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# There's No Place Like Home



Home is the starting point of love, hopes and dreams.

## **Welcome Home**

These two simple words have taken on a profound new meaning for CSA this year. As staff, volunteers, clients and community members step into a newly remodeled, light-filled space, we feel a renewed sense of purpose and possibility.

Thanks to the generosity of the community and a huge team effort, we successfully completed the transformation of our building—a space that now radiates warmth, hope, and unmistakable positive energy. Every corner—especially the beautiful new mural!— reflects our commitment to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment for the individuals and families we serve. This remodel wasn't just about bricks and mortar—it was about building a home for connection and community.

But this past year also brought significant challenges. Funding freezes and cuts created uncertainty. Yet, even in the face of these trials, our community showed up—volunteering, donating, and supporting CSA to ensure we could continue providing essential services. Because of you, CSA thrived.

As we look ahead, we ask you to continue walking beside us. Your ongoing support—financial, emotional, and vocal—is vital. With your help, we can serve those in need, invest in our programs, and ensure everyone who enters our doors is met with dignity, care, and a heartfelt "Welcome Home."

From all of us at CSA, thank you for making this home and this work possible.



With gratitude, **Kuljeet Kalkat**Board President, 2025-26

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# Spotlight on CSA's Building Remodel

CSA held a ribbon-cutting on May 9, 2025 to celebrate our newly renovated headquarters. The remodel project was made possible through generous support from the City of Mountain View, the State of California, Google, and the Federal Government. Their investment will help ensure CSA continues to meet the growing needs of the community with dignity and compassion. The upgrades improved space

efficiency across the facility—from the ground-floor food program to the upstairs offices.

More than 100 attendees—including Congressman Sam Liccardo, Assemblymember Marc Berman, Senator Josh Becker, former Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and city council members from Mountain View and Los Altos—joined the celebration.

## **Our Volunteers**

CSA's team of **33** full and part-time staff is augmented by a volunteer force of **364** volunteers. Last year, our dedicated volunteers contributed nearly **13,000** hours, putting the value of contributed time at **\$446,197**.

12,826

Volunteer contributed hours

\$446,19**7** 

Value of contributed time



Our temporary relocation and move back into our remodeled building presented huge challenges for operations. CSA's volunteers remained committed and adaptable, ensuring core services continued without interruption.

- Maria Ferreira, Volunteer Coordinator

**3,763**Clients Served

395

Individuals in 169 households received rental and/or utility assitance



## **Homeless Prevention Services**

CSA's Homeless Prevention Program plays a vital role in supporting the community through challenging financial times by offering compassionate and professional assistance with housing stability solutions to over 3,700 vulnerable individuals.

In addition to case management, transportation passes, nutritious groceries, fee waivers for children's activities, and special distributions for the holidays and back to school, a critical service offered is coverage of rent and utility bills to stabilize those at risk of homelessness to the extent resources allow. Nearly 400 individuals received financial assistance totaling \$816,263 last year.

## **Homeless Services**

The Homeless Services Program provides crucial support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness through intensive case management and financial assistance to the extent resources allow. Covering essential fees and deposits and facilitating access to stable housing, the program served over **1,000** unhoused individuals last year.

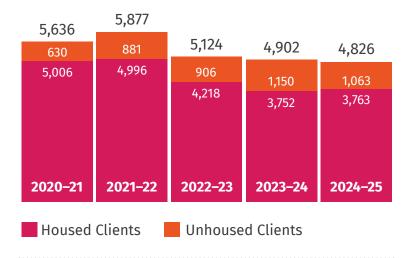
Case managers assisted **144** individuals with securing housing through referrals or financial assistance. Last year, financial assistance distributed in this program totaled **\$150,873** and benefited **113** individuals.

1,063

Clients served

144

Individuals housed



As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and data integrity, we conducted an internal audit of program data. During this process, we revised the data from previous years to reflect greater accuracy. Updated data is included in this report.



## **Food and Nutrition Center**

Now back in full operation at the beautifully remodeled 204 Stierlin facility, CSA's Food and Nutrition Center (FNC) spent most of the year serving clients out of a temporary location on San Antonio Road. Despite the construction, the FNC provided **3,312** individuals with nearly **670,000** pounds of donated food over the year. With robust volunteer support, CSA's Mobile Pantry served **780** individuals at Castro and Mistral Elementary Schools. Clients received essential staples like beans, pasta, and rice, and a large supply of fresh produce.

668,045

Pounds of donated food

**75%** 

Fresh fruits and vegetables

## **Client Spotlight**

I had a great job and enough money until I was injured. Workers' compensation only lasted for two years and then I was on my own with no income. I used to starve because I needed money for rent, so I couldn't pay for food. Now, I am getting help from my case manager and I have excellent food available. Most importantly, I feel comfortable coming to CSA.

3,312

Individuals received nutritious groceries

**780** 

Individuals accessed CSA's mobile pantry

\$**500** 

Monthly

payments

166

Families enrolled

2 vrs

Length of program

## **Guaranteed Basic Income**

Mountain View's Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) pilot ran from December 2022-December 2024. Monthly stipends of **\$500** were provided to **166** of Mountain View's extremely low-income families with children, totaling \$2,000,000 invested. Results are forthcoming.



1,014

Community members served through workshops

21

Volunteer Community Navigators trained to help hard-to-reach communities access services

88

English language learners connected to resources to support academic success

## **Outreach and Engagement Program**

The Community Resource Coordinator guided **1,014** members of the community in how to access a variety of programs and services and trained **21** community leaders. The program also organized the Educational Volunteer Opportunity for AVID students from Mountain View and Los Altos High Schools to learn about CSA's critical work in the community and explore volunteer opportunities. CSA's English Language Learner Case Manager assisted 88 families whose children attend local schools. Some of the resources provided or referred to include job training, mental health support, legal services, and free or low cost dental and vision care.

Mission: We are the community's safety net, providing critical support services that preserve and promote stability, self-reliance and dignity.

## **Senior Services Program**

The Senior Services team offered critical inhome case management services to keep seniors living in their homes safely for as long as possible. These services include comprehensive assessments: in-home safety, bio-psycho-social, nutrition risk, and fall risk. Case managers connected clients with partner agencies for meals, basic home repairs, and cleaning services. The team also assisted with rental and financial assistance to help seniors remain in their homes.

**207** 

participants served in Senior Case Management (SCM) 97%

Seniors able to live independently

**73** 

Enrolled in Intensive Case Management (ICM) 98%

ICM clients avoid re-hospitalization

## **Client Spotlight**

When Ms. Lopez\*, a 79-year-old retired teacher, reached out to CSA's Senior Services team, years of declining mobility and chronic illness had left her home cluttered and increasingly unsafe. The CSA team helped coordinate decluttering her home and making critical repairs and advocated on her behalf with doctors. Today, Ms. Lopez is thriving in a clean, safe, and comfortable home — and she no longer faces her health challenges alone. "CSA didn't just help me fix my house," she said. "They helped me take my life back."

\*Name changed

## **Senior Nutrition Program**

CSA's Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) served an average of **196** seniors per day every weekday in the dining room at the Mountain View Senior Center over the past year. This popular program continues to grow its daily attendance because of its nutritious, delicious meals and fun opportunities for seniors to socialize at meals and holidays.

799

Seniors ate nutritious lunches

45,384

Meals served





It means so much to have a place like the Senior Nutrition Program, where I can come every day and enjoy a warm, home-cooked meal. It's more than just food — it's comfort, community, and a reminder that I'm not alone.

-Senior Nutrition Program client

# Thank you to all the generous sponsors, named in our Donor Lists, who made these events possible.

#### **Back to School**

On July 26, 2024, CSA hosted the annual Back to School event.

Unhoused and low-income families with children received Target gift cards to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year. Nearly **600** children benefited.

### **Tom Myers' 25th Anniversary**

Former Santa Clara County
Supervisor Joe Simitan and guests
toasted CSA Executive Director Tom
Myers on his 25th anniversary leading the agency
at a small gathering on October 24, 2024. Tom
has led the organization through the Dot Com
Bust, Great Recession, Pandemic, and more since
taking the helm in October of 1999.

## **Empty Glasses**

On October 27, 2024, CSA's Young Professionals group hosted their annual Empty Glasses fundraiser for CSA. During the sold-out event,



guests enjoyed exclusive selections from Portola Vineyards and toured the beautiful winery. Kathi Minden, a dedicated CSA volunteer, shared the importance of community involvement. Katherine Cagat, Research and Program Officer at Mayors for Guaranteed Income, spoke on her organization's work to support economic security through guaranteed income initiatives.

**Community Services Agency** 204 Stierlin Road Mountain View, CA 94043 Holiday Sharing

Nearly **2,500** individuals in over **1,000** households benefited from CSA's Holiday Sharing Program, which kicked off on December 6, 2024. Families enjoyed hot



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chocolate, received books, and entered a raffle for bikes in addition to picking up special food items and gift cards.

## **Legacy Luncheon**

CSA hosted Legacy Circle members at a luncheon at LinkedIn on March 26, 2025. Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga highlighted the importance of CSA to the community. The Legacy Circle helps CSA continue our work for generations to come.



## **Empty Bowls**

CSA welcomed over **200** community members to Empty Bowls: Sundaes on a Sunday on April 27, 2025 at Rengstorff Park. Now in its fourth year, the ice cream event has become a beloved tradition, offering an afternoon of family fun and beautiful pottery in support of local homeless services. This year's event raised a record-breaking **\$41,000!**