

# 2017/18

## ANNUAL REPORT



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“A DREAM DOESN'T BECOME REALITY  
THROUGH MAGIC; IT TAKES SWEAT,  
DETERMINATION, AND HARD WORK.”

-COLIN POWELL



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON

The poem, "Still I Rise," by Maya Angelou, speaks to resilience and strength despite oppression and discrimination. These words have resonated with me as I reflect on the past year and the increasing number of families who fear asking for help because they are undocumented.

The work we do at Davis Street cannot be measured solely in numbers. Nor can it be measured solely by the public attention paid to our programming. Since our incorporation in 1990, to the present day, Davis Street has persevered in its mission to help those with the most need and least access to services.

The risks we've taken to grow our organization by adding – and, sometimes, contracting – programs are strength-based decisions that may not pan out initially, but, these decisions were right and humane, and eventually manifested the community outcomes needed to help our neighbors. We are the texture in the fabric of San Leandro.

An example of Davis Street's community caretaking role is when we took on the risk of merging with the Stepping Stones Growth Center. Stepping Stones serves our consumers who live with disabilities, and was experiencing operational challenges that could have meant the end of their valuable services. Davis Street stepped in, unapologetically and unafraid, because it would have been wrong for this

program to fail.

Another example is our determined effort to bring 60 subsidized affordable child care slots to the housing complex at Marea Alta. We began working with Supervisor Chan over 10 years ago and continue to advocate for the completion of the site so we can get it licensed and operational.

The fact is that San Leandro's low-income, undocumented and marginalized residents are fortunate to have Davis Street to turn to when they are in need. We are the voice of those who fear speaking up against the injustice of poverty. Poverty is unjust, particularly in a region with the wealth of the Bay Area.

I want all of you to know that we could not provide our services without the support of each of you. Davis Street's funding comes primarily from the Department of Education, the federal government, the county, philanthropic foundations and the City of San Leandro; but these funds support designated programs. We rely on your individual contributions to fund the Basic Needs Program that includes the food pantry and clothing, which receives little funding.

Despite the tremendous financial challenges we experienced this year: accelerated payment of loans, necessary building construction and a relentlessly negative press, we are still here, we're thriving ... and we intend to grow!

Our goal is to raise funds to purchase the remaining office space at our Teagarden Street campus to enable us to co-locate Stepping Stones (currently, they provide services in rental space) and to expand the clinic area to accommodate our growing patient base for both the medical and dental clinics, as well as our new optometry and pharmacy services.

A second critical goal for Davis Street is to advocate for affordable childcare for San Leandro's very low-income families. Davis Street currently operates centers at Jefferson, Garfield and Roosevelt

elementary schools. We know that the data shows that one of the best ways of equalizing the educational playing field is to provide comprehensive pre-kindergarten services and supplemental services to grade-age students from poor families.

Last, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all undocumented individuals know they are welcomed and will be served. We will not turn them in.

Our Board of Directors, our staff and I are all steadfast in our goal to provide excellent community services, and committed to helping our entire Davis Street family of clients.

I invite you to join in our efforts to provide **a hand up – not a hand out** – to families struggling to make ends meet.

There are many changes taking place here at Davis Street and as always I welcome these opportunities because I honestly feel that if you are not changing, you are not growing. For me each day is a new day filled with endless possibilities!

It has been a privilege to work with a truly committed staff, board and cadre of volunteers this past year! I'm grateful to each of you for your unwavering support.

In closing, I want to acknowledge two very special people: Dr. Mika Hiramatsu who led RotaCare, our free clinic for 23 years. Mika Retired in October of 2018. Read more about Dr. Hiramatsu on page 13. Second is Yolanda Navarro. As our Clinic Patient Advocate Yolanda's insight, input, and vision helped us develop comprehensive patient centric services in the primary care clinic. Yolanda passed away this year. These two women have left their imprint on Davis Street and in our hearts.

From my heart to yours,

# TRANSITIONS...

## GORDON GALVAN RETIRES AFTER 10 YEARS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." -John Pierpont "J.P." Morgan*

Words alone cannot fully express my gratitude to Gordon Galvan for his unwavering dedication to Davis Street. Gordon joined our Board of Directors in 2008 and was immediately named Chair of the Capital Campaign committee. Thanks to his leadership we secured funds to renovate our medical and dental offices, and opened a new chapter in the life of Davis Street. In 2010, he was elected President and has served in that capacity for eight years. Gordon retired as President on December 20, 2018.

A visionary with a steadfast commitment to our mission, Gordon led the board and agency to expand its scope of services to meet the emerging needs of the community. The purchase of 3081 Teagarden, the addition of the Lakeside Child Development Center, the creation of the Federally Qualified Health Center, and the merger of Stepping Stones are pinnacles of our achievement under his leadership.

Gordon challenged me to rise above and beyond our established programs to help those with the most need and least access to services. His integrity, honesty, optimism and respect of my work and Davis Street's mission helped to fuel our focus, particularly during challenging times.

Davis Street is proud of the extraordinary dedication and thousands of volunteer hours Gordon has given us from 2008 to now. I have no doubt Gordon will continue to support our efforts, to advocate for our services and clients, and to open new funding opportunities to ensure our permanence in the community.

Thank you, Gordon, for your ten years of Board leadership and dedication to Davis Street.

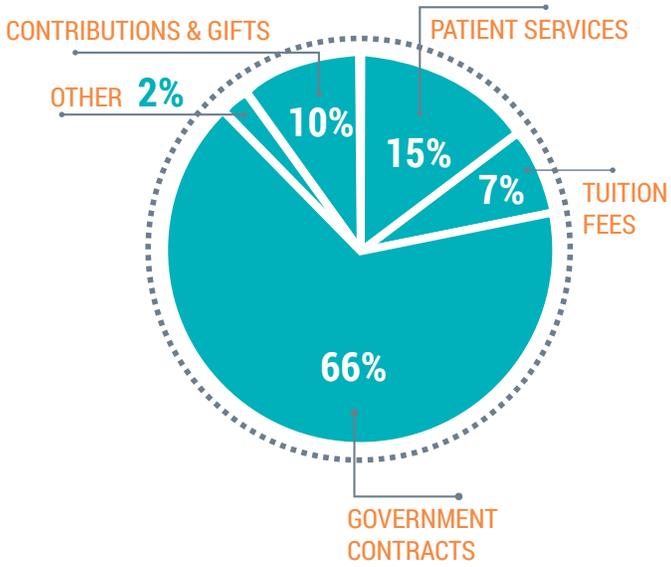
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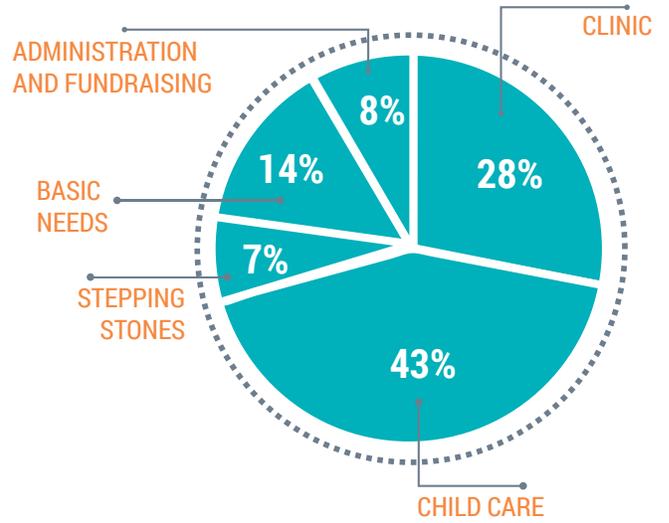
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### SOURCE OF FUNDS 15,379,876



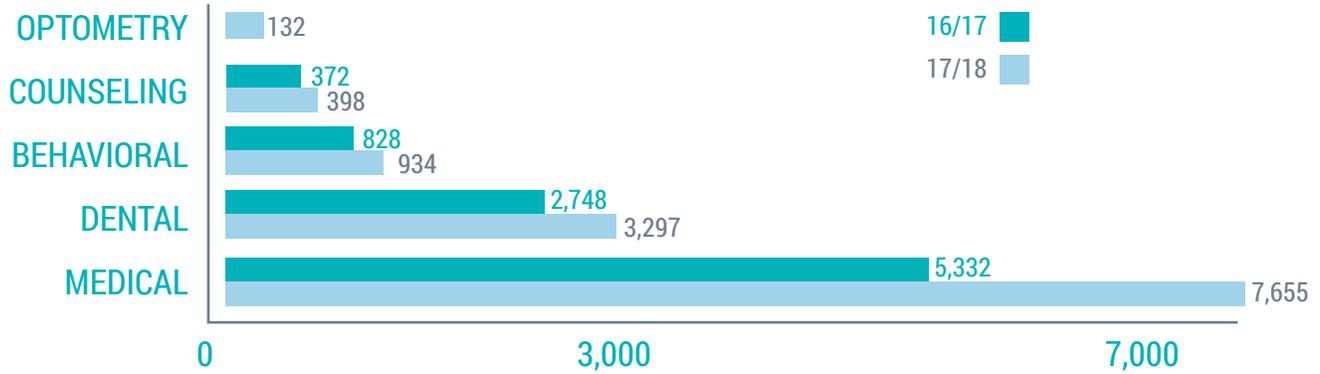
### USE OF FUNDS 15,731,774



# PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

Davis Street Primary Care Clinic continues to grow. Providing 12,390 patient visits during FY 17/18.

## VISITS BY DEPARTMENT



Davis Street provides medical, dental, pediatric services, behavioral health, and optometry services.

# **ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM AND CHILDCARE CENTERS- OVER 900 CHILDREN SERVED EVERYDAY**

**306 families and 611 children received care through the parental choice Alternative Payment Program**



Davis Street operates five childcare centers in San Leandro, caring for over **300** children daily, from age **2 years 9 months** through fifth grade.

## HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

More than 100 staff and volunteers from throughout the community helped set up for the 47th Annual Davis Street Holiday Basket Program. With community support, Davis Street was able to provide food and toys to 1,005 families including 215 seniors and 1,803 children.



“LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS, 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'”

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

# BASIC NEEDS FOOD AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

## FOOD PROGRAM



20,324

Visits

14,801

Individuals Served



## CLOTHING PROGRAM

4,773

Individuals Served

2,620

Visits

868

Housing Referrals

## HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM



788

Families Served

212

Seniors Served

3,137

Individuals Served

1,603

children served  
(received toys/gift cards)

## BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

468

Backpacks

409

New Pairs  
of Shoes



# BACK TO SCHOOL

“Thanks to the Nike Clearance Store in San Leandro, 50 low-income children got to pick out a brand new pair of Nike’s for school. The private shopping event was part of Davis Street’s Back 2 School Program.

The program provides 300 low-income and homeless children with a brand new pair of shoes, school supplies and new back pack to start the school year.”



# BIKES FOR TIKES



“More than 500 kids received new bikes and helmets on December 16th through the Bikes for Tykes Program. San Leandro Police Officer Louie Brandt raised more than \$20,000 to purchase bikes for needy children. Over the last seven years, Officer Brandt and Davis Street have partnered to give away more than 3,000 new bicycles and helmets to low-income children in our community”



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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT-LINDA VASQUEZ

Born and raised in Oakland, Linda's passion to help children grew as an Oakland Unified School District Elementary School teacher. After Linda retired, she moved to San Leandro, just a couple blocks away from the Davis Street Family Resource Center. She had heard only a few things about Davis Street, but walked by the center almost every day and learned more about all the services that Davis Street provides. "I remember walking by near the holidays and seeing all the cars lined up around the block" for the Holiday basket program.

Linda slowly started to become more involved with Davis Street by donating every so often. Then one day in April of 2018, she realized she had extra time on her hands and wanted to volunteer. Linda has been here ever since and enjoys volunteering at Davis Street because it's



a different type of work than being a teacher, but she still gets to help the community. "As a teacher, I worked with a lot of families, and one of the things I love most about Davis Street is that you get to help out so many families" in need. At Davis Street, we're very grateful to have passionate volunteers like Linda that help us do what we do and achieve our mission.



## YOLANDA NAVARRO-IN MEMORIAM

Yolanda was the first patient advocate to join the Davis Street board. A San Leandro local, Ms. Navarro was a community activist, mother, and grandmother. Her tireless commitment to Davis Street helped to guide us to expand clinic services and our basic needs programs. She brought a refreshing perspective to the board and always put our clients first. She loved our galas, the holiday giveaway, and helping others. Yolanda passed away on April 17th, 2018. Her voice will be missed.

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# STEPPING STONES GROWTH CENTER



Founded in **1975** Stepping Stones continues to provide critically needed services to **240 adults and children with developmental disabilities.**



Stepping Stones programs include:

- ARTFUL STEPS
- HIRE STEPS
- STEPS TOWARDS WELLNESS
- FIRST STEPS – YOUTH PROGRAM
- INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

## ROTACARE FREE CLINIC



**Dr. Mika Hiramatsu**



With the support of the San Leandro Rotary, City Manager Dick Randal, Ivan Cornelius, Marty Capron, and Dr. Irv Herman, and leadership from Dr. Mika Hiramatsu, the RotaCare Free Medical Clinic was launched in 1995 and has been part of the Davis Street Community Center for the past 23 years. The RotaCare Free Clinic provided free acute medical care to underinsured and uninsured individuals in San Leandro through a cadre of volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, and optometrists. RotaCare staff provided quality care to thousands of individuals who otherwise would not be able to access adequate health care.

On May 31, 2018 the RotaCare Free clinic sunsetted, and all patients became Primary Care Clinic patients with access to a more robust full set of services including medical, dental, behavioral health, optometry, and ancillary services, such as free food, clothing, housing assistance, cooking/healthy eating classes, and subsidized childcare services.

Davis Street is indebted to Dr. Mika Hiramatsu for her unwavering support and oversight of the free clinic for 23 years!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**"2018 Gala – A Night in Paris"**

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019* **SPRING GALA - A NIGHT IN HAVANA -  
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB**

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019* **ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**

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