



HOLY FAMILY  
DAY HOME

Annual Report 2019

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edition





The trauma of homelessness is something children carry with them for years. It impacts their short and long-term health, economic stability, and well-being. Over the last 12 months, Holy Family Day Home has expanded services in reaction to the ever-growing need of the homeless and low-income families in San Francisco. In 2019, San Francisco reported 8,011 people that met the federal definition of homeless, which is an increase of 17 percent from 2017. By San Francisco's expanded definition definition of homelessness, the city's 2019 total homeless population is 9,784, the highest in the Bay Area. With the support of our donors we are feeding more children and families than ever before in the history of Holy Family Day Home. Our new health and wellness program is supporting our families through a holistic approach to mental health services. Our newest program is allowing families access to Holy Family Day Home for expanded weekend hours. Holy Family Day Home is actively trying to break the cycle of poverty and abuse by offering a variety of culturally sensitive programs that support whole families.

Our hope is that if we offer support, love and guidance, we can allow our families to be so bold as to dream for a better tomorrow. Harriet Tubman once said, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Thank you for helping dreams come true.....

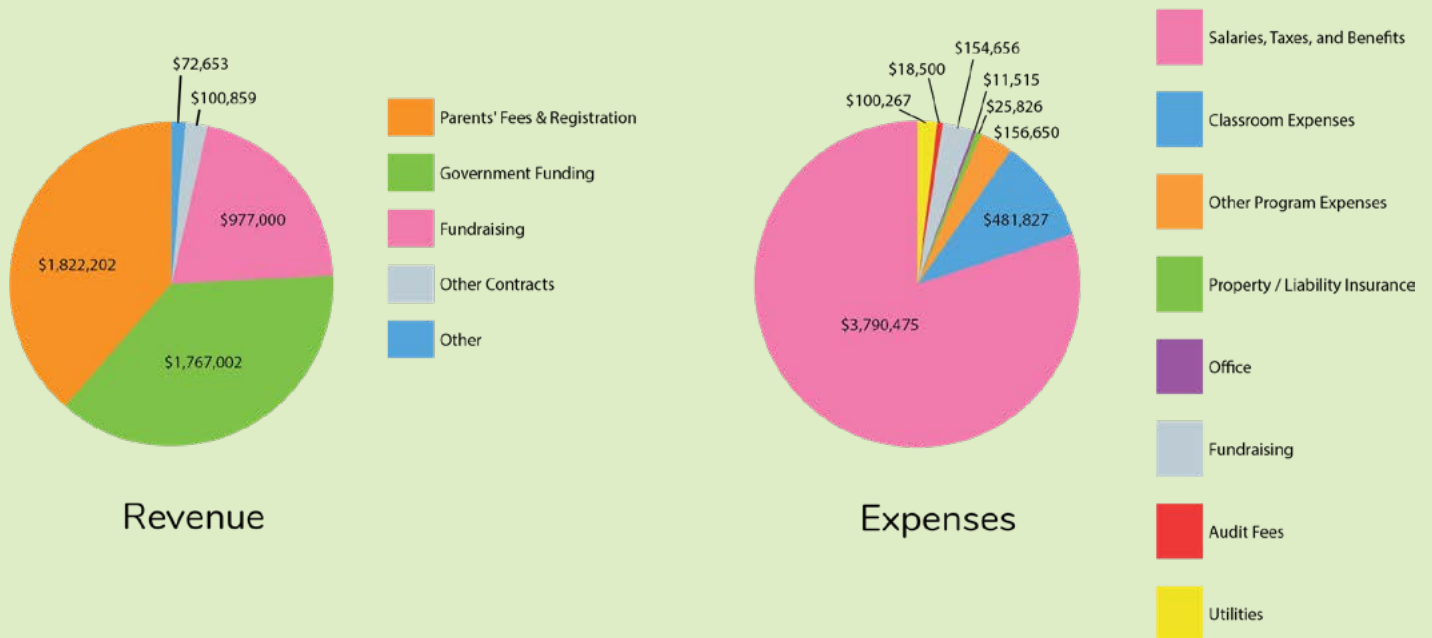
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Heather Morado, Executive Director



# Financial Report Fiscal Year 2019

Following a restructuring of the San Francisco City budget for Early Childhood Education several years ago, which resulted in a significant decrease of government funding, Holy Family Day Home has worked to improve our fundraising program and streamline our administrative expenses. We have been careful to ensure that the shortfall does not affect the programs and services for our children and families. In fact, we have been able to trim more than 30% of excess administration costs while actually increasing the variety and quality of support programs, such as our new Food Stability Program. This has been largely due to our strengthened Development Department, who have been responsible for implementing new and creative strategies. We are excited to keep up our success, and continue to expand our tuition subsidies and other programs targeting our homeless and very low-income families.



This year we celebrated the completion of a necessary remodeling of the Infants & Toddlers outdoor play yard. The old yard was no longer safe for the children, due to the fact that the old rubber surface had lost its absorbancy, and some of the play equipment was not age appropriate. The yard was resurfaced, and new, developmentally appropriate play structures were installed. The remodel focused on activities that stimulate fine and gross motor skill development as well as strength building. This project was made possible by a grant from Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) and donations from our 2018 Light Up the Night attendees. Thank you!



# Spotlight On: Food Runners

For the past year, Holy Family Day Home has been partnering with Food Runners to support the food stability of our families. Food Runners picks up excess perishable and prepared food from businesses and delivers it directly to our doorstep. Our volunteers help pack the food into individual and family sized portions of balanced meal combinations.

Food Runners works with more than 450 restaurants, grocery stores, caterers, and farmers markets, and notes in particular that contributions from corporate cafeterias at Twitter, LinkedIn, Google, and Zynga result in donations to Food Runners every single workday. Conscientious corporate cafeteria chefs take the time to incorporate Food Runners into their kitchen's regular service routine. This means wrapping leftover food so it can be safely transported to programs serving those in need.

The mission of Food Runners is to help alleviate hunger in San Francisco, to help prevent waste and to help create community. Food Runners is currently delivering over 17 tons of food a week that would otherwise be thrown away. Every week, staff and volunteers at Holy Family Day Home pack hundreds of packages of healthy, delicious foods to fit all kinds of diets and keep our families fed!

**FOOD RUNNERS**

RELAYING EXCESS FOOD



Learn more at [www.foodrunners.org](http://www.foodrunners.org)

We rely on volunteer help to pack Food Runners donations each Friday from 11am-2pm. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Emilie Struthers at [estruthers@holyfamilydayhome.org](mailto:estruthers@holyfamilydayhome.org) or 415-565-0504 x203

# Spotlight On: Order of Malta

Founded in Jerusalem in the 11th century, the Order of Malta has a long history of service to the vulnerable and the sick. Today, the Order of Malta is active in 120 countries caring for people in need through its medical, social and humanitarian works, including financial and volunteer support to over 55 organizations serving the poor and the sick in the western United States. Holy Family Day Home has benefitted from being one of those organizations. During that time, the Order of Malta helped launch our Free Farmers Market and our Family Pantry, two sources of food stability for our families. Volunteers from the Order of Malta cook and serve food at a monthly Family Breakfast, which allows our families to share a communal meal together.

Order of Malta Dame, and Day Home volunteer, Gabriella Papale explains why she is called to service: "You help others both for them and also for yourself, because you get rewarded by doing something for others. You might complain about things in your own life, but then you see what's really out there and it puts your life in perspective. The more you are integrated in the community, the richer you are as a person."



Learn more at <https://orderofmaltawestern.org>



# Spotlight On: Town School for Boys

As an all boys' school, Town School provides a rich, challenging and rigorous educational experience that addresses the distinctive energy levels and developmental styles of boys. Part of that educational experience is that their curriculum extends beyond the classroom and into the world. Town School is committed to community service, and seeks opportunities to improve the community through volunteer activities with their students.

Additionally, Town School encourages their students to nurture younger children by pairing Upper School students with kindergarten "buddies." This commitment to service and to mentorship makes Town School students fantastic volunteers at Holy Family Day Home. In fact, there has been a long standing tradition of Town School boys chaperoning Day Home preschoolers on annual field trips to Dolores Park.

This year, Town School boys are learning about food instability and food security in the classrooms. They came up with the idea of holding a food drive to collect items for Holy Family Day Home's Family Pantry. Our Family Pantry helps provide food stability for our most vulnerable families. Town School students also lent a hand making warm winter blankets for Day Home children. They showed a great deal of enthusiasm and care during the project, and were already planning their next food and clothing drives to support Holy Family Day Home!



Learn more at [www.townschool.com](http://www.townschool.com)



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Oct 10  
6:30 PM

# LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



At the Julia Morgan Ballroom

Our Gala is our most important event of the year, raising critical funding for scholarships and programs. Detail-oriented and sociable volunteers are needed to support the flow of the evening, including guest registration and a live auction!

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://give.classy.org/dayhomegala>



## DONATIONS AND DRIVES

SEPT-  
OCT 31

### Halloween Costume Drive

During our Family Fall Fest, we provide Halloween costumes so that every child is able to participate. We collect new Halloween costumes appropriate to a school environment.

SEPT-  
JAN 15

### Winter Warm Clothing Drive

Many of our families need help clothing their rapidly growing children each winter season. We gratefully accept new and very gently used winter jackets, hats, and gloves for both children and adults.

ONGOING

### Family Pantry Items

We are taking ongoing donations to supply our Family Pantry of the following items. With respect to food allergies, please NO NUTS.

Applesauce cups  
Canned soup, chili, and vegetables  
Ready-to-eat, microwaveable meals  
Tuna lunch kits  
Jerky  
Instant oatmeal  
Full-size boxes of cereal  
Protein bars (no nuts)  
Fruit and vegetable cups  
Individual yogurts

Cheese sticks  
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Gallons of milk  
Lunchables  
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Snack packs (w/ cheese or vegetables)  
Packaged salads  
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We would love your help! To inquire about volunteering or to arrange a donation, please contact Emilie Struthers, Community Outreach Manager (415) 565-0504 ext. 203 or [estruthers@hollyfamilydayhome.org](mailto:estruthers@hollyfamilydayhome.org)