

DONOR IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center is to provide recreational, vocational and educational opportunities for people with disabilities through programs and services that encourage selfexpression, promote personal achievement, and lead to greater independence.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a stronger community demonstrating opportunities and respect, embracing diversity, and inspiring people with disabilities to live a full life.



To all of our Pomeroy friends and family:

David Dubinsky, CEO

As we reflect on the year that began July 1, 2020 and ended June 30, 2021, about the only constant was the need to "pivot" on short notice. When the pandemic hit us all in March 2020, we closed onsite programs and began remote classes. In June, we reopened onsite as we socially distanced, but unfortunately, closed onsite again in August. Over the next 4 months, we reopened, closed due to the holiday surge and then reopened once again. I am happy to say we have remained open ever since.

Our staff became online teachers, internet gurus, therapists, social workers, and friends. We provided our participants with over 100 tablets and laptops so that they and their families could connect to us virtually. Keeping our participants connected to the Center was our core priority, and I am pleased to report that we accomplished that goal. Our residential staff also worked tirelessly to keep our two residential homes open and virus free.

I am very proud to say we never laid off any staff; we never entirely shut our doors, and we continued to serve the population we are here to serve. Due to implementing and complying with the current and ever-changing safety measures, we had no major outbreaks of COVID-19 among our staff or our participants. We are so very fortunate and thankful for that fact.

We could not have done any of this without the loving and generous support from our loyal donors, the City and County of San Francisco, our devoted Board of Directors, and of course, the most loyal and selfless staff I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

I hope you will continue to support us and share our passion for serving the community that needs our services. We look forward to challenges that lie ahead knowing we now can overcome anything!

My best wishes for a great 2021-2022 and good health to all,

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David Dubinsky, CEO Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center



With honorary member, participant Audwin Stansbury

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Honorable Raymond J. Arata, Jr. David F. Elgart **2020 was the year that changed the world**. It was a year of transition and trying new things. We faced unprecedented challenges which were felt immensely by our participants, their families, their friends and the Pomeroy Center staff.

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For our participants, the Pomeroy Center provides connection and community. With many of them facing pandemic-related challenges including isolation, boredom, lack of transportation, and fear and heightened risk of illness, we knew how important it would be to continue providing our services. Our solution was to switch from a 100% site-based program to a 100% remote program. Our dedicated staff dove right into remote learning, creating a full Zoom-based class schedule that is fully accessible to our children, teen and adult participants, as well as to the community. Due to our staff's commitment and perseverance, our participants have thrived in this virtual world.

While we were successfully able to pivot to a variety of fantastic Zoom learning classes, the number one question we received in 2020 was "When can I come back to the Center"?

WE'RE BACK!

As we headed into the second year of the pandemic, our goal was to continue to provide our participants with continuous support. It was apparent that they needed the community, connection and safety of the Pomeroy Center now more than ever. Finally, after months of onsite closure, we received news from the City that the Center could reopen slowly under COVID-safe measures. We made it a priority to reopen safely, bringing our children, teen and adult participants back to the Center at a reduced capacity in pods and reopening our therapeutic pool. We have successfully remained open, despite constant regulatory changes and ever-evolving safety precautions. With your generous support, we have been able to accomplish many incredible things that have directly improved the lives of our participants and their families during this pandemic.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020-2021

Our Children and Teens Program offered Zoom classes during the week, as well as Saturday classes, which focused on social, emotional, speech and language development, occupational therapy, fitness, wellness, social justice, motor skills and task sequencing. OneCenter staff created a successful Zoombased class schedule for adult participants and community members to join on weekdays to participate in a wide array of activities as a part of their developing hybrid schedule.

Our Children and Teens Program reopened summer of 2020 to a group of 24 participants divided into pods. This number has grown, and we are currently at full capacity.

The Pomeroy Center was a grateful participant in the City's vaccination efforts, working with CVS to host six clinics that enabled participants and their families to receive COVID-19 vaccines.





"The Pomeroy Center is filled with groups of people who were continuously willing to try and serve the greater community when other sites were closed."

We reopened One Center adult in-person programming at our main Pomeroy Center site initially in Fall 2020, closed due to the winter virus surge, and reopened again on May 17, 2021. We have remained open since and continued our Zoom hybrid programming.

Banner of Love was held virtually on February 11, 2021. The event took on a variety show format featuring local live (on Zoom) bands, a silent auction and a fund-a-need for Pomeroy's Inclusive Daycare Center. Thank you to all of you who supported the event - you helped us raise \$163,000!



We relaunched our volunteer program in phases, including a wide range of virtual and in-person opportunities. New volunteers are currently attending orientations and going through the onboarding process.

We are close to opening Pomeroy's Inclusive Daycare Center! Despite a few pandemicrelated delays, plans are moving ahead and soon, 20 toddlers will be enjoying a beautiful outdoor space overlooking Lake Merced and a spacious indoor classroom. Due to childcare facilities shutting down during the pandemic and thus creating a childcare shortage, we are working hard to meet this critical need and open this daycare center in 2022.

Our therapeutic pool opened in March 2021 for children's swim lessons followed by aquatic therapy in May. We restarted our water exercise classes and lap swim. Our physical therapist resumed in-person classes, and our adult day program started swimming again twice a week.



"This entire year was a proud moment to be a part of the department and the entire agency. We were adaptive, collaborative, brave, vulnerable, community-focused and there for one another."







Tim and Robyn Bittle, pastors at The Father's House church in San Francisco, operate a food pantry at the Pomeroy Center in partnership with the SF Marin Food Bank. The pantry, which started in December 2019, has grown from serving 28 families every week to 150 families per week. No food is ever wasted at the pantry and volunteers from The Father's House take leftovers to the Mission Food Hub once the pantry is finished for the day.

The food pantry, which is fully volunteer operated, remained open throughout the pandemic - a critical service, as many food pantries temporarily closed during the pandemic for safety-based reasons. The pandemic was challenging for so many people, and many families relied on coming to the food pantry each week.

We thank Tim and Robyn for their incredible generosity and dedication to serving the greater community. We are a proud partner of The Father's House!



Helpers Community is a non-profit that assists individuals with developmental disabilities and partners with organizations that serve them.

The Pomeroy Center and Helpers formed a partnership in 2019 to open two residential homes for up to 10 adults with intellectual disabilities, plus onsite staff. Helpers owns the properties, and Pomeroy leases, staffs, and populates the homes located across from Golden Gate Park.

Currently, 10 participants occupy the two residential homes on Fulton Street. Due to the high-risk nature of residential living facilities during the pandemic, our staff remained vigilant to keep the highest standard of COVID safety measures in place. Our residential participants remained happy and healthy and joined in on Zoom activities.

We are grateful for our partnership with Helpers Community and all they have done for people with developmental disabilities!

2020-2021 Individual Gifts Operating Income \$639.031-5% \$500,060 \$1,050,712 Government Awards \$3,493,716 - 27% Bequests Program Revenue & Private Pav Corporate/Foundation \$570,078-5% Support \$300,879-2% Net Investment \$462,912-4% Income & Other Program • Management • Fundraising Income

