



*Bridging the Gap
for San Francisco Youth in Crisis*



cityYouthnow

2013 Annual Report



FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, OUR MISSION HAS REMAINED CONSTANT —

City Youth Now supports youth in the San Francisco foster care and juvenile justice systems by providing funds for services and programs that promote stability and personal growth.

City Youth Now, originally founded in 1950 as the Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center, is the first non-profit organization of its kind in the history of the United States' juvenile court system. For over 60 years, City Youth Now has been diligently working behind the scenes to address the unique needs of children and youth under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Juvenile Court System. Probation officers, social workers, attorneys, and others come to us daily with requests for youth under their supervision. These requests are for many different opportunities and are based upon the individual needs of the youth in the system. City Youth Now works to ensure that youth in the juvenile court system have the same positive youth development opportunities as other children to grow into mature and successful adults. We recognize that all children deserve a chance at a better future. In the

life of a child, it is often the small things, beyond the basic necessities, that are monumental to growth and development and pave the way for youth to transition into successful adults.

The realities youth in the system face intensify every decade. All of the youth we serve come from low-income families, often with histories of child abuse and neglect, gun violence, incarceration, and/or substance abuse. They range in age from newborn to 18 years old, sometimes older for those youth who have recently emancipated from foster care. While they come from different neighborhoods in San Francisco, they have in common that they have each endured more than their share of trauma and hardship. Our hope is that by providing them with new opportunities and enriched experiences, they will have a better chance of breaking out of the cycle of crime and violence that entraps so many of their peers and adult community members.

CITY YOUTH NOW BRIDGES THE GAP FOR SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH IN CRISIS.



Dear Friends,

For 64 years, City Youth Now has been dedicated to serving San Francisco's abused, neglected, and forgotten children. Over the past few years, we have seen an enormous decrease in incarcerated youth, owing in part to policy changes but also to agencies like ours that are dedicated to helping children succeed. This in turn has created an even greater need for services for children in the community. The support we give to children in the areas of education and literacy, personal development and health, employment and independent living, and social services and critical needs provides the necessary bridges to cover the gaps in the system and to allow children to thrive in their communities.

Additionally, with the expansion of foster services to youth who are transitioning into independent living, City Youth Now's services continue to expand as well, serving more youth each year. City Youth Now remains committed to bridging the gap and raising the essential funds to support youth in the San Francisco juvenile justice and foster care systems when no one else can or will.

Throughout 2013, City Youth Now continued to respond to the needs of youth in the system to get them job training and experience, provide educational & recreational support, and cover their immediate and critical needs as they arose. City Youth Now works closely with the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department and Woodside Learning Center to assist detained youth in the completion of their studies, GED exams, and online college courses while detained. Through partnerships with government and community-based organizations, we are better able to serve youth in the Juvenile Court System.

We know that our success as an organization is entirely dependent upon individual donors and foundations who invest in the future of San Francisco's forgotten children by providing them with the opportunity to excel in school, experience new opportunities, transition confidently to adulthood, or snuggle a teddy bear during a traumatic time. Together, we are making a difference and we are grateful for your continued support.

In these pages, we hope to provide you with a glimpse of the important work we do here at City Youth Now. Now, more than ever, we must remember that it takes a village to raise a child.

Sincerely,

Paul McIntyre
President, Board of Directors

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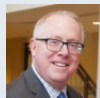
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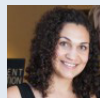
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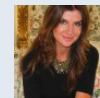
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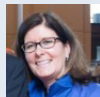


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Highlights and Financials



EMPLOYMENT & INDEPENDENT LIVING

135 youth on probation were provided paid internships, helping them prepare for employment
51 youth received help getting set up to live independently



EDUCATION & LITERACY

4 college-bound students were awarded academic scholarships
492 youth were provided funding for education and literacy support, textbooks, and tutoring services
445 dependent and delinquent youth had the opportunity to attend Special Programs at Juvenile Hall
27 youth were provided support to purchase caps and gowns, school uniforms and graduation gifts
560 youth were provided library services and other literacy programming



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH

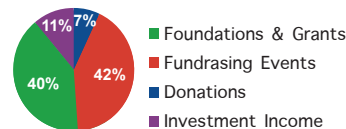
49 youth received summer camp scholarships
20 youth pursued art and music classes, life skills workshops, and learned healthier coping skills
7 dependent and delinquent youth received medical, optometry or dental assistance
98 youth participated in sports leagues and other recreational classes



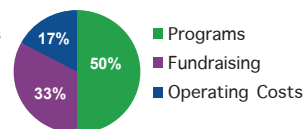
SOCIAL SERVICES, SAFETY, AND CRITICAL NEEDS

74 youth were provided with clothing vouchers for emergency needs
450 children removed from their homes were provided with duffle bags, backpacks and clothing
1600 youth received a holiday gift, perhaps their only one, from City Youth Now
16 youth participated in the WIMP program to teach minors about the dangers of weapons

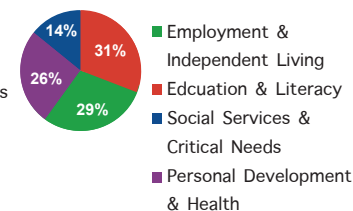
2013 Revenue



2013 Expenses



Expenditures by Mandates



Internship Program

City Youth Now's Internship Program is designed to prepare youth for employment by introducing participants to typical work environments, allowing youth to gain the self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and the interpersonal skills needed to succeed in the long term. The Internship Program is designed with maximum flexibility so that youth and probation officers are able to find appropriate placements. City Youth Now pays interns a limited stipend during their internship with a local business or community organization. The internship is an intensive 3-step program consisting of a total of 110 hours of work experience. At the end of the program, the youth are required to submit a resume, a cover letter, a letter of recommendation from their supervisor, and to participate in a mock interview at our office. City Youth Now is committed to assisting youth in making a successful transition to healthy adulthood and economic independence.

IN 2013, 135 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED PAID INTERNSHIPS.



"I am proud of myself because if I don't know what to do, I don't hesitate to ask." -Aerone

"Because of the training I received in this program, I am now better at speaking in public." -Samuel

"I like working as a team because it gets the job done and you find out some strengths you have." -Andre

Independent Living Skills

City Youth Now provides support for the youth emancipating or aging out from the foster care system in San Francisco. This support includes small deposits on apartments, furniture, kitchen supplies, transportation, support for job training programs, and much more.

IN 2013, 51 TRANSITIONING TEENS WERE PROVIDED AID SO THAT THEY COULD LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

"I was scared and excited when I turned eighteen. I was happy to finally be on my own, but I was nervous because I had no funds or any kind of support. But my social worker and City Youth Now helped me out and now I have a place to call home."

Wilson, Age 19, Former Foster Youth



Tutoring, Testing, & Textbooks

CYN provides youth with academic assistance to ensure they graduate from high school or pass the equivalence exam. CYN provides one-on-one tutors for single subjects and GED tutoring. In addition, we fund college tours and provide financial assistance in purchasing textbooks, supplies, and college registration fees.

IN 2013, 492 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED ACADEMIC SUPPORT INCLUDING TUTORING, TEXTBOOKS, AND TESTING FEES.



Special Programs at Juvenile Hall



In partnership with the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center, CYN sponsors programs for incarcerated youth including plays, yoga, food and nutrition courses, dance and movement classes, and visits from Bay Area authors who share inspiring stories.

IN 2013, 445 DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT YOUTH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT JUVENILE HALL.

Graduation Expenses / Recognition

We award up to \$300 per youth per year to support high school seniors in the foster care and juvenile probation systems who have successfully completed the steps to graduate high school. These funds pay for expenses and activities (cap, gown, yearbook, prom, photos, etc.) and for two large group graduation ceremonies and graduation gifts for foster and probation youth.

IN 2013, 27 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED CAP & GOWN SETS, GRADUATION GIFTS, BACKPACKS, AND ALARM CLOCKS.



Library Services



In 1996, City Youth Now partnered with the San Francisco Public Library to bring a library facility to the Juvenile Justice Center. There are now over 4,000 books in the collection and the librarian spends time each week with the youth on the individual units.

IN 2013, 560 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED LIBRARY SERVICES AND OTHER LITERACY PROGRAMMING.

+ Arts and Music

City Youth Now funds activities and programs which promote development of healthier coping mechanisms and particular life skills, as well as to nurture artistic endeavors. Youth are provided opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities such as learning how to sing or play a musical instrument.



IN 2013, 20 YOUTH PURSUED ART AND MUSIC CLASSES, LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS, AND LEARNED HEALTHIER COPING SKILLS.

+ Recreation Classes & Equipment



City Youth Now serves youth from lower income families that are particularly susceptible to rising obesity levels. Participation in sports exposes youth to positive adult role models in their coaches and instructors, and fosters a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

IN 2013, 98 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN SPORTS LEAGUES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL CLASSES.

+ Camperships

Approximately 2/3 of the youth population served by City Youth Now will become entangled with drugs, teen pregnancy, violence, and drop out of school. Summer camps focus on building self esteem, social skills, relationships with adult mentors, self-confidence, perseverance, and independence.



IN 2013, 49 KIDS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP.

+ Medial and Dental Needs



Children seldom enter foster care with a comprehensive medical history intact. City Youth Now helps with medical and dental expenses that cannot be provided by any other funding source.

IN 2013, 7 YOUTH RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL, OPTOMETRY OR DENTAL ASSISTANCE.

♥ Project K.E.E.P. - Kids Emergency Essentials Packs

Every year, hundreds of children in San Francisco are removed from their homes due to child abuse or neglect. CYN provides these children with a backpack including: a blanket; a toiletry kit; crayons or colored pencils; a notebook, drawing paper and pens; and a stuffed animal which can be a comfort during this frightening time.



IN 2013, 450 CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES WERE PROVIDED AN EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS KIT.

♥ Emergency Clothing



Clothing is not only a necessity for a growing child, but is also tied to issues of self-esteem and self-worth. CYN provides children with emergency clothing when they are removed from their homes. Budget cuts have led to a drastic reduction in stipends. As a result, City Youth Now has stepped in to provide clothing vouchers to youth as they exit the Juvenile Justice Center, change group homes or foster placements, or outgrow their clothing.

IN 2013, 74 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED WITH CLOTHING VOUCHERS FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS.

♥ The Anne Devincenzi Dito Holiday Gift Program

The Holiday Gift Program is City Youth Now's oldest program. Since 1950, we have provided thousands of holiday gifts to abused, neglected, and troubled children in the San Francisco Juvenile Court System.

DUE TO A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SLEEP TRAIN FOSTER KIDS PROGRAM, CITY YOUTH NOW WAS ABLE TO GIVE NEARLY 3 TIMES AS MANY GIFTS AS LAST YEAR. DELIVERING 1600 GIFTS IN 2013 BROUGHT JOY INTO THE HOMES OF MANY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CHILDREN.



Volunteer Involvement



City Youth Now is dependent on its volunteers. These dedicated people make a difference in the lives of San Francisco's neediest children by donating thousands of hours to our programs and services.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for their commitment and ongoing effort to ensure that every child in our community receives services that generates a sense of self-worth and dignity.

Community Support

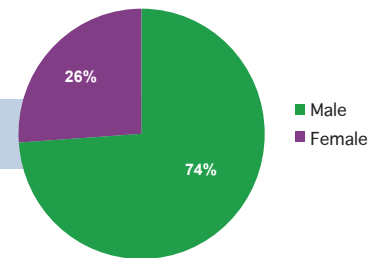


City Youth Now relies primarily on donations, grants and corporate sponsorship and support. We are grateful to all of those who continue to support our efforts through their generous contributions.

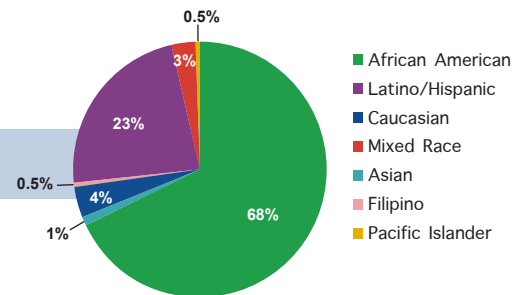
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Demographics - Who Does CityYouthNow Reach?

Gender



Ethnicity



Age

