsive community institution has been tested, and we've had to authentically embrace economic justice, immigrant rights, fundamental justice for communities of color, and equality for all as the pillars of our agency's theory of change. Opportunities for change and inspiration are everywhere. So are our leaders.

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Over the years, Hospitality House has grown to six programs, four locations, three neighborhoods – while still drawing its strength from the rich mosaic of cultures, languages, and ethnic diversity that defines the Tenderloin, Mid-Market, and Sixth Street neighborhoods. We've remained a community of trauma survivors; of poets, artists, and dreamers; of those with direct experience of oppression, of those seeking simple refuge, of those rediscovering their capacity to be change agents – all coming together to give true meaning to our theory of change. Our community lives, breathes, and triumphs every day – an entire ecosystem of possibilities, nurturing and interdependent. Possibilities abound.

Our community is homeless people getting a fresh start, learning to believe in themselves again. It is job seekers discovering unrealized career possibilities, courageously risking failure because support is never far behind. It is community residents turning individual pain into collective possibilities, turning trauma into triumph - together. It is local artists using the power of creativity to inspire hope, and social change. Our community is self-help centers, where all community members are welcome without judgment, and places that reconnect individuals back to their community, then build a community of support for each individual.

Our Community Program Outcomes for FY2016-2017

Since its beginnings 50 years ago as simple drop-in space for youth run by community volunteers, Hospitality House has evolved into a vibrant community institution operating six multi-faceted programs at four locations in three distinct neighborhoods. Our programs are deeply rooted in the philosophy of harm reduction, reducing harm rather than passing judgment, offering options for better choices, and valuing all community members as assets, not liabilities. Hospitality House's signature peer-based model, i.e., those running our programs mirror the diversity of the community which we serve, is also embodied in our current executive director - a formerly homeless person and shelter resident. Over the years, Hospitality House has endeavored to remain true to its founding mission: to make the heart of San Francisco a better place for all.



Tenderloin Self-Help Center

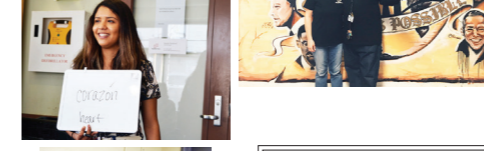
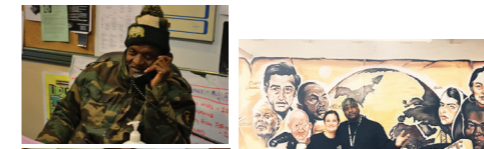
For more than 30 years, The Tenderloin Self-Help Center (TSHC) has offered low-threshold services for low-income and homeless community residents including drop-in services, support groups, case advocacy and housing referrals, peer counseling, and harm reduction therapy.

- More than 9,000 individuals served throughout the year
- Hundreds of community residents participated in discussion and support groups
- Hundreds of low-income and homeless residents developed case plans to achieve stability - housing, income, behavioral health needs, money management - and accomplished at least one goal throughout the year
- Hosted two Poetry & Spoken Word events to showcase community talent

Sixth Street Self-Help Center

For nearly a decade, The Sixth Street Self-Help Center has offered low threshold drop-in services for low-income and homeless community residents in the Sixth Street corridor. Modeled after our flagship center in the Tenderloin, highlights include:

- Provided drop-in services to nearly 4900 community residents throughout the year.
- More than 200 community members attended Harm Reduction support groups
- Hundreds of community residents were referred to behavioral health services, and/or developed case plans to address housing, employment, or behavioral health needs
- Hosted monthly providers' resource group including more than 20 community agencies



Shelter Program

Since late 1982, Hospitality House has operated one of the City's oldest (and smallest) shelters for 30 men each night, 365 days per year.

- 645 homeless men served throughout the year
- 70 men received extended case management & advocacy to achieve greater stability - permanent housing, health care, public benefits, employment, etc.
- 8 formerly homeless residents moved into permanent housing.

Two exciting new partnerships to help residents strengthen community ties:

Farming Hope: With the help of the organization, shelter residents are building a community garden on the Hospitality House's rooftop. Additionally, Farming Hope has hired several residents to work at their farmer's market booth and monthly dinners.

Back on My Feet: Helps to restore confidence, strength and self-esteem by matching shelter residents up with competitive runners. As they learn to run/walk, residents create bonds that help them develop positive impacts in their lives.

Community Arts Program

For more than 45 years, Hospitality House's Community Arts Program (CAP) has offered free fine arts studio space for low-income, community artists - the only of its kind in San Francisco. CAP also features daily arts instruction and workshops, frequent exhibitions of local artists' work, and community engagement activities. Artists keep 100% of the proceeds from their art sales.

- Provided free-of-charge fine arts space and instruction to more than 3,000 individual artists and neighborhood residents
- Offered 95 in-studio workshops - drawing, framing, ceramics, printmaking, painting, etc. - for nearly 200 local artists and residents.
- Our 32nd Annual Art Auction, one of our two annual fundraisers, raised more than \$75,000 in sales.
- Hosted two city-wide social change events bringing together local residents, community activists, and artists: "Artists For Social Justice," and "This Is Our City, Too!"



Community Building Program

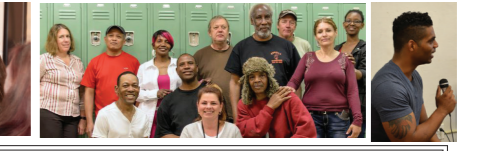
Since 2010, the Community Building Program (CBP) has strengthened community capacity to recover from trauma through case advocacy, support groups, leadership development and civic engagement. This includes volunteerism and civic participation for community residents and our unique trauma-informed project called Healing, Organizing & Leadership Development (HOLD). Highlights include:

- 450 community members participated in nearly 20 engagement activities throughout the year to build community strength and leadership skills, and foster civic pride
- More than 125 community residents were screened, assessed and/or developed case plans to achieve goals for housing, behavioral health needs, counseling support.
- More than 300 community residents participated in at least one discussion / community building group throughout the year
- 18 community residents enrolled in the Healing, Organizing and Leadership Development (HOLD) program throughout the year
- 9 current or former interns organized or presented at a community event, building leadership skills and serving as role models for others.

Employment Program

The Employment Program offers options for empowerment and stability through addressing barriers to employment, securing living wage jobs, and encouraging career choices. The team has worked to expand services and citywide collaboration with employers and other workforce and employment agencies. In recognition of expanded services and community partnerships, in 2016 we were chosen by the City to open a full-service Neighborhood Access Point. Highlights include:

- 119 participants enrolled in employment case management/advocacy services.
- 77 participants developed a case plan to identify steps toward reaching their goals.
- 64 participants completed work readiness activities including resume and cover letter creation, mock interviewing, and job search activities.
- 49 Participants were placed in unsubsidized employment.



Financial Data for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017

INCOME		EXPENSES		NET INCOME	
Federal Funding	218,522	Program Personnel	2,465,737	Depreciation / Amort	156,750
State Funding	1,119,514	Admin Personnel	313,885	Net Income before non-cash	189,977
Local Funding	2,142,138	Client&Consulting Services	533,635		
Foundations	350,000	Office & Facility	657,112		
Corporations	38,171	Fundraising	9,885		
Individual	77,474	Staff Training & Development	39,082		
Other	106,744				
Total	\$4,052,563	Total	\$4,019,336		

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Today, the stakes are higher than ever, the battles are more crucial than ever, and seemingly each block in our community is a site of struggle. Four out of five homeless people in the City go without shelter every night, and more than seventy classrooms of children are homeless in San Francisco. And yet, for those trying to build better futures – there are wait lists for shelter, wait lists for permanent housing, wait lists for treatment services. The City's poorest communities – like ours – have also become ground zero for market-rate housing development and shameful profiteering. Displacement and gentrification are making it harder for low-income residents to stay in the City – and entrapment is ensuring that many can't afford to leave. Young people, immigrant families, seniors struggling to be part of their own neighborhoods, those reentering the community and rebuilding their lives, and homeless people seeking justice, not charity – are all fighting to preserve the soul of the City.

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As our journey continues, we know that we cannot engage the struggle alone. For immigrant families living in fear right here in San Francisco, we cannot do it alone. For homeless men, women and children fighting for survival every day, we cannot do it alone. For transgender activists being gunned down on the streets, for working class communities like ours battling gang injunctions and a cash-or-credit justice system, we cannot do it alone. For the poets, artists, and dreamers envisioning a better world and striving to create that vision on canvas, and in our hearts, and on every block in our neighborhood, we cannot do it alone.

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Over the next five years, we're launching an ambitious, visionary campaign: to engage thousands of committed community members across San Francisco in Hospitality House's work. Our work combines necessary services with transforming lives, growing local resident leaders, lifting up voices, and building community power. We're reaching out to thousands of individuals like you, new partners with new ideas and untapped networks of change agents and visionary voices, and we're asking you to invest in Hospitality House's work every month, as committed sustainers, as planned contributors, as movement and community builders. We value every community member as an asset, and we believe firmly that people can. Working together, we can show people how. And every day, we help people do. By believing in us, you help us transform pain into possibilities, celebrate the power of people fighting for the soul of the City, and turn trauma into triumph – together.

As we begin our next half-century of improving lives, lifting up voices, and building community power, we need you to join us.

Above all, thank you for believing in Hospitality House.



Graduates of the Healing, Organizing and Leadership Development (HOLD) program, Class of 2016.

Celebrating the Power of Our Voices, Our Stories, Our Community

Sights and Sounds from Hospitality House's 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 12, 2017 at The Green Room of San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center

Photos by Allen Ellison. Video stills by Scotty Peterson



Finance Manager Alejandra Hilsaca and Employment Program Manager Abigail Headrick prepare name tags for guest before the event.



Hospitality House's long time supporter and guardian angel Leslie Rabine enjoying the evening's program.



Volunteers Helen Manalo and Eileen Anicete check-in guest at the registration table.



Board President Jeanie Bunker welcomes everyone.



Hospitality House's Executive Director Joe Wilson leads the evening's program.



Community Arts Program Manager Janet Williams cheers the artists of CAP as they are recognized.



Director of Finance Mara Raider (right) presents Jackie Jenks with a special gift along with COH ED Jenny Friedenbach



Long time supporter Alanna Zrimsek (right)



Community Building Program Manager Windy Click checks out the scene with Case Manager Ron Burnham.



ED Circle: former Hospitality House Executive Director Jackie Jenks (right) share a laugh with the Coalition on Homelessness ED Jenny Friedenbach (center) and new Hospitality House ED Joe Wilson.



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Senator Mark Leno and Margaret Brodtkin



District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim with Training Manager David McKinley, Development Manager Tess Davis, and Director of Development Allan S. Manalo.



Community Arts Program artists Charles Blackwell and Jason Rivers share a story.



Community Building Program Manager Windy Click presents recognition awards to long time volunteers Jesse Johnson, Jon Myles, Motohiro Hamada and Moses Thompson



Former Hospitality House Executive Director Jackie Jenks: "Happy birthday, happy 50th birthday Hospitality House. I came to HH 22 years ago and it has changed my life. The Tenderloin has changed my life. I will never be the same. This organization is special, it's unique, it's one of a kind. It's a place where everyone can come and everyone has a place, everyone has a role and everybody matters. I hope your will continue to work in the future with that as the goal and I hope one day, Hospitality House can work itself out of a job because everybody will have ample housing, ample income, and everyone will feel like they're part of a safe and dignified community. So happy birthday! Here's to the next 50 years into working ourselves out of a job!"



The fabulous 50th anniversary cake created and donated by the Cake Gallery.



Western Regional Advocacy Project founder Paul Boden: "Hospitality House never tried to rehabilitate me to fit back into the system. (And I can you there's mayors and shit that are very disappointed that they didn't do that.) The reality is, homeless and poor people did not create homelessness. Homelessness was created by racism, classism, and neo-liberal economics."



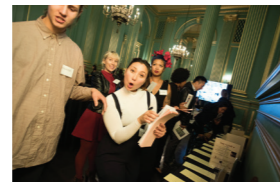
Gayle Rosemond (right) kicking off the Sideshow Stage on the loggia. Katya Radul performs a song on her ukulele. Sideshow Stage performers featured Ed Bowers, Jesse Johnson, JR Johnson, Precious Listana, Bisola Marignay, Kim Mosteiro, Katya Radul, and Gayle Rosemond.



Community Arts Program artist Sylvester "Slick" Guard shares his story: "I have my own art business and I'm learning and growing everyday. Anything is possible. I'm going to keep fighting for the artists in my neighborhood because this is our home we deserve to put our stories out there."



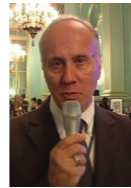
The legendary Rev. Glenda Hope



Amber Carvalez sets up the silent auction table along with Caleb Putnam.



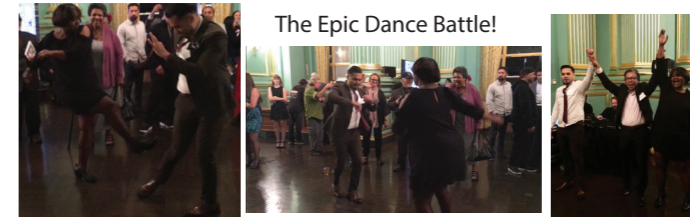
Vitamin Productions founder Marcus Cheek share a striking pose with Hospitality House Development Manager Tess Davis.



Vanguard founder Rev. Adrian Ravarour: "Hospitality House has only grown in its capacity to love, to serve, to help, and to be that resource where we realize we are all equal and that we must help each other in order for our humanity and world to survive."



Activist, Politician, Comic Tom Ammiano: "You know as long as I've been involved in politics which is over 50 years, you can tell the true people and the authentic people and those behind Hospitality House and all the other social justice advocates have run true."



The Epic Dance Battle!

After several months of calling each other out, Peer Advocate Samantha Rodgers and Shelter Program Manager Jose Bernal final settle it on the floor in an epic dance battle to end a memorable night... in a unanimous tie!



Tenderloin Self-Help Center Program Manger Dewayne Cobb (right) gazes at the night sky.

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