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Project Open Hand

# ANNUAL REPORT



**Dignitaries, supporters and community members celebrated the unveiling of the new Project Open Hand neon sign on June 10, 2021.**

**Pictured from left to right:**  
Supervisor Matt Haney,  
San Francisco Mayor London Breed,  
Project Open Hand CEO, Paul Hepfer,  
and Board Chair, Mike Henry.





## A Sign of the Times

Dear Friend,

On June 10, 2021, our Mayor of San Francisco, London Breed, community leaders, supporters, staff, and volunteers gathered at the corner of Polk and Eddy streets to celebrate a very special achievement – we were flipping the switch to light our new Project Open Hand neon sign.

LETTER FROM  
THE CEO

It was a momentous occasion, because throughout our building's history we've never had a prominent sign to communicate to the public that we are here in the heart of the city, in the Tenderloin District.

But turning on the neon sign means so much more than just branding our building on 730 Polk Street. The sign is a beacon of hope to all in the neighborhood and all those we serve in San Francisco and Alameda Counties — that we will be there for them no matter what it takes.

During this year, we continued to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To meet the increasing needs of our nearly 7,000 clients served through our Wellness and Community Nutrition Programs, we built additional freezer space. This allowed us to store more than 12,000 frozen medically tailored meals to meet the increase in demand. Because of this additional infrastructure, we served nearly 1,000,000 meals during this year, despite the pandemic.

Our sign is also a beacon for our volunteers, the backbone of our operation. In this past year, nearly 1,000 volunteers spent over 1,000,000 hours in our kitchen, warehouse, and grocery center. Because of their dedication and the kindness of their hearts, we were able to provide meals that heal to critically-ill individuals experiencing HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

This past year also showed how we are able to continue to shift and adapt with the times. Staff worked virtually. Client engagement moved to phone and zoom calls. Celebrations and events, normally held in-person amongst friends, moved to the digi-sphere of virtual productions. Although this sea of change presented challenges, we continued to deliver for the community because they needed us to and our generous donors provided the resources.

The new sign hanging on the corner of our building is an homage to the Tenderloin and its rich history of neon signs that once lined the streets of this vibrant neighborhood. And like the neon signs of the past, our sign is meant to withstand ever-changing conditions and the weathers of time.

It's a beacon for the community. It's a symbol of hope. It is Project Open Hand. Because of YOU.

Thank you,

Paul Hepfer, Chief Executive Officer

## Providing Nutritious Meals to the Sick and Vulnerable

Number of Registered Dietitian  
Assessments/Counseling Sessions

1,970

Number of Medically Tailored Meals  
(includes groceries for meals)

496,225

Wellness Clients Served

3,773

Number of Clients who  
are Military Veterans

146



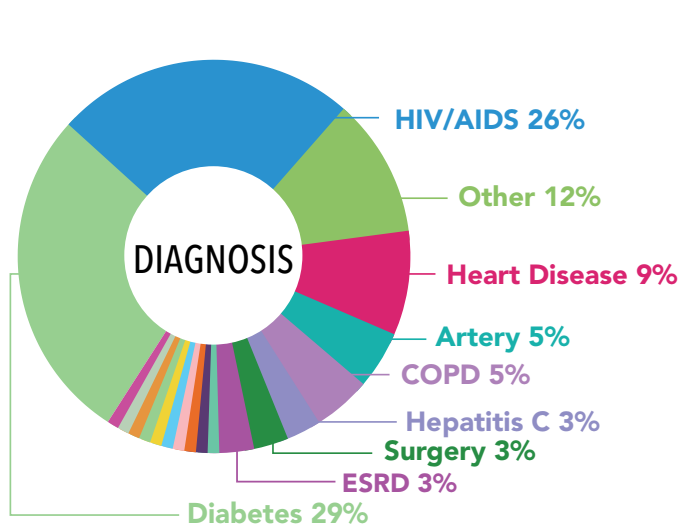
### Angela's Story

"The doctor calls me on a Monday and said, 'Angela, you're a strong woman and you have a strong body. But I want you to hang up the phone, get your phone charger, and get to the emergency room.' When I got to the hospital, the doctor put me in the ICU," said Wellness Program client Angela, who lives with diabetes.

Angela's sweet tooth had finally caught up to her. Doctors put her on insulin and medication to control her sugar levels, but they also referred her to Project Open Hand.

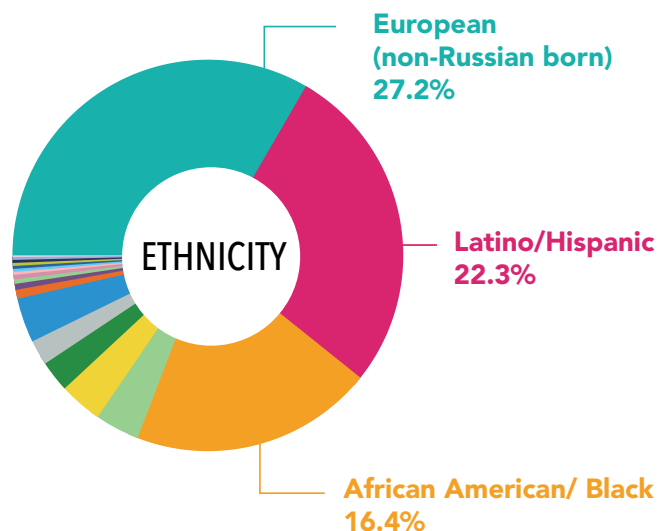
Angela credits the services she's received through the Wellness Program as the turning point towards better health.

"I was on death's bed. I was destroying my body without even knowing it, but now I'm helping my body. When I came into Project Open Hand, they educated me about portions and what I should eat more of and eat less of," she said.



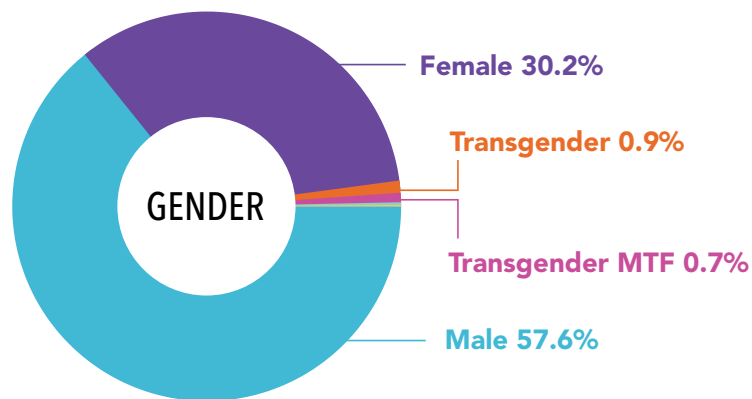
#### Other Diagnoses

Breast Cancer <1%	Auto-immune <1%	MS <1%
Other Cancer <1%	Neuro <1%	ALS <1%
Hepatitis B <1%	Parkinson <1%	
ESLD <1%	Stroke <1%	



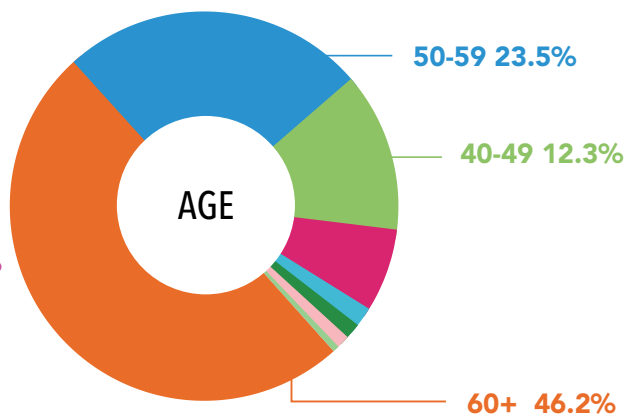
#### Other Ethnicities

Other Asian 3%	Middle Eastern 0.3%
Chinese 2.9%	Japanese 0.2%
Native American/ Alaska Native 2.1%	Korean 0.2%
Filipino 1.7%	Laotian 0.2%
Declined to State 0.9%	Other Southeast Asian 0.2%
Other Pacific Islander 0.6%	Russian (Russian born) 0.2%
Vietnamese 0.4%	Samoan 0.2%
African 0.3%	Cambodian 0.1%



#### Other Genders

Genderqueer/Gender Non-Binary 0.2%
Declined to State <0.1%



#### Other Ages

30-39 6.4%	0-12 1.2%	20-24 0.5%
13-19 1.5%	25-29 1%	

## Providing Nutritious Meals in a Communal Setting to Older Adults and Adults With Disabilities



**478,344**

Meals Served  
1,310 meals per day



**12**

Sites across  
San Francisco



**70%**

of Clients Reported  
as Living below  
the Poverty Line



**3,080**

Clients Served Through Our  
Community Nutrition Program



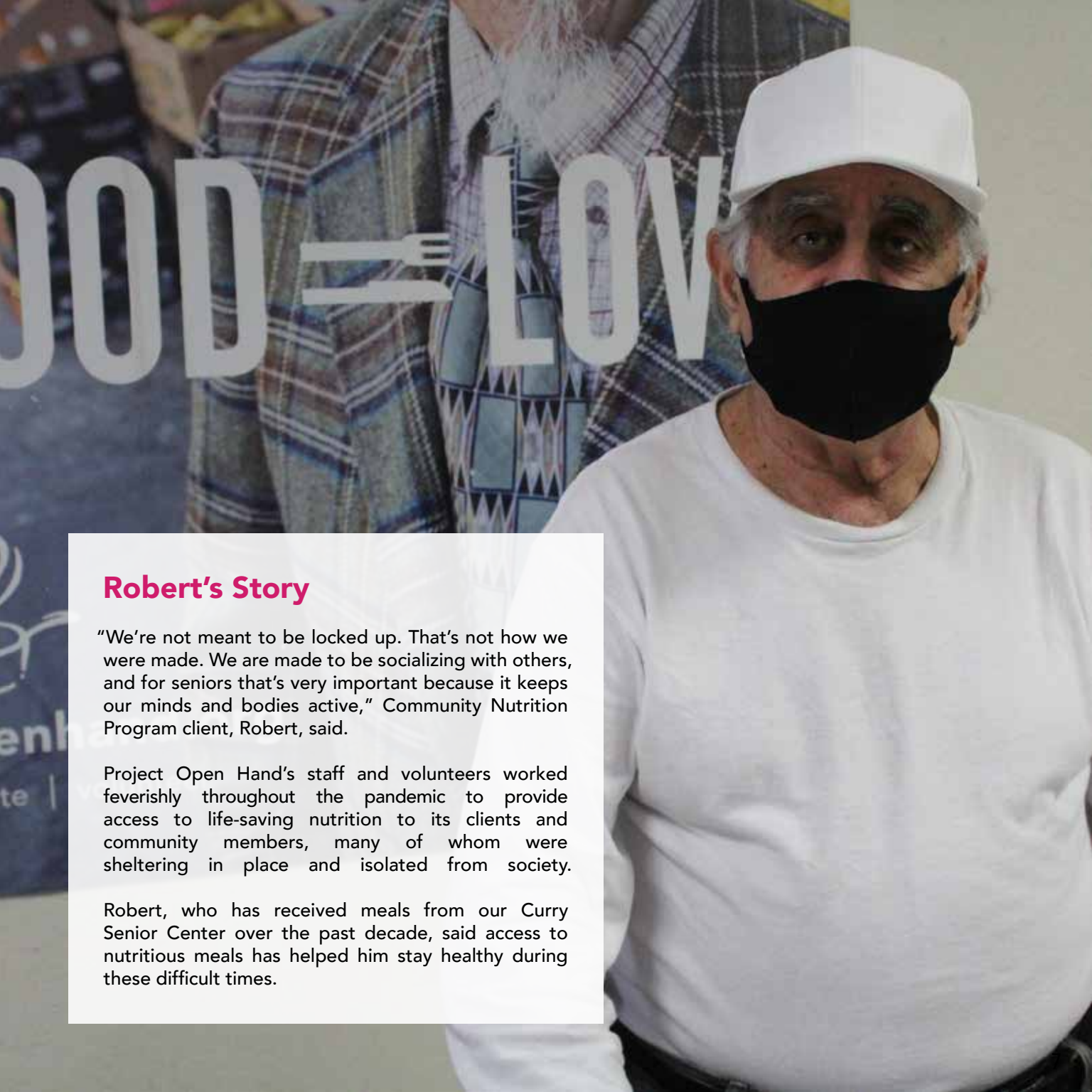
**2,615**

Older Adults Served  
(Ages 60 and Up)



**383**

Adults with Disabilities Served  
(Ages 18-59)



## Robert's Story

"We're not meant to be locked up. That's not how we were made. We are made to be socializing with others, and for seniors that's very important because it keeps our minds and bodies active," Community Nutrition Program client, Robert, said.

Project Open Hand's staff and volunteers worked feverishly throughout the pandemic to provide access to life-saving nutrition to its clients and community members, many of whom were sheltering in place and isolated from society.

Robert, who has received meals from our Curry Senior Center over the past decade, said access to nutritious meals has helped him stay healthy during these difficult times.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

### We Can't Do It Without Our Volunteers

Since the very start of the COVID-19 pandemic and well before, Project Open Hand volunteers have been committed to providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating our community.

With shelter-in-place orders and strict social distancing guidelines in place, Project Open Hand had to make significant adjustments to create a safe and sterile environment for everyone involved.

Volunteers selflessly gave their time to assist in meal production and delivery by committing to longer hours and multiple shifts per week. Although the volunteer base was reduced to 20 percent, volunteers were able to provide over 30,000 hours of service.

Project Open Hand is grateful to every single one of the volunteers for their swift and effective response at a time of great uncertainty.



Value of Volunteer Time

**\$1,019,833**



Total Hours

**30,343.15**



Total Volunteer Shifts

**11,274**



Total Unique Volunteers

**947**





643

volunteers helped prepare  
meals in the kitchen



333

volunteers staffed our  
Grocery Centers



57

volunteers delivered meals  
to homebound clients



89%

of volunteers are recurring  
(weekly) individual volunteers



11%

of volunteers are one-time  
individual volunteers



### **“Let’s Get Cooking” Virtual Event with Salesforce**

On June 25, 2020 Chief Executive Officer, Paul Hepfer, and local favorite and top chef at Salesforce, Yoni Levy, partnered for a virtual event to show how to make a healthy snack and discuss how Project Open Hand is improving health outcomes and addressing food and nutrition insecurity.

### **Virtual Open House: Featuring Tour and Panel Discussion**

On July 9, 2020, Project Open Hand hosted a virtual open house to show the impact that we and our nonprofit neighbors were making in the SF Bay Area HIV/AIDS community, including a live tour of our facilities and a panel discussion.

### **Brand New Walk-In Freezer and Fridge Installment**

In August 2020, we built a brand new 16x30 ft walk-in freezer and an 11x16 ft fridge, thanks to the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS), Harry Jeanette Weinberg, and other private funders. The added storage allowed Project Open Hand to store an additional 12,000 frozen medically tailored meals to support the increasing needs of the community.

### **New Street Banners**

In October of 2020, Project Open Hand banners were installed throughout the city promoting our 35th anniversary and showing of support of various communities we serve including the LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS communities, as well as social movements including Black Lives Matter.



## NEON SIGN LIGHTING EVENT

With the help of Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Matt Haney, and other dignitaries, Project Open Hand “flipped on” its new neon sign on June 10, 2021.

Guests and supporters enjoyed a memorable night of music, food, and speeches, which culminated with the lighting of a sign that will be a beacon of hope for a vibrant, safe, and secure neighborhood.

## VIRTUAL HAND TO HAND GALA

The Virtual Hand to Hand Gala held on December 4, 2020 proved to be a tremendous success. The event featured appearances by Nancy Pelosi, Senator Scott Wiener, and Assemblymember David Chiu and performances by the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus and the California Honey Drops.

Project Open Hand raised more than \$315,000 through this special digital event because of the generosity of sponsors and donors. And many stretched even further during the fund-a-need segment. The goal was \$35,000. Our supporters helped us raise over \$50,000.



## DINING OUT FOR LIFE OAKLAND

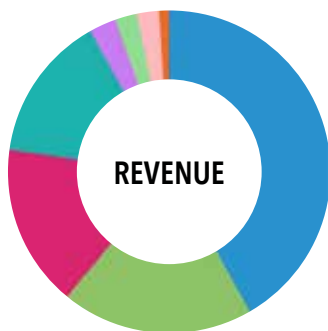
Dining Out For Life is a national annual dining event that raises money for community-based organizations serving people living with or impacted by HIV. The event raises awareness of our existing services and the continuing needs of those affected by HIV in Oakland.

On September 24, 2020, Project Open Hand partnered with 20 local Oakland eateries for Dining Out For Life Oakland. Many supporters purchased takeout meals or gift cards from participating restaurant partners to support Project Open Hand and the Dining Out For Life cause.

# Statement of Financial Position

as of June 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$11,419,900	\$9,362,247
Total Liabilities	\$2,940,630	\$3,105,872
Total Net Assets	\$8,479,270	\$6,256,375
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$11,419,900	\$9,362,247



42.37% Government Grants  
 19.23% Individual Donations  
 16.45% Program Service Fees  
 14.75% Foundation Donations  
 2.75% Bequests  
 2.22% Fundraising Events  
 2.22% Business/Corporate and In-Kind Donations  
 1% Other Revenue (Investment, Rental, etc.)

85.82% Program Services  
 9.06% Development  
 5.12% Management and General







Statement of Activities  
as of June 30, 2021

Support and Revenues From Operations

Individual Donations.....	\$3,090,653
Government Grants .....	\$6,811,172
Bequests.....	\$442,675
Foundation Donations .....	\$2,371,664
Fundraising Events.....	\$356,827
Program Service Fees.....	\$2,644,743
Business and Corporate Donations .....	\$356,098
<b>Total Support and Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$16,073,832</b>
Other Revenue (Investments, Rental Income, Interest, In-Kind).....	\$886,352
Supplemental in-kind donations (Food).....	\$538,978
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$17,499,162</b>

Operating Expenses

Program Services (Meals and Groceries).....	\$12,646,824
Supporting Services	
Management .....	\$754,573
Development .....	\$1,335,892
<b>Total Operating Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$14,737,289</b>
Supplemental Food Expense (donated).....	\$538,978
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$15,276,267</b>

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets, Beginning of the Year.....	\$6,256,375
Net Assets, End of the Year.....	\$8,479,270
<b>Change.....</b>	<b>\$2,222,895</b>

# Thank You to Our Generous Donors

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

## DIAMOND PLATE CLUB

### \$100,000 AND MORE

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### \$50,000 - \$99,999

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### \$25,000 - \$49,999

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### \$5,000 - \$9,999

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**\$1,000 - \$2,499**

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The Ruth Brinker story is timeless. Her legacy bridges two **epidemics**: the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 1985, this San Francisco grandmother and retired food-service worker was a pioneer on many levels and among several communities. After seeing a close friend with AIDS suffer from malnutrition, Ruth knew what she needed to do: feed her neighbors.

She began by preparing meals in her kitchen for seven neighbors with AIDS. She brought meals to their homes along with a friendly smile, an encouraging word and a healthy dose of love. And thus, Ruth founded Project Open Hand.

Ruth's vision of "meals with love" is still alive and is the motivating force behind everything we do at Project Open Hand. We continue to serve people with HIV/AIDS and have expanded our reach to feed older adults and people fighting with cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. We adapted our model rapidly for the shelter-in-place era, a transition that is both responsive and relevant.

Thank you for supporting Project Open Hand and for keeping Ruth's legacy alive.

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