

# ANNUAL REPORT|2018-2019





"THE REWARD  
FOR WORK  
WELL  
DONE IS THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO DO MORE."

-JONAS SALK

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO,  
ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON

## 2018 ~ 2019, Davis Street's Year of Courage

*Courage – The attitude of facing and dealing with anything recognized as dangerous, difficult or painful, instead of withdrawing from it.*

The Spanish word for “courage” is “*valor*.” Interestingly, the English word “valor” means tremendous courage. Making that little shift in thought from Spanish to English, from *valor* to valor, actually intensifies the power of courage. It is this intensity of courage that has defined 2019 for all of us at Davis Street, from the clients we serve, to our dedicated staff, and, even to me. At Davis Street, I bear witness to courageousness, to valor, minute by minute.

California is the fifth largest economy on Earth, it is a region with some of the best universities in the world, and is home to a company that has more cash on hand than the United States Treasury. Even with all of this, there is a sad truth about the state: it possesses a very soft and vulnerable underbelly. California had the largest homeless population in the United States with approximately a quarter of all homeless Americans living here. California also has the highest number of children living in poverty. How do you even begin to reconcile living in a place that has children going to bed hungry each night and one of the

highest concentrations of billionaires? You can only reconcile these facts with courage ... with great courage ... with valor.

I recognize the courage of a mom who takes several buses to get here with two or three little ones in tow, and leaves, smiling, after a visit with the doctor, getting clothes for her kids and food for her cupboard. I see valor when a young, single guy, who is working two and three jobs to pay the rent, makes an early trip to the pantry for food. It can be difficult to accept help, especially when you're doing everything right – you have a job, you pay your bills -- but in the Bay Area you just may not have enough to buy food to get you through the month. Hundreds of undocumented families depend on Davis Street's pantry for food, clothing and other household items, and our clinic for health care. Television, radio, the internet, everywhere, this population is vilified. It takes courage to come to us, and ask for help. These families come and share their stories because they trust us.

Davis Street takes care of nearly 1,200 children each day in our Children's Development Programs. Because of our high-quality programming, parents can go to work without worry, while their child is getting comprehensive care.

Through our Stepping Stones Programs, each day nearly 200 people with disabilities receive job training, coaching and other services to keep their bodies and minds engaged. It is an act of courage even to get here for some of our clients in this program.

This was a record year in terms of the number of families who came to us for help with keeping their utilities on or preventing an eviction. Yes, it takes courage to ask for help, but think about the kind of courage it takes just not to stay in bed, cover up your head and cry when faced with major challenges in every area of your life.

Sometimes it is an act of courage just to keep going!

Our clients are courageous, as are our employees. Every week, we hear about someone earning more than \$200K per year who is unable to find a home in the Bay Area. I know that our workers are aware of the 20-somethings across the bridge who are earning high six figures, and have benefits that would make angels jealous. But our staff comes to work every day because they know how much they are needed by the clients we serve. This year was a tremendously difficult year for Davis Street because of new organizational requirements due to our Clinic and the merger with Stepping Stones. Some days our staff was asked to wear two and three hats to get the work done. Everyone did so with dedication that only courage and love can forge.

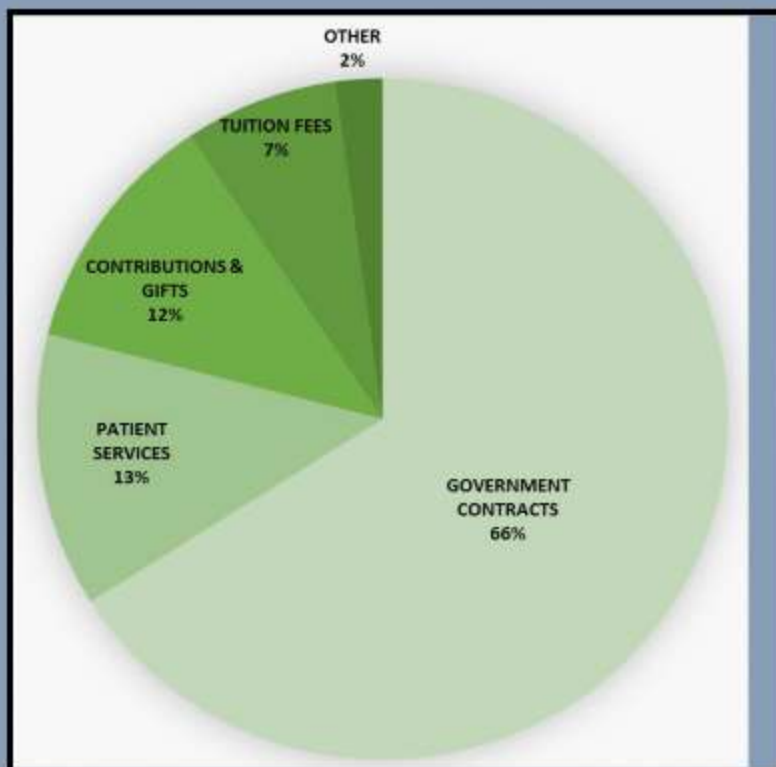
At Davis Street, we go the extra mile for our clients and for our community. This has been the way we have operated since I arrived way back in 1991. It is only with the hindsight of twenty-eight years that I can recognize my own courage. It has taken courage to “dream” a free clinic into a fully operating community health center; it has taken courage to create alliances with groups and individuals that would benefit Davis Street. It has taken courage to grow Davis Street from a ministry of the First Christian Church to a multi-million dollar enterprise serving thousands of clients over the years.

Finally, through gutsy endeavors, seemingly wild ideas to do what is needed to help our neighbors, our supporters have provided unwavering, COURAGEOUS support that has ensured our ability to help those who are most in need. It takes no courage on my part to tell you all how grateful I am for your continued support and how much I love how much **you** love Davis Street.

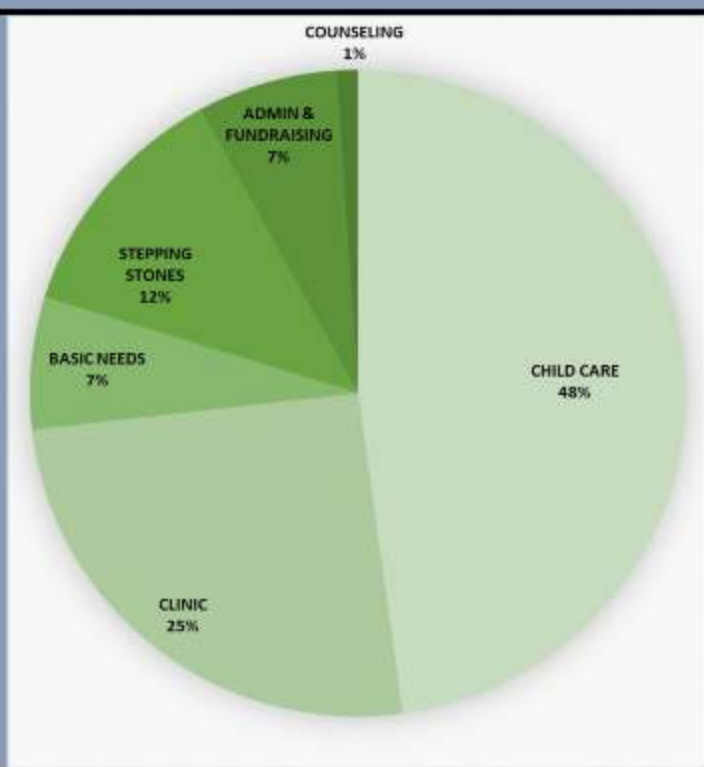
From my heart to yours,  
Rose



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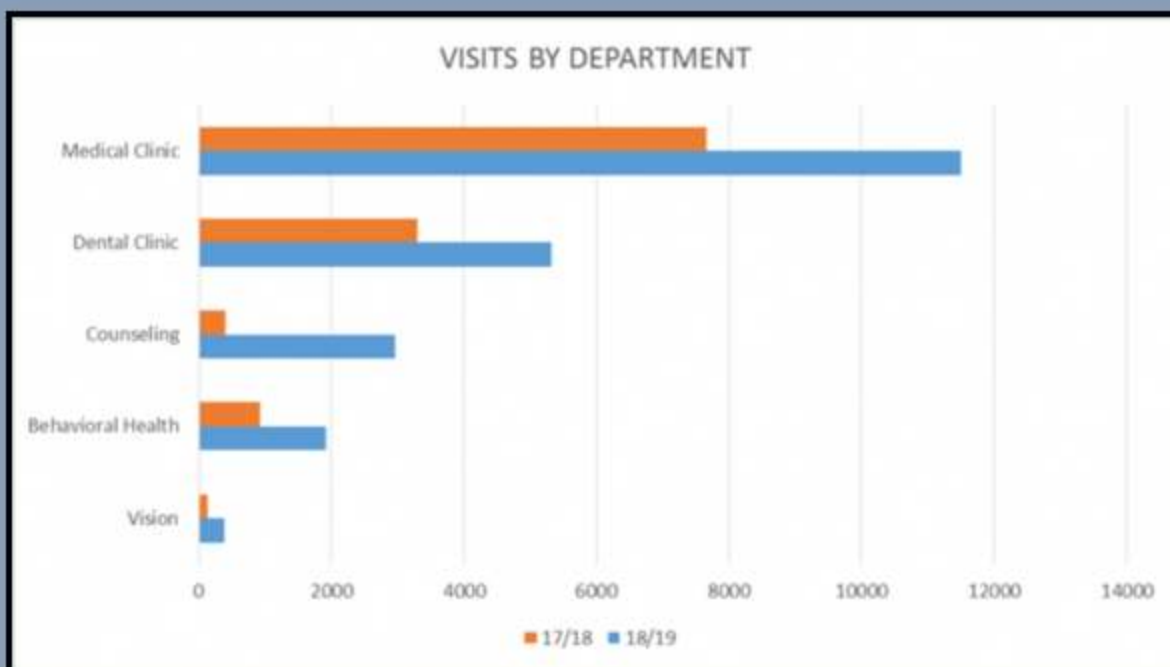


## USE OF FUNDS



## PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

Street Primary Care Clinic continues to grow. Providing 22,103 visits during the FY 18/19.

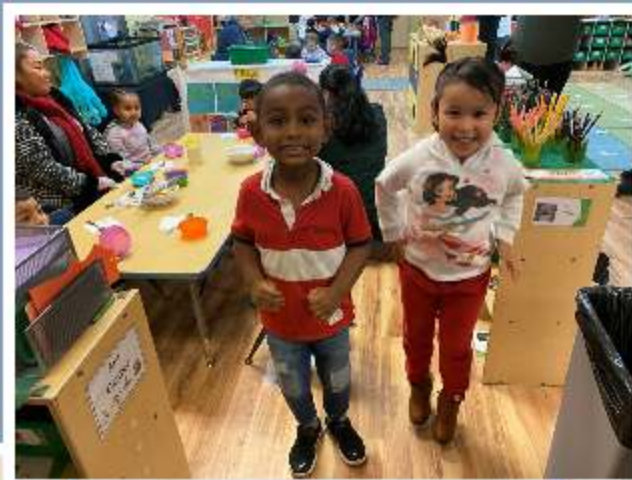


Davis Street Primary Care Clinic provides full medical, dental, pediatric services, behavioral health, optometry, and women's health services.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**645 families and 1178 children receive care through all of our children's services programs.**

Davis Street operates five childcare centers in San Leandro and administers an Alternative Payment Program for up to 900 eligible children, which is a parental choice childcare voucher program for eligible families with children age 0 thru 12, who are living in the Eden area. Family eligibility is based on income and need. Families are entitled to choose either traditional or non-traditional services (including evening and weekend care) in their choice of childcare environment, including center-based care, family day care homes and license exempt care.



The Oakland Raiders have supported Davis Street's Child Development Centers for over 5 years. This year, they provided 85 children from Davis Street's Roosevelt Center with 3 brand new books of their

choice, and the Raider's donated the extra books to all of Davis Street's Child Development Centers at a total of 400 new books.



## BASIC NEEDS FOOD & CLOTHING PROGRAM

### FOOD PROGRAM



20,250  
Visits

11,169  
Individuals



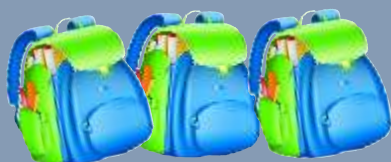
### CLOTHING PROGRAM

1,431  
Visits

3,898  
Individuals

1,032  
Housing Referrals

### BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



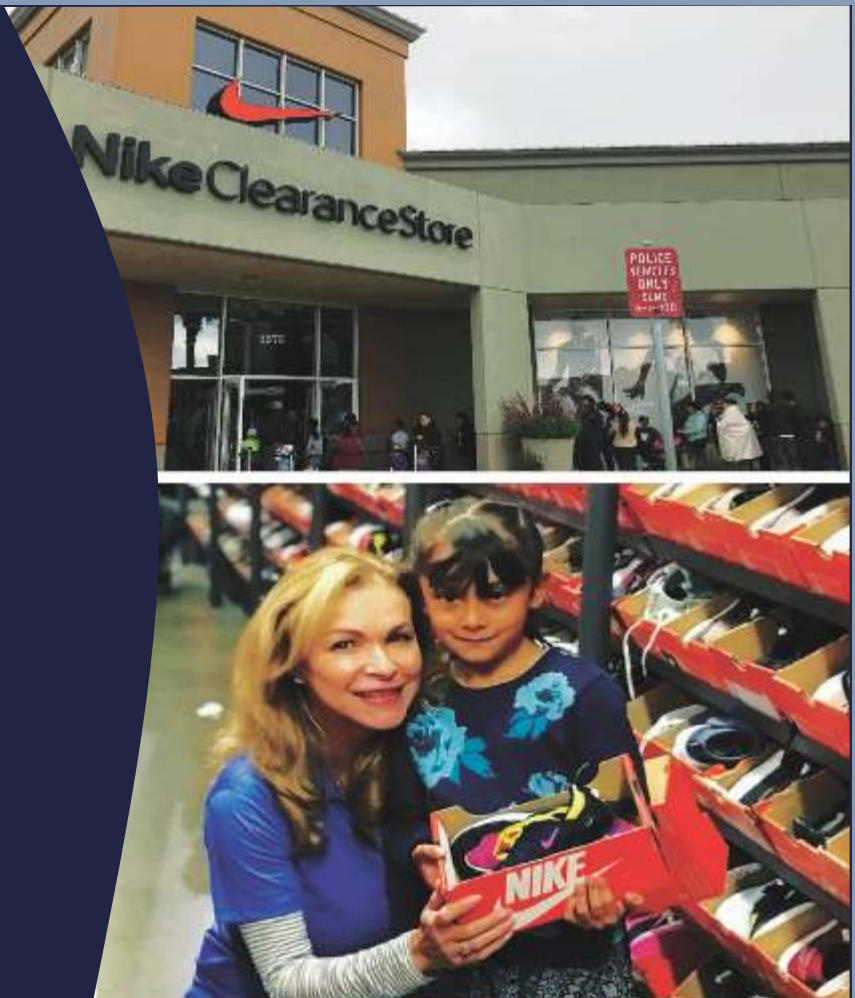
600  
Backpacks and School Supplies



558  
Pairs of Shoes

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIKE SHOE GIVEAWAY

Davis Street partnered with the Nike Clearance Store at Marina Square Center to give away new shoes to 150 low-income children through a raffle as part of the Davis Street annual Back 2 School Giveaway.



## HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

The Alameda County Fire Department, Local 55 Firefighters Union of Alameda County, California Highway Patrol, San Leandro Police Department, local businesses, and over 100 staff and community volunteers distributed food and new, unwrapped toys to families in need. With much support, Davis Street was able to provide a holiday feast and toys to 3,032 individuals including nearly 1,000 families, 245 seniors and 1,919 children.



## DAVIS STREET'S ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

The Community Health Fair featured linkages to 25 other community resources and had more than 1,000 attendees. The event included a free fresh produce giveaway thanks to a local donor, clinic tours, blood pressure checks, bike raffles, dental screenings, children's activity area, games, face painting, music, and complimentary lunch cooked by the Local 55 Firefighters Union of Alameda County.

Davis Street's Back 2 School Giveaway Backpack and Shoe distribution is also held at the Annual Health Fair. The Back 2 School Giveaway, a staple of Davis



Street for 15 years, has helped relieve low-income and homeless families of the burden of purchasing school supplies. The backpack and shoe giveaway was distributed during the Health Fair providing over 500 children in-need with new shoes, and backpacks filled with pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters, erasers, wide ruled and collage paper, notebooks, note cards, markers, folders, glue sticks, and scissors for the upcoming school year.



## BIKES FOR TYKES

Davis Street has partnered with Officer Louie Brant and the San Leandro Police Officers Association in giving away hundreds of new bicycles and helmets to low-income children for over 8 years. After Officer Louie Brant's retirement early this year, he passed along the baton to longtime colleague, Jason Jower, of the Abbott Diabetes Care Division. Jason has taken the lead and adopted the program to provide 1,000 new bicycles and helmets to underprivileged children this year. The program continues to provide smiles and a brightened holiday to those children in need.





## STEPPING STONES



Founded in 1975 Stepping Stones continues to provide critically needed services to nearly 200 adults and children with developmental disabilities.

Stepping Stones joined Davis Street in February of 2019, with several of the programs operating out of the Davis Street Community Center.



### *Programs include:*

**ARTFUL STEPS** - Teaching individuals, of every level of ability, methods for self-expression through the visual arts. The program promotes the talent of our artists through community-based events and local art exhibits.

**STEPS TOWARDS WELLNESS** - The purpose of this programs is to enhance the quality of life by introducing the consumers to information and activities which will lead to healthier life styles.

**HIRE STEPS** - A prevocational/remedial program designed for individuals who have not been previously employed or who have a desire to work but are unsure of what it takes to become a successful employee. Hire Steps follows a curriculum outlining the steps to become successful in the workplace with a focus on overcoming a variety of barriers to employment.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES** - A program for those consumers who desire to live in their own housing, or are already living in their own housing and need ongoing assistance. The program offers training in areas deemed necessary for the individual, such as: cooking, money management, self-advocacy, communication, emergency procedures, laundry, shopping, and use of public transportation. In addition, the consumer will be assisted in applying for Section 8 housing as well as searching for an apartment.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - Kathy Kinyon

Born and raised in Canada, Kathy Kinyon moved out to San Leandro in 2014 after she retired. She was new to the area, and read an article about the Davis Street Family Resource Center in the San Leandro Times Newspaper. She went straight over to Davis Street, met with Emile Awwad, our Basic Needs Manager, and has been volunteering ever since.

Shortly after, Kathy found she was eligible for all of Davis Street's services. During this time, she didn't make enough money to provide herself with basic necessities like groceries and health services. She was able to use Davis Street services while volunteering her time and "give back to the resource that gave to [her]".

Kathy refers to Davis Street as her family, and we do the same. She has volunteered with Davis Street for over 5 years, and we are more than grateful to have passionate volunteers like Kathy that help us do the important work that we do to help the community.



## In Loving Memory of Isobel Dvorsky

Isobel Dvorsky was a Davis Street Board Member for nearly 20 years holding numerous positions including President and Vice President during her time on the Board. She was a staunch supporter and advocate of all of Davis Street's programs - including Children's Services, Primary Care Medical Clinic, Basic Needs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

These are a few moments captured over the years. Always smiling, impeccably dressed, and in charge. She led Davis Street's growth from our small space at the back of the church to our first admin space on Merced. She was instrumental to the development of what would become the Primary Care Clinic.

She will be remembered by all of us as the strongest advocate for those with the most need and least access. Her legacy lives on through all of our programs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Spring Gala - Celebrating Motown - Sequoyah Country Club

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Annual Health Fair

*On behalf of the thousands of families we serve,  
thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and  
supporters for making our programs possible.*



2019 Davis Street Health Fair



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