



Employment Services

Samantha, a retired San Mateo resident, needed to find a new job to cover the increasing costs of living. However, she had not applied for jobs in over 15 years and the lack of job prospects had begun to take its toll on her. She had sent out countless resumes, but nothing seemed to be working out for her. She was beginning to lose hope and was feeling more and more disheartened every day.

That was until she was told about Peninsula Family Service (PFS) and the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) by her neighbor. At first, Samantha

was hesitant to ask for help. She had always been fiercely independent and didn't want to burden anyone with her problems. However, she soon realized that she had nothing to lose by reaching out to PFS for assistance. She made an appointment to speak with PFS's experienced Employment Services mentor.

Together, they went over Samantha's resume and talked about her strengths, weaknesses, and career goals. She was able to prepare for the Peninsula's competitive job market through mock-interviews, goal planning, and a paid internship with on-the-job-training. Samantha thrived at her internship and was asked to apply for a permanent position. Thanks to the help of the SCSEP staff at PFS, Samantha was able to get back on her feet and start a new chapter in her life.



221

We enrolled 221 participants in our Employment Program last year.



64

JOBS

Approximately sixty-four of our Employment participants secured jobs.





Early Learning

Charlotte, a resilient single mother, found herself facing homelessness with her three young children, ages five, four, and two. Despite her challenging circumstances, she was determined to provide the best possible life for her kids. Upon discovering that PFS offered on-site Early Learning care at her temporary housing facility, Charlotte

signed her children up for high-quality Early Learning care. PFS staff worked closely with Charlotte to identify her children's unique needs, and engaged them in a curriculum that promotes cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development.

As Charlotte's children thrived in the nurturing environment, she was able to search for work and other resources. She was able to gain employment as an administrative assistant at the local school district and secure housing for her family, paving the way for a brighter future. As an active member of the Early Learning community, Charlotte continues to advocate for the importance of early education and support for families in need. She was invited to join the Policy Council at her children's school and is able to make decisions that will help all the children thrive and be kindergarten ready when they graduate from preschool.

PFS launched its first Early Learning Child Development Associate (CDA) Training Program in early 2022.



276
HOURS

Student teachers complete 276 hours of training during the CDA training.



420
HOURS

After the training, student teachers must work for 420 hours in a classroom, before taking the final test for certification.





Financial Empowerment

Jose came to PFS in need of a reliable car. His car kept breaking down, and it no longer made sense to pay for it to be fixed each time something happened. He already had debt from earlier car work and needed to pay down his credit card. A family friend told Jose about the Lending Circle program at PFS, and he decided to apply to achieve his personal goal to save and build credit. He joined five other participants and began the program. Each month he added funds to the lending circle and was able to save enough money to seriously consider buying a car. Jose told PFS that he needed a reliable car and might have enough for a down payment, but that he also needed financial help.

He found out about the *DriveForward* auto loan program at PFS and applied. The process took a few weeks, but he was able to find a reliable used car to purchase with the help of the *DriveForward* loan program.

Once he had reliable transportation, he was able to find a new job with higher pay and he was able to save an hour of commute time every day, by driving his car. His wife and two young children were also able to have more time during their week to be together, instead of taking the bus back and forth to preschool.

A Lending Circle is for 6-12 people who agree to a loan of up to \$2,400 and then save monthly to fulfill the loan. Each month, a Circle member receives the total amount until everyone has taken their turn. Our partner, Mission Asset Fund, reports the loan payments to 3 credit bureaus, ensuring Circle members build credit.



25

PARTICIPANTS

We increased our Lending Circle participants to a total of twenty-five participants.



42

LOANS

We were able to support forty-two accessible auto loans.





Older Adult Services

Lena has lived in the same house in Menlo Park for over 50 years, raising her children and making countless memories within its walls. But as she aged, her family moved away and many of her friends passed on, leaving her feeling isolated and alone. For years, Lena spent her days in solitude, rarely leaving the house except for essential errands. She longed for companionship but didn't know where to turn. That was until she heard about Peninsula Family Service (PFS) and the Fair Oaks Adult Activity Center that provided assistance and support for older adults like her.

When she visited the Fair Oaks, she was welcomed with open arms and quickly found herself connecting with others over shared experiences and interests. At Fair Oaks, she was able to participate in a variety of group social activities, fitness classes, health screenings, organic garden club, as well as receiving information and assistance resources. Lena felt like she had found a community she had been missing for so long.

Lena has become a regular attendee at Fair Oaks and has found the community and support she needed to combat her loneliness. Through PFS's Older Adult Services Program, Lena has found a sense of purpose and belonging that she thought she had lost forever.



53%

MORE OLDER ADULTS
San Mateo County will have fifty-three percent more adults between the ages of 65 and 74 by the year 2030.



800

POUNDS OF PRODUCE
Our gardens at Fair Oaks Adult Activity Center produce over 800 pounds of produce each year.





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WELCOME



Peninsula Family Service strengthens the community by providing children, families, and older adults the support and tools to realize their full potential and lead healthy, stable lives.



MONTHLY GIVING

You can make your gift go even further by choosing to make it monthly! Monthly gifts are the easiest way to ensure your donation is making the biggest impact to our neighbors. When donating, simply check the "Make it Monthly" and we'll take care of the rest!



MATCHING GIFTS

Did you know that many companies in the Bay Area will match or even double your donation to PFS? To get started, you can easily have your gift matched by using our matching gift app at www.pfso.org/matching-gifts.



LEGACY GIVING

PFS continues to grow our Legacy Giving Program. We provide educational estate planning workshops and opportunities for recognition. If you would like to learn more about the Legacy Giving Program visit, www.pfso.org/legacy.



DONATE TO PFS!





Dear Friends,
For 73 years, Peninsula Family Service (PFS) has been a pillar of hope in our community. The secret to our ongoing success of lending a helping hand to those struggling in our community is due, in large part, to the support of our generous donors.

At PFS, we envision a community where opportunity, financial stability, and wellness are secured for all.

Over the years, we have helped thousands of individuals and families in our community. We are there, whether by providing financial education workshops to help people get on track for financial success, helping an older adult struggling to find a new career, or giving a child the opportunity to receive a STEM education.

Your donation helps us provide vital services through our four main program areas:

Early Learning - We provide children (ages birth-12) from low-income families, including those who are impacted by homelessness, with a safe, nurturing environment where they can learn, socialize, and thrive. We offer nutritious meals, high-quality curriculum, and targeted therapeutic interventions for children who have experienced trauma.

Employment - We offer employment services for adults age 50+ with two unique programs: Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP) and Mature Worker.

These programs assist adults living in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties in their search for employment by providing guidance, direction, resources, paid classroom training, job match up, and placement.

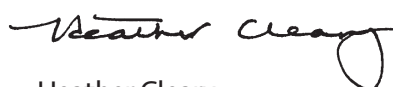
Financial Empowerment - We teach participants to permanently break cycles of debt and vulnerability through financial workshops, asset and credit-building tools, and alternatives to predatory lenders.

Older Adult Services - We promote health, mobility, independence, and reduce rates of illness and injury, encourage technological education, as well as ensuring aging members of our community live better together.

Please consider donating to help us expand our reach and serve even more individuals and families in need. Every dollar makes a difference and will go directly towards providing critical services to those who need them most. Your support will help us continue our mission and make a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families in our community. With your help, we are able to continue providing vital services to those who need them most.

Together, we are **Opening Doors and Changing Lives!**

Warm regards,



Heather Cleary
CEO, Peninsula Family Service