

# *Working together in a time of great need*



# Davis Street's Year of Resilience



*Resilience—the capability of a person, system, or organization to adapt when facing adversity, and ability to recover readily from a crisis or a traumatic disruptive process*

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I want you to know how much we APPRECIATE you and your generosity, and assure you we are still here, still committed to helping even MORE clients as we move into the holiday season and 2021. Here's a look back over this past year...

In December 2019, we were looking forward to a fantastic 2020. The State of California, particularly the Bay Area, was nearing full employment, so our childcare centers were humming along at near capacity. For the first time since our Clinic opened, our staff was mentioning the fact that they did not have time to breathe between appointments because our clinics were becoming fully booked. More of our clients living with disabilities were securing jobs and there were plenty of volunteers to ensure our ability to feed thousands of people each month. I just felt 2020 was going to be an amazing year, not just for Davis Street, but also for our clients and our community. We were all very excited.

Then, March 2020 happened.

The statewide Corona Virus Shelter-In-Place (SIP) mandate was issued on March 17, 2020. We all know exactly where we were when we heard the news. Davis Street's entire business model is designed to meet our client where they are. That meant suddenly our clients were all at home...afraid! We closed down the afternoon the SIP was issued, and the next day only 12 of 110 staff came back to work. The thriving clinic was closed for three entire days. Our Developmental Disabilities program's on-site services were suspended. Our near-capacity childcare centers were all shut down. The food program was closed to revamp in order to prepare for the increase in people needing basic items. We were a multi-service center that could provide no services.

After the initial shock wore off, I realized that Davis Street had a **major** role to play in the lives of the people who needed us. We just had to figure out how to provide services in the new contactless environment but more importantly, how to pay for them when most of our income was suspended. Governor Newsom identified sectors of the economy that would be deemed "essential." One sector was childcare. The State added funds for childcare services specifically to support the childcare needs of essential workers. **This designation was a lifeline to Davis Street.**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON

Our Center at Jefferson Elementary was reopened, and was immediately at capacity. As we enter into the eighth month of this Pandemic, our childcare services are booming in ways we could not have anticipated.

Our in-person services to our developmentally disabled clients had to be reinvented and today, our scaled-back services are done virtually while the most critical self-care services have been recreated to see clients in their homes in greater frequency than when individuals physically came into their programs!

As with most health care providers, our clinicians have become experts in telemedicine. We are actually “seeing” more patients because of greater appointment flexibility. We’ve incorporated telemedicine into our scope and plan to continue our telemedicine appointments as many of our patients move to different parts of the county in search of housing and jobs. The biggest change seen by our Health Center is the increase in the need for mental health care and domestic violence identification. Many families are under tremendous stress during the SIP due to joblessness, potential homelessness, and the closure of schools for older children.

Of all of our programs, the Basic Needs Program (including our Food Pantry, Housing Assistance, and Utilities Assistance Programs) has been the most impacted by the Pandemic. We have seen a five-fold increase in the number of families in need of food. This increase has occurred at the same time we have lost more than 50% of our volunteers. Over these past few months, we have all become Food Pantry support staff, just trying to meet daily needs.

Despite all of this suffering, I have seen the very best in the people with whom I work, the organizations that support us, and the families we serve. Out of the blue, one of our philanthropic partners provided a grant to give a one-time stipend to our clients who are undocumented and could not receive the \$1,200 grant that most Americans received early on in the Pandemic. When we sent out the word that our Food Pantry was overwhelmed, volunteers—many in the highest risk categories—showed up to help us.

Throughout this year, I have learned many things: **life is unpredictable, good times are cyclical, and the people who love Davis Street, love Davis Street.**

I am SO grateful to you for volunteering, for sending money, and for your prayers—we would not still be standing without you. And we need you now—more than ever—to give generously from your heart. Together, we will stand proud and continue offering hope to each other and our community.

Thank you, from all of us here at Davis Street Community Center, and from the clients that TOGETHER, we serve.

From my heart to yours,



Rose Padilla Johnson, CEO

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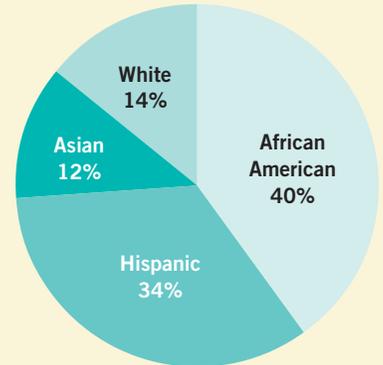
# Davis Street Services

Helping others help themselves.

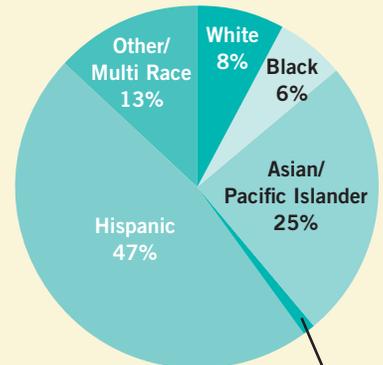


## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Children's Services

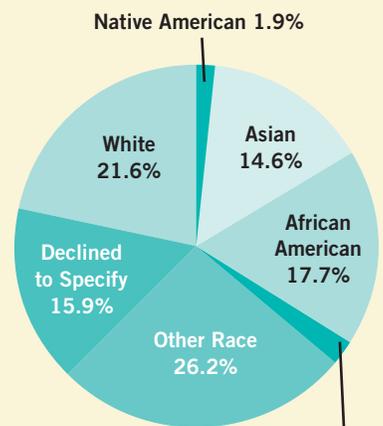


### Basic Needs



Native American less than 1%

### Primary Care Clinic



Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 2.2%



# Children's Services

Davis Street operates four Child Development Centers in San Leandro and administers an Alternative Payment Program, which is a parental choice childcare voucher program for eligible families in the Eden area for children ages 0 to 12. Family eligibility is based on income and need.

During the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, a total of 1,203 children and 654 families received care through all of Davis Street's Children's Services programs.

On March 16, 2020, three of Davis Street's four Child Development centers closed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today Jefferson sites shifted the 96 subsidy center children to virtual classrooms. Jefferson remained physically open to serve 24 essential worker families. The Alternative Payment Voucher based program, already serving 1,100 children, received state-funded emergency funds that served an additional 103 children of essential workers effective April 16, 2020, bringing the total to 1,203 children served.



# Basic Needs

Davis Street's Basic Needs services provide food, clothing, housing, and utility assistance to low-income families and seniors in the Eden area.

**Fiscal Year 19/20**

## Food Program

Fiscal Year 18/19

**20,250**  
total visits

**11,169**  
individuals

Food Program

**26,966**

total visits

**16,416**

individuals

COVID-19 Emergency Food

**2,237**

total visits

**7,742**

individuals

*\*Included in Food Program total*

Clothing Program\*

**2,900**

total visits

**984**

individuals

*\*Temporarily closed as of March 2020 due to COVID-19*

Housing Referrals

**1,598**



## Basic Needs

December of 2019, Davis Street's Annual Bikes for Tykes program was spearheaded by Jason Jower of Abbott to provide 1,000 **new** bicycles and helmets to low-income children for the holidays. Dedicated staff members from Abbott Diabetes Care Division in Alameda assembled hundreds of bicycles for the program as well as distributed the bikes with assistance from

Davis Street staff, volunteers, community members, local school clubs, and the San Leandro Police Department.



1,000 new bicycles wait to be claimed by children.



Above: Jason Jower, Abbott's Senior Manager, and Davis Street's CEO, Rose Padilla Johnson.

## HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

For nearly 48 years, Davis Street has provided thousands of less fortunate families with a holiday feast and toys each holiday season. Families receive a basket containing a complete holiday meal—including a turkey, fresh produce, and all the fixings. Children enrolled in the program receive new age-appropriate toys and gift cards for the holidays. With the support of Alameda County Fire Department, Local 55 Firefighters Union of Alameda County, California Highway Patrol, San Leandro Police Department, and many community members and volunteers, food baskets and toys were distributed to **3,164 individuals, including 173 seniors and 1,723 children** on December 23, 2019.



# Davis Street's Annual Health Fair

AND BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

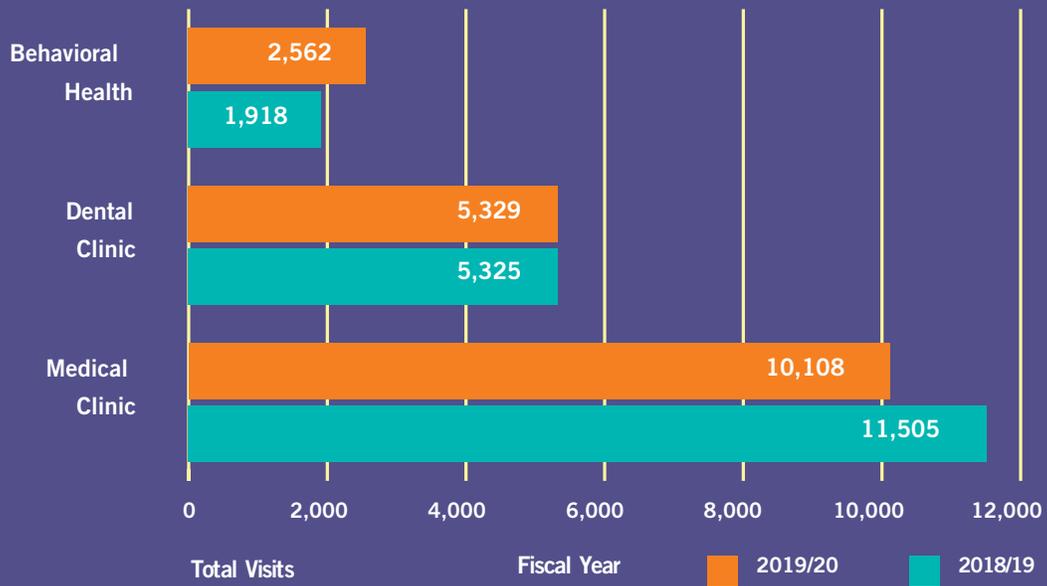


August 2019, Davis Street hosted its 5th Annual Community Health Fair. The Health Fair featured linkages to 25 other community resources and had more than 1,000 attendees, and 586 low-income children received new tennis shoes and backpacks full of school supplies for the new school year. This year, August 2020, Davis Street had to reinvent the Health Fair and Back to School Drive due to COVID-19. For the safety of Davis Street's clients, staff, and volunteers, Davis Street designed an appointment made drive-thru Back to School Health Week. Davis Street offered curbside pickup for backpacks, shoes, and supplies and free pediatric wellness checks, vaccines, and dental screenings to the scheduled clients.



# Primary Care Clinic

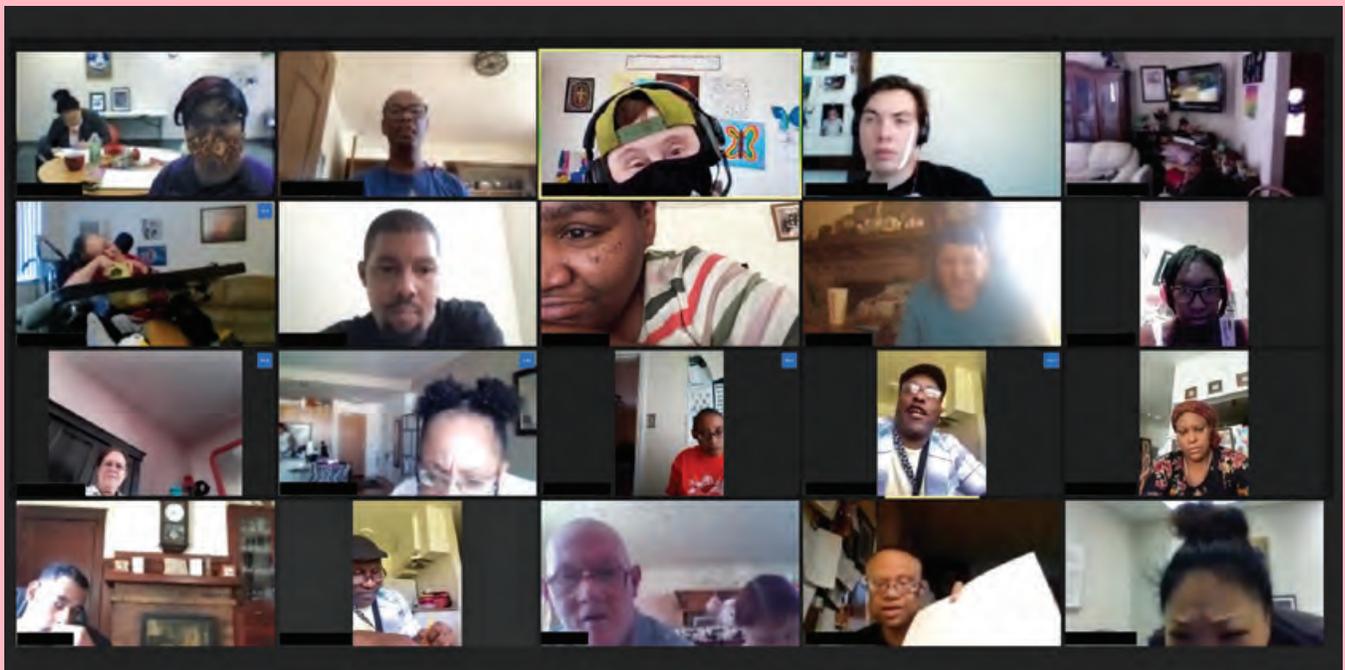
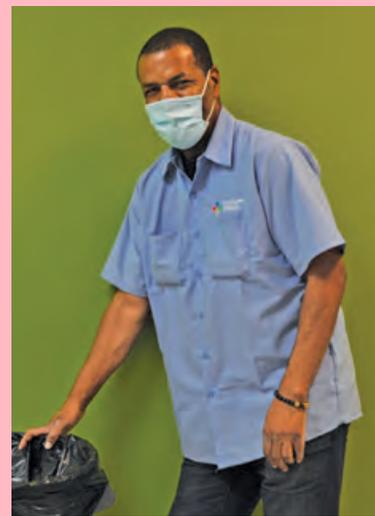
Davis Street's Primary Care Clinic provides full medical, dental, pediatric services, behavioral health, and women's health services.



# Developmental Disabilities Services

Davis Street's Disabilities Program provides critically needed services to 121 adults with developmental disabilities. The programs teach our consumers independent living skills, employment skills, healthy living techniques, as well as self-expression through various outlets such as art, cooking, exercise, communication, self-advocacy, pre-vocational training, money management, and emergency preparedness. The goal is to provide them with the skills to live independently, maintain a job and become a successful employee, and help enhance their overall quality of life and good health.

As of March 2020, the programs adapted due to COVID-19. Although consumers supported in the employment program have been working as essential workers since the beginning of the pandemic, the rest of the programs have become virtual. Virtual classes are three times weekly, providing art classes, wellness checks, and light fitness sessions.



## Volunteer Spotlight: ANTOINETTE VON STADE



Davis Street is beyond grateful to have dedicated volunteers like Antoinette.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Antoinette Von Stade grew up in Hayward and became a Dental Hygienist. Antoinette had heard about Davis Street's services over the years and even was in the same Dental Hygiene degree program at Chabot College with Davis Street's Dental Hygienist, Jan Brooks.

When Antoinette was furloughed from her job in March of 2020 due to COVID-19, she heard about Davis Street's volunteer services through the City of San Leandro's volunteer hub, - San Leandro Kindness Network. Antoinette began volunteering every week in Davis Street's food warehouse, sorting and providing groceries for our low income families and at-risk seniors on April 1, 2020 and has been here ever since. She even brought on her husband, her sister, and neighbor to help volunteer at Davis Street.

Antoinette chose to volunteer at Davis Street because she "wants to help make things easier and more positive for people that are struggling. Food shouldn't be something people have to worry about, but unfortunately for some, it's a huge stressor, and Davis Street helps eliminate that and offers support in so many different ways."

## In Loving Memory of Charlie Gilcrest

May Charlie Gilcrest rest in peace. Charlie passed away on August 4, 2020 after a long illness. Much can be said about Charlie and his very full life as a political consultant, but I write about his life as a passionate advocate for the disenfranchised, the marginalized, and in particular, people needing access to quality affordable healthcare. Charlie was a member of the Davis Street Board of Directors until his election to the Eden Health District in August 23, 2018. He leaves his eternal imprint on Davis Street services and our commitment to helping those most in need.

We will miss his presence, his smile, and above all, his humor. A true friend of Davis Street, Charlie will live on in our hearts forever.



# The Road Ahead: 2021

March 24, 2021 Spring Art Fashion Fundraiser

August 2–6, 2021, Health Week

August 26, 2021 Annual Gala

For more information on upcoming events and how to support, contact  
Development@davisstreet.org.

Due to COVID-19, Davis Street adjusted all events and fundraisers to ensure the safety of our staff, clients, donors, and community members. Davis Street held its first EVER virtual gala, *Celebrating Motown* on August 26, 2020. Thanks to all participants and supporters, the event was a success in helping keep Davis Street's critical services functioning and fulfilling our mission to help families stay afloat during their most difficult times. To view the virtual gala, visit: <http://davisstreet.org/index.php/virtual-gala/>



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