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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,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. While our center-based programs have not re-opened yet, our work continues. Our social workers are out in the community daily, delivering meals, groceries, and household necessities to over 80 seniors, and 260 children and teens. Since mid-March, we've logged over 6,000 miles in home visits!

Besides meals, our staff are delivering hope and human connection. Isolation is dangerous, especially for seniors and teens. Parents and youth have support to deal with conflict that comes with the stay-at-home mandate. The seniors have their own phone tree and pen-pal program. Children and teens connect with staff and each other through Zoom and social media, where they can participate in games, trivia, crafts, and contests virtually.

As a settlement house, we work for social justice. We seek to improve the lives of individuals AND the health of the community as a whole. We stand in solidarity with children, teens, seniors, and families served by this agency, 75% of whom are people of color. We believe that Black Lives Matter, and are dedicated to bringing about change on behalf of those who have been systemically oppressed.

When it's safe to do so, we will welcome seniors back to the Senior Center for hot meals, activities, and camaraderie. We will see the Teen Center full of junior high and high school students playing basketball, doing homework, and catching up with friends. We will be delighted by the sounds of children's laughter as they race to the playground for After School Groups. Until then, we will continue our work. I thank you for your support these last few months, and hope you will continue to help us help others during this unprecedented time in our world.

With gratitude,

Julie Rhoten
Executive Director



FROM OUR STAFF



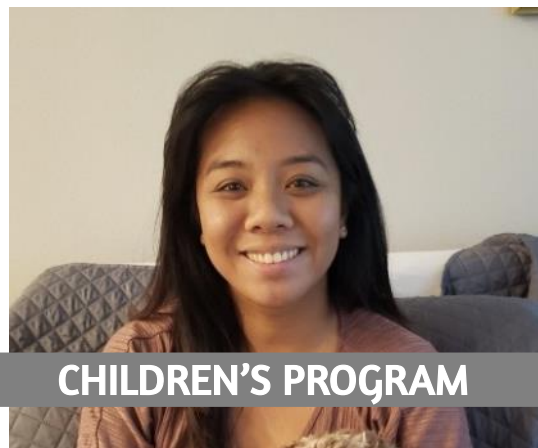
SENIOR CENTER

Since the outbreak, the most important thing I am doing is staying connected with our seniors! The Senior Center staff visit the seniors three times a week to deliver snacks, groceries, or meals. During the deliveries I take a moment to ask our seniors how they are doing, what they have been up to, and if there is anything extra we can help them with. I know how important that social aspect is for our seniors and I know that although it is only a moment, that moment can bring up the spirits during this time. Many of them always ask when we will open the center back up, but all we can tell them is to be patient and we are hoping to open soon. The Senior Center is definitely not the same without them, but I am happy that we still get to see their faces and stay in touch with them through this all.

- Melissa, Senior Center Activities Director

During these difficult times, we've been making sure that the needs of our kids as well as members of the community are being met. We've been doing this by daily meal deliveries and any other essential item deliveries. Although we can't physically be with our kids during these challenging times, we've been trying new ways to continue building social skills, learning problem-solving skills, and establishing meaningful relationships with peers virtually. We've been doing test runs of Zoom meetings with some of our kids while implementing the same standards of the Children's Program, and we are hoping to invite more kids to join! We've also started making and delivering 'at home' craft kits as a way to keep our activities going as if they were in program. We miss everyone and hope that you all are staying safe out there!

- Shannon, Children's Program Group Worker



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

While the Teen Center has been closed for the past three months due to the pandemic, we have been doing as much as we can to assist our teens through these challenging and uncertain times. Although the COVID-19 has stopped us from allowing teens to be in the center, we have been working with Twin Rivers Unified School District and delivering breakfast/lunch bags to the teens and their families. The daily lunch deliveries give us opportunities to check-in with each of our teens and assess their needs more in depth, which led us to create a weekly home visiting schedule to see some of our teens who are having difficulty coping with the sudden change. The sudden shift in our service delivery model also helped us realize we can still keep in touch with the teens through social media. The Teen Center Instagram has been allowing us to stay connected with the teens by creating a safe space where teens can contact us if they need anything and also engage in fun virtual activities while staying home.

For questions or more information, please call Porscha, Jolanna, or Alejandra at (916) 927-1303!

-Porscha, Teen Center Social Worker



TEEN CENTER

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We are truly humbled by YOUR generosity at this uncertain time in our world. Your willingness to support the most vulnerable in our community during the COVID-19 Pandemic reveals your **true compassion** and concern for others.

Your donation supports and **gives hope** to teens, seniors, children, and families during these challenging times.



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