

## Stanford Settlement Newswheel

Celebrating Over 80 Years of Service

# MISSION STATEMENT

Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center helps build healthy communities through individual, family, and neighborhood services.

> STANFORD SETTLEMENT PROGRAMS

Teen Center

Children's Program

Senior Center

**Emergency Assistance** 

Community Development









Dear Friends,

We continue to look forward to re-opening all of our on-site programs for children, teens, and seniors. Until then, our staff continue to drive hundreds of miles per week to provide meals, groceries, and socioemotional support.

The health and safety of our participants remains our top priority; they are among those at greatest risk of being infected. While some remain hesitant, we urge everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine, especially in light of the recent uptick in infections and the Delta variant. If you need assistance in getting the vaccine, please call our office and we would be happy to assist you!

While our on-site programs have been closed due to the pandemic, big improvements continue on our property! Thanks to a grant from **SMUD's Sustainable Communities** program, new energy-efficient windows have been installed in four of our very old buildings. They look great and we can already feel the temperature difference indoors on hot summer days. Thanks to the **Rotary Club of Natomas**, our lead paint abatement project was completed and two more buildings received a fresh coat of paint.

Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center is proud to partner with the City of Sacramento on **redistricting** outreach efforts to engage all of our neighbors. As a settlement house, we work to extend democratic principles beyond the political sphere and into other aspects of life by empowering our neighbors to address community needs. This is an important and accessible opportunity for all. Read more about it inside this newsletter.

Thank you again for helping us help the community during this very unusual time. Better days are ahead for us all.

With gratitude,

Julie Rhoten, Executive Director

## AGENCY UPDATES







Everyone had a great day on the green while supporting a good cause! It was a beautiful day with a putting contest, a pick-up breakfast, our new golf ball launcher, and much more! Thanks to **Maita Toyota** for giving golfers a chance to win a 2021 Camry SE with a hole-in-one! Many thanks to our event photographer, Lee Folino of the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Sacramento**, who captured some amazing photos! **Find your photos** on our website at **stanfordsettlement.org** or on Stanford Settlement's Facebook page, **www.facebook.com/Stanford.Settlement**. Thank you to our presenting sponsor **Parasec**, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters for making this possible!



The Sacramento Independent Redistricting Commission is redrawing district lines; add your ideas for consideration! Help shape Sacramento! As a resident of our city, you have an opportunity to submit your ideas for the new district lines. Every 10 years, after the U.S. Census, the City of Sacramento must re-establish the boundaries for City Council districts. The resulting council-district boundaries must be balanced in population in accordance with local, state, and federal rules governing the redistricting process. That means, the City of Sacramento needs your voice! If you or someone you know is passionate about the City of Sacramento and wants to make sure the redrawing process is free from special interest and political strife encourage them to draw their own lines! Ensure your neighborhood remains intact and people-powered.

Submit your new district lines at: redistricting.cityofsacramento.org



# WHAT'S NEW?

### SENIOR CENTER

We STILL have not re-opened the Senior Center for in-person programs. We understand that our seniors are anxious to return to the center! Because a primary service is our nutrition program, we must consider guidance from our partners to ensure that we open safely. Until then, we continue to make home visits to our seniors.

Many of you knew Melissa Corona, our Senior Center Activities Director since 2017. She recently left Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center to pursue other professional opportunities. We wish her a fond farewell and the best of luck in the future. She will be missed by seniors and staff alike.

Upon Melissa's departure, Judy Salvador moved into the Activities Director position. We are pleased to welcome Taylor McFarland as our new Activities Assistant. She is originally from San Francisco but moved here to attend CSU Sacramento.

She's been meeting our seniors as she helps Judy and Dianne with our regular deliveries, and looks forward to when the Senior Center can re-open for lunch and activities.



### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

This past year, we've been unable to hold any of our programs in person due to the pandemic, including Summer Day Camp. Fortunately, we have been able to offer some alternative summer programming for a small number of children. We offered very small groups onsite for activities and planned two different schedules to reduce any risk of exposure.

Thanks to a #SacYouthWorks grant, teens have been given the opportunity to gain work experience by working alongside staff members. Working as "Counselors in Training," they have been able to gain valuable work experience while earning a small stipend. The teens have been extremely helpful to us as we lead activities while observing all recommended health guidelines.

The children have loved being able to come back just as much as we have loved having them return. Stay tuned for more details about our fall programs in September!

Daya Cabrera Children's Program Group Worker

### TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center remains closed until we are able to allow teens to return and reconnect safely. However. we have been fortunate enough to receive funding to create our very own mural inside the Teen Center gym. A small group of Teen Center participants began meeting and discussing mural concepts twice a week in May 2021 with the guidance of local upcoming artist Samantha Inda-Quintero. This project allowed teens to build healthy relationships and gain better problem solving skills in effort to complete a common goal. Simultaneously, they learned the process of creating a mural from start to finish. They exchanged concept ideas, prepped their workspace, and painted using professional techniques taught by Samantha. The mural project was completed July 2021 and will have a small, intimate unveiling ceremony with all of the artists and funders in mid-August.

Porscha Hightower Teen Center Coordinator

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Sergay Ivazian

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Mayra Liberty

George Thoma

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Virginia Bordeaux

Jack Reefer

Julie Rhoten

& Stanford Settlement Staff

In Memory Of:

Sister Claire Graham, SSS

**Bill Townshend** 

**Molly Fling** 

**Remembered by:** 

Albertina Morales, SSS

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