A History of Innovation

A Legacy of Strength

St. Mary’s Center began in the 1970s as a parish response to poverty and deprivation. Neighbors wanted programs for elders and a preschool for children. Today, we have essential programs for homeless and marginally housed seniors to help them find and keep housing and a year-around preschool.

St. Mary’s Center programs are needed more than ever as we confront profound inequality, structural racism, and a political power differential that continues to render poor people invisible.

Dear Friends,

Every day I am thankful for the opportunity to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the staff, seniors and the board of St. Mary’s Center. For more than 20 years we have worked towards justice for poor and marginalized people in Oakland. Through our shared efforts hundreds of seniors have found permanent housing, regained dignity, and discovered the joys of participating in a compassionate community.

Later this year I will retire from active leadership of St. Mary’s Center to enjoy more time with family and friends, and to pursue new opportunities. Thank you for all your support through the years, which has helped to make St. Mary’s Center truly a beacon of light in the community.

St. Mary’s Center has grown from a small community-based organization to a multi-service agency encompassing case management, winter shelter, transitional housing, a community center, and a year-around preschool. Our services include programs for seniors such as outpatient psychiatric care, addiction recovery, rep payee, art and health and fitness classes, as well as a parent support program for preschool families.

Truly affordable housing continues to be almost impossible to find for extremely poor seniors. I am delighted to announce that St. Mary’s Center, with underwriting from the San Francisco Foundation, has purchased a lot directly across the street on which we intend to build 60 units of transitional housing for seniors. While this won’t solve the housing crisis, it will be a substantial improvement on what is currently available for seniors. Adding this apartment complex to our existing inventory will increase our ability to house up to 100 individuals. This would give many more poor seniors an opportunity to transition over time to more permanent housing.

The Board, staff, seniors and volunteers will look to you—our supporters—for your continued partnership as we work to address the many challenges to alleviate poverty. I applaud your courage and your spirit.

Warm regards,

Carol Johnson, Executive Director
2017–2018
Program Highlights

St. Mary’s Center provides safety-net services for at-risk seniors, both unhoused and those marginally housed, and a preschool for neighborhood children. Each year we serve nearly 1,000 seniors and 40 children, ages 3-5.

- 118 seniors received services through the Winter Emergency Shelter.
- 441 seniors received comprehensive case management services.
- 106 seniors participated in Recovery 55, an outpatient addiction recovery program for those who are homeless or recently housed.
- 280 seniors participated in the Alcohol and Drug Prevention program conducted at senior housing sites.
- More than 18,000 meals were served to seniors.
- 273 seniors participated in the Injury Prevention program enabling them to live more comfortably in their home.
- 41 children learned vital pre-literacy skills to help them succeed in school.
- 66% of preschool parents participated in the Parent Education modules and field trips.

For several years, St. Mary’s Center has helped to lead the San Pablo Area Revitalization Collaborative (SPARC) a community group started by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation to improve the health and wellbeing of neighborhood residents. Recent projects that have been promoted by SPARC include the California Hotel SRO-style low-income housing and the soon-to-be completed People’s Community Market. The newest project is a mini-art project to create panels along the fence of St. Mary’s Center to project identity and to inspire neighborhood residents. Many people thought that the panels would get vandalized within a very short period of time, but that has not happened. The panels beautifully communicate the values of St. Mary’s Center.

In 2017, St. Mary’s Center received a $2M grant from the San Francisco Foundation to purchase a derelict property directly across the street from the Community Center. We intend to build supportive housing for extremely poor seniors that are unable to financially qualify for other subsidized housing because they earn too little.

Right now, we are still in the beginning stages of identifying funding sources. We are exploring using modular construction which cuts the cost and time to build an apartment complex. Stay tuned as we navigate the complexities of funding and building this much-needed housing for our community.
One of the central tenets guiding our work at St. Mary’s Center is to support seniors regaining their sense of agency and purpose, to help them find their voice and tell their stories to affect change in our community. And through Senior Advocates for Hope and Justice, 25 seniors do just that.

Over the course of the past year, seniors have met with legislators at the city, county, and state levels to advocate for change using their stories to illustrate the struggles of their communities and how changes to SSI or food stamps would have a profound impact on the lives of thousands in our community.

St. Mary’s Center seniors are community activists, so much so, that they are sought-after participants and speakers. This year several seniors were chosen and underwritten by other agencies to attend national trainings and conferences including the Health Care for the Homeless Conference in Minneapolis and PolicyLink in Chicago.

St. Mary’s Center was excited to be a study site for a collaboration between All Together in Dignity Fourth World, the United Nations, and Oxford University. The Multi-Dimensional Aspects of Poverty (MAP) study, a three-year international research project on poverty indicators, utilizes peer groups comprised of not only academic or staff experts on poverty, but people with a lived experience of poverty to help expand poverty indicators. St. Mary’s Center, in its role as a project site, convened a number of conversations in 2017 – 2018 with staff, seniors, and other community activists to ask and answer questions to help build a more comprehensive set of poverty indicators. The different groups (staff, seniors, experts) met separately and then reported out to the larger body. The information gleaned will be compiled in an international report to be presented to the United Nations next year.
St. Mary’s Center is delighted to announce that our preschool has now become essentially a year-around school, offering a regular school year and a lengthy summer session. The preschool staff has been working up to this for several years, starting with the first summer session in 2015. This year, thanks to longtime supporters, Charlie and Karen Couric, we were able to make the jump from a short summer session to a seven week summer school.

A longer summer session has increased benefits for children, giving them less down time means that they can more easily retain skills, such as pre-literacy and math, from year to year. It has also become a time for more field trips and intensive parent participation. An additional benefit is accepting young children into summer school so that by the time that the fall session starts, even the youngest students have learned “the ropes” a bit and eagerly gather for circle time.
We are grateful to many individuals, families, organizations and municipalities who support the vital work of St. Mary's Center. These financial gifts were received between January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

To our friends and donors, we are grateful for your kindness and generosity. Your generosity, no matter how large or small, helps St. Mary's Center serve those who are poor, findered, or in need.

We have included a list of donors on the following pages. Although some donors may not appear below, all were very generous. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has helped us to carry on our mission!
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St. Theresa’s Guild
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County of Alameda: Behavioral Health Care Services
Alcohol and Drug Outpatient Services
Alcohol and Drug Prevention Services
Mental Health Older Adult Homeless Services
Health Care Services
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MediCal
Administrative Activities
Planning Department
Public Health
Measure A Fall Prevention
Measure A
Medication Safety Services
AIDS Agencies on Aging, Senior
Injury Prevention Program (SIPP)
Area Agency on Aging, Visiting Program
California Child & Adult Care Food Program
California Pre-K
City of Oakland
Oakland Community Action Partnership (OCAP)
Permanent Access to Housing (PATH)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY18 Audited revenues and expenses.
FY18 Unaudited revenues and expenses.

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