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Facing Life's Struggles with a Smile

It was a struggle to grow up in an abusive environment in East Palo Alto, but today Wendy, a Self Sufficiency Program graduate, smiles brightly and teaches her four children to always face life's struggles with the same smile.

At the age of 15, Wendy found herself homeless and later became a single mother of three girls. Even so, she was able to complete her GED and some coursework towards her dream of becoming a Probation Officer. "I strongly believe that everyone deserves a second chance in life. I want to be able to help individuals re-integrate into society by assisting them with transition and providing them the tools to be productive citizens," says Wendy.

In the six years that Wendy was in the Self Sufficiency Program, she earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from San Francisco State University and

secured a job with the County of San Mateo Probation Department, as an Office Specialist. Through HIP Housing, Wendy was also connected to an internship with the U.S. Pretrial Services.

As a result of these experiences Wendy was invited to take the Probation Officer test and is awaiting results. Her new goals are to get a Masters in Public Administration and open a non profit that will assist juveniles and adults.

Wendy and her partner expanded their family and have a two year old son. Together with Wendy's three teenage daughters, they have created a loving, safe and stable home.

Wendy has worked tirelessly to accomplish her dreams. She does it all for her children. Her advice to them is "don't give up,...Dream big, you are worth it!" 🍃



SAVE THE DATE

HIP HOUSING'S
ANNUAL LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

SPECIAL GUEST:
FATHER GREGORY BOYLE
FOUNDER,
HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES &
AUTHOR



In Memory of

Aron Hoffman -- Former Board Member, Donor and HIP Housing Champion

On March 30, 2018 the community lost one of its beloved leaders, Aron Hoffman, former San Mateo Mayor and former HIP Housing Board Member, Aron's commitment to his community was a constant hallmark throughout his life. He sat on the board of numerous local organizations, was a committed Rotarian, was elected to San Mateo City Council and was the Mayor in 1984 and 1985. His long-standing work with the J.H. Robbins Foundation, helped better our community by supporting numerous non profits. It was Aron's leadership and passion to help families in need that secured a \$100,000 grant from the J.H. Robbins Foundation to build HIP Housing's shared house in San Carlos in 1995, named *Robbins Nest*. Since then, dozens of low-income families with young children have called it home while they completed their educational goals. Aron's legacy lives on through the success of these families. 🌿



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Annual Luncheon

Wanda Durant was the MVP of the Annual Luncheon.

The crowd of nearly 400 community supporters was in high spirits at the Luncheon. Wanda Durant graciously shared her struggles of being a single mom. She was drawn to HIP Housing's Self Sufficiency Program because it assists families to become independent and creates stable homes for children. Inspired and motivated to create a community with more affordable housing, our supporters opened their hearts and pockets. The event raised \$180,000. We thank everyone for their generous support. 🌿



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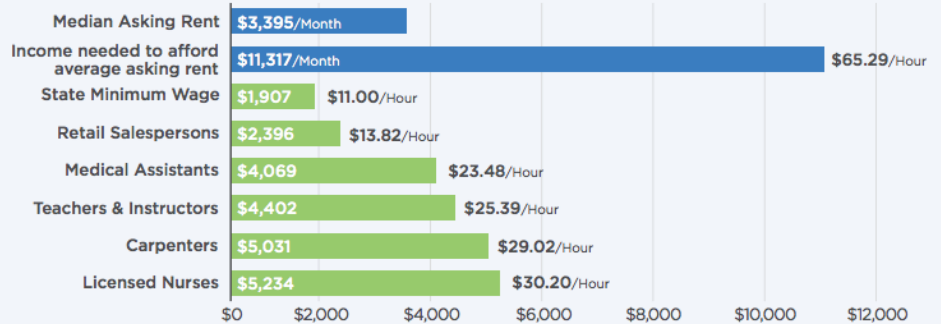


"It is a shame that the people I interact with every day; grocery checkers, barista, hairdressers, yoga teachers, can no longer afford to live in our community. What would we do without them?"

Virginia Taylor, HIP Housing President

Did You Know?

RENTERS NEED TO EARN 5.9 TIMES MINIMUM WAGE TO AFFORD MEDIAN ASKING RENTS



Source: Paul Waddell, Urban Analytics Lab, University of California, Berkeley, retrieved from analysis of online Craigslist listings in April 2018. CHPC analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Median Annual Wage Data for CA Occupations for 2017.

Get Involved



Holiday Store Give the gift of giving. In December HIP Housing will create a store for children in its Self Sufficiency Program to shop for gifts for their siblings and parents. We need your help to make it happen. Please consider donations of NEW items such as toys for all ages, soaps, lotions, scarves, gloves, blankets, etc. **Select your own items or visit our Amazon wish list at www.HIPhousing.org. Deadline: November 30th.**



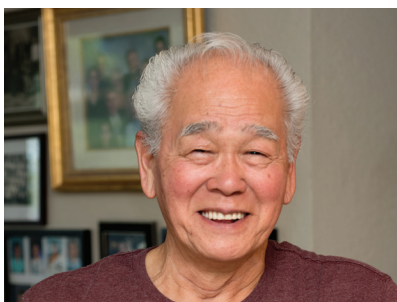
Amazon Smile This holiday season, whether you are shopping for gifts for HIP Housing's families or your family and friends, please remember to sign up for Amazon Smile to allow your shopping to benefit HIP Housing. Visit smile.amazon.com and select Human Investment Project to be your non profit of choice. **For more information, contact Judy at JFong@HIPhousing.org.**



Adopt-a-Family Program Make the holidays special for our families by making their wishes come true. By adopting a family or senior you will be providing them with much needed items they such as winter coats, rain boots, warm blankets, grocery gift cards, etc. There are over 50 families and 100 seniors that need your help. **Contact Regina at RMartin@HIPhousing.org. Deadline to sign up: November 5th.**

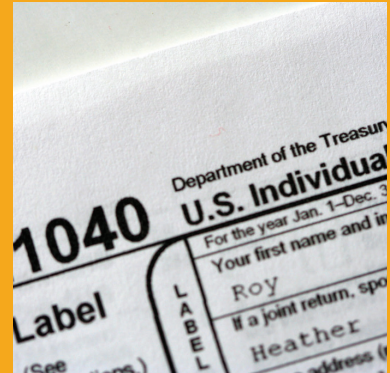


2019 Calendar Help bring HIP Housing's annual calendar to the community. If your child is in Kindergarten to 5th grade have them submit a entry. If you're a business, show your support by becoming a sponsor. **Visit www.HIPhousing.org/calendar-project/ for more details. Deadlines: September 28th for Calendar Contest; October 12th to become a Sponsor.**



Volunteer Call us today to donate your time and skills. There's always a need for extra assistance whether that be for office assistance, community outreach or on-call event support for projects like the Holiday Store. Do you like being out in the community? You could be an ambassador for the Home Sharing program. We need you! **Contact Judy at Jfong@HIPhousing.org.**

New Tax Laws



While the new tax law doubles the standard deduction for taxpayers, in lieu of itemized deduction, the change is expected to reduce charitable giving for 95% of taxpayers. We ask that you continue to give generously and consider Legacy Gifts like donations of stock, giving through a Donor Advised Fund, an IRA distribution, or a designation in your will. **For more info call Clarice at 650-348-6660.**

Impact Investing



Impact investing are investments made with the intention of generating a beneficial social impact alongside a financial return. Last year an investor sold a property to us for less than market. HIP Housing got the building, 16 families remained in their affordable homes and the investor still profited. Impact investing can benefit everyone!



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Leaving a Legacy Today for Tomorrow

By providing affordable housing solutions, HIP Housing makes San Mateo County a healthier and more equitable place to live. A legacy gift will make sure we can continue this work in years to come. Making a gift from your estate today will cost nothing during your lifetime.

To request a copy of the Legacy Giving brochure and to learn more about making a gift in your Will or living trust that will provide affordable housing to important members of our community, please contact Clarice Veloso-Lugo at 650-348-6660 ext. 308 or CVeloso-Lugo@HIPhousing.org.

