A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR + BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

This past year, nearly 2,500 youth experiencing homelessness received help, hope, and so much more thanks to the immense and growing community of supporters for Larkin Street Youth Services. With rising housing costs and more than 1,300 young people still without a safe place to sleep on any given night in our city, both the need for these services and public awareness of this crisis have never been greater.

To address these issues and build on this momentum, we are working harder than ever – serving more young people, offering additional programs, and deeper supports – and seeing the impact. A full 83% of young people who complete our housing programs have a safe and stable place to live when they leave. Not only that, they are working or in school, and successfully managing their physical and mental health. Our services make this possible, but these outcomes are a testament to the resilience and tenacity of the young people we serve.

As we look to the year ahead, Larkin Street remains committed to eradicating homelessness for every young person. While the need is great, we have the foundation for success. We are working diligently with city- and community-based partners to inform a systems approach that makes any instance of homelessness among young people rare, brief, and non-recurring. Crucially, that system must work most effectively for youth of color and LGBTQ-identified youth, who are over-represented among those who we serve.

It is possible to create a world in which youth homelessness does not exist. Our new agency-wide strategic plan, which will launch in 2019, pursues this vision as our guiding light. We will continue to work at the local, state, and national levels toward that goal, building on the successes of our staff and youth. None of this would be possible without the incredible support from our elected and government officials, corporate partners, volunteers, donors, and many more. This support hit a record high last year, and for that, we thank you!

Ending youth homelessness is truly a community-wide effort. We know that with our model for intervention, the dedication of our committed staff, and the invaluable support of the community, we have what it takes to make a real difference – for our youth and the community at large.

Thank you for helping make both our youths’ dreams, and our mission, come to life.

Sincerely,

Sherilyn Adams
Executive Director

Terry Kramer
Chair, Board of Directors

ANUBIS DAUGHERTY is a San Francisco native who was born homeless. Growing up on the street was dangerous but he didn’t want to go to a shelter for fear of losing the few belongings he had. The Larkin Street Outreach Team offered him a place to stay via their Pathways Program. Today he is in college, living in his own apartment, and recently completed an internship on the same Outreach Team that helped him get off the street.

“Today I live on my own and am taking classes at City College – without Larkin Street I’d still be homeless.”
THE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN AMERICA

One in ten young people nationwide experiences homelessness over the course of a year.

In San Francisco, there are over 1,300 young people on the streets every night.

HOMELESSNESS IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY ISSUE AS MUCH AN ECONOMIC ISSUE

The primary drivers into homelessness for young people include abuse, family rejection and economic instability, all of which are exacerbated for already marginalized communities.

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OUR FACILITIES ARE LOCATED ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO

Larkin Street Youth Services provides two-thirds of the available housing for youth in San Francisco.

WHEN THEY COMPLETE OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS, YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING BOLD STEPS:

- Exited to stable housing: 83%
- Employed or enrolled in post-secondary education: 87%
- Can manage physical and emotional wellness: 67%

Investing in youth is an essential step towards ending homelessness for all.

THIS YEAR WE SERVED NEARLY 2,500 YOUNG PEOPLE!

- 3,985 contacts made through street outreach
- 2,338 individuals served agency-wide
- 373 youth served in shelters
- 357 youth housed

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“With the support I got at Larkin Street, I was able to manage a balance of working and volunteering while putting myself through school. I owe everything to the people that gave me that support.”

At the age of two, STEPHANIE MONROE and her mother escaped a violent home and traveled from shelter to shelter, sleeping on dirt floors and on buses. She was abused repeatedly. After her mother’s death, Larkin Street gave Stephanie a safe space to stay, and she focused on education as a way out. Stephanie taught herself to read and now she’s graduated with her bachelor’s from San Francisco State and has a full-time job in tech.

YOUTH EVENTS LAST YEAR

1. Staff, family, and friends celebrated young people’s accomplishments over the past year at our Annual Education Graduation themed “Growth and Empowerment.”

2. Young people living in Geary House, one of our transitional housing programs, gathered in downtown San Francisco weekly to give out hygiene kits, food, towels, and coats to those in need.

3. Recording artist and Bay Area-native G-Eazy visited Larkin Street’s Engagement and Community Center, where he handed out free Puma apparel, took selfies with every young person, and donated $50,000!

4. This year’s Queer Youth Space garnered a record-breaking 2,300 guests! Young people enjoyed lawn games, flower crown making, a photo booth, free snacks, and drinks at our safe space at San Francisco Pride for LGBTQ-identified youth and their allies.
PHILIP JONES spent years on the streets suffering from a serious substance use disorder, eventually landing in jail with the option of serving time in prison or going to rehab. Larkin Street stepped in and gave him a safe place to live. Philip focused on his sobriety and caught up on school—now he’s working full time, enrolled in college, and paying it forward by coaching other at-risk youth.

“Understanding that I can get the support that I need is the difference between a good day and a bad day.”

POLICY AND ADVOCACY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strong public policies are critical to ending the youth homelessness crisis. At Larkin Street, our staff and young people work hard to advocate for better policies, and more resources, at City Hall, the State Capitol, and in Washington, D.C.

Our advocacy work last year took many forms, including a new Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in San Francisco: 2018 Report on Incidence and Needs. Since we last published this document in 2014, we’ve gathered and analyzed the latest information on the scope and causes of youth homelessness and provided new recommendations for policymakers on how to most effectively address this issue. The full report is available now on our website.

Thanks in part to the incredible advocacy of Larkin Street staff, young people, and community partners, the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing doubled its budget for homeless youth this year! One of the direct benefits was the expansion of our Pathways rental subsidy program, which as a direct result was able to nearly double in size.

Statewide, we cheered on Senator Scott Wiener and Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio’s introduction of Senate Bill 918, the Homeless Youth Act of 2018, which for the first time clearly designate a state-level lead for addressing youth homelessness, setting goals and mapping progress statewide. In a historic step, Governor Brown recently signed SB 918 into law! Senator Wiener remains a leading voice for youth across the state and we are grateful for his continued efforts to champion young people’s needs.

Other accomplishments at the State level include a first-ever youth set-aside of at least $25 million in one-time funding that was made available for local jurisdictions to address the homeless crisis, as well as a new seat on the State Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council for a formerly homeless youth member. Thanks to Assemblymember Phil Ting for his leadership to boost the State’s investment in youth homelessness. Assemblymember David Chiu also helped to make it easier for young people experiencing homelessness to get a copy of their birth certificate from the State.

These major policy wins would not have been possible without the voices of young people, who traveled to Sacramento throughout the year to testify at budget and policy hearings, speak at a press conference, and participate in the California Coalition for Youth’s annual Youth Empowerment Summit.

Finally, successes at the Federal level include Larkin Street securing Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funds to launch a new housing program later this year in partnership with the San Francisco Young Adult Court. In addition, Sherilyn Adams continues to serve on the executive committee of A Way Home America, a national movement to end youth homelessness. Staff and youth also continue to inform the field through drafting briefs, policy platforms, and presenting at conferences nationwide.

Locally, statewide, and nationally, we are seeing the impact of policy and advocacy work in ensuring no young person has to sleep on the street again.
Paving the Way Gala
March 6, 2018
Every year is better than the last, and this year, we raised nearly one million dollars through a stunning evening including a silent auction, live auction, dinner, and after party. Special thanks to our youth speakers (Anubis Daugherty, Camila Barbosa, and Zak Franet), Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Phil Ting, and all our sponsors, especially Alaska Airlines, The Bob Ross Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Sharon and Craig McCollam, Union Bank, and those who wish to remain anonymous.

Bay Area CFO of the Year Awards
June 7, 2018
More than 400 business leaders attended the 13th annual CFO of the Year Awards to help us recognize winners and finalists including 2018 Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Winner Patricia E. (Pat) Yarrington, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Chevron Corporation. Huge thanks to our title sponsors, Deloitte and Marsh & McLennan Agency and co-presenter, the San Francisco Business Times, as well as our guests for helping us raise over $500,000 in support of young people.

SF Crawfest
May 19, 2018
Huge thanks to the “Crawfathers” for hosting the third annual SF Crawfest and in the process raising more than $40,000 in support of our work to end youth homelessness! Set in Fort Mason on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, hundreds of guests enjoyed a traditional Cajun crawfish boil, beer, wine, and games.

Performing Arts Night
August 1, 2018
Young people from Larkin Street’s services dazzled a packed house with talents ranging from dance and music to theater and poetry. Every performance was a testament of resiliency, courage, creativity, embodying this year’s theme, “Dreaming in the Streets.” Without our Arts Program, community partners, staff, volunteers, Kelly Cullen Community, and Arts Program sponsor, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, this amazing event wouldn’t be possible.
HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

For Individuals
The Larkin Street Annual Fund
Making a donation by mail or online is a meaningful way to help young people transcend homelessness. Your support enables us to invest strategically in providing innovative housing, health, and educational programs.

Monthly Donations
An easy and impactful opportunity to make a commitment to a future where everyone can reach their potential. Visit our website to sign up now and we’ll update you on our programs throughout the year.

Transfer of Stock
The process of making a gift of stock, bonds, or mutual funds is simple, just contact us or your accountant to get started. By gifting stock directly to Larkin Street, you may realize significant tax deductions.

Special Events
We host a variety of events throughout the year to raise both awareness and financial support for the work to end youth homelessness, as do our friends and partners in the community. Get tickets and more information on our website.

Volunteer
Support the work to end homelessness by hosting awareness, fundraising, or supplies drives in your communities. Opportunities can be tailored as needed, from online campaigns to assembling emergency packs for our young people.

For Groups and Companies
Matching Gifts
Many businesses match their employees’ donations, or offer “dollars for doers” incentives for volunteers, doubling and even tripling your impact! Ask your employer for more information and spread the word with your colleagues.

Educate and Advocate
Learn about youth homelessness with a tour of Larkin Street’s Engagement and Community Center in downtown San Francisco, or invite members of our team into your office for a talk or panel.

Host a Drive
Businesses can host fundraisers or in-kind drives to build community and make a meaningful contribution to the youth we serve. Make it simple for your team to participate through both online or in-person events.

Volunteering Time and Talents
We can always benefit from internal ambassadorships and skills-based volunteers across business functions. Group volunteer opportunities include serving a meal and organizing our clothing closet.

Sponsor an Event
Larkin Street’s events team raises millions while spreading awareness for the cause. Corporate sponsorships and partnerships are integral to the success of these events and offer meaningful marketing visibility.

LEVERAGING SKILLS
Over the last year, employees from the following companies lent their expertise to support our program and administrative staff with a range of skills. The impact of these professionals dedicating their time and talents to ours is immeasurable!

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Grand Ducal Council of San Francisco
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Oxymoron
Rsquared Communication
Salesforce
T. Rowe Price Foundation
The Tipping Point Community
Twitter

IN MEMORY
It is with both sadness and gratitude that we recognize George Chaney and Edward Stone for their extremely generous bequest to Larkin Street Youth Services. Victims of the tragic Northern California fires, their impact will live on through their legacy gift to Larkin Street, which we intend to use to ensure the long-term sustainability of the work to end youth homelessness.

For more information about any of these opportunities to make an impact, contact us!

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- San Francisco Human Services Agency
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- FY 17-18 audited financial statements will be available in December 2018.
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Thank you for your support of the movement to end youth homelessness!