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TRI - VALLEY

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Supporters,

2019 was a year of transition for Partners for Change Tri-Valley (PFCTV). Shana Peete, who had been the Executive Director since the founding, decided to leave her position at the end of June to pursue other opportunities. Shana was instrumental to the agency by establishing the curriculum, graduating four cohorts, and pairing up countless clients and mentors with life changing life-skills, goal setting and accomplishments. PFCTV hired Annie Corbett, as the new Executive Director, and she started mid-August 2019. Annie came from a background working in non-profits, and her experience and background compliment the needs of PFCTV perfectly.

It is so exciting to see the countless lives effected by Partners for Change, including the building of community, the friendships, and the partnerships. PFCTV helps facilitate long-term impactful changes in the lives of our clients, mentors, community partners and neighbors by tackling long-term systemic and generational poverty as well as creating intentional partnerships and community, one person at a time.

I invite you to share your time, talent, and treasure by joining me as we empower our neighbors with a hand up toward financial stability.

Welcome to Partners for Change

“Change leaders” and their mentor “allies” meet weekly for a meal and discussion, learning and checking in on goals that have been set.

WHAT CAUSES POVERTY?

For those who are precariously perched on the edge of financial stability, one car accident, hospital stay, or lost job may be catastrophic. With no middle class safety net, people struggling with poverty often have nowhere to turn, and the seemingly minor setbacks can lead to joblessness, homelessness, and isolation.

At Partners for Change Tri-Valley (PFCTV) we strive to **prevent** these setbacks — one person, one family, at a time. We invite them to join our program, and then provide that necessary safety net

as they make the changes needed to lift themselves out of poverty and into a life of self-sufficiency.

PFCTV views poverty as a holistic problem that includes spiritual, physical, cognitive, emotional, social and financial wellbeing. PFCTV is part of NETworX, which is a national anti-poverty initiative that engages the community in helping move families out of poverty, children succeed in school and address systemic solutions to poverty. Through a holistic, relational approach, PFCTV teaches program participants about overcoming poverty with an emphasis on reciprocity as



individuals learn to thrive and give back to their communities. The very being of PFCTV is encompassed in intentional relationships between Mentors and Clients with a mutual commitment, working together to develop goals, practices, and policies that enable people to not merely “survive” but rather to “thrive” as contributing members within our community.

Through a holistic, relational approach, PFCTV accompanies participants through the life-long work of overcoming holistic poverty. PFCTV models community, healthy relationships, trust, and reciprocity as individuals learn and relearn how to thrive in all areas of their lives. PFCTV begins with a 16-week goal-oriented curriculum, and because transformation and change are built and happen over time, a 24–36 month commitment is asked of all participants.

Volunteers assist with childcare needs during all PFCTV meetings, and Open Heart Kitchen provides the weekly meal for our PFCTV community.

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not a
handout.**

OUR MISSION

To **EMPOWER** people to chart their own course **OUT OF POVERTY** and toward **SELF-SUFFICIENCY** by creating **PARTNERSHIPS** with members of our **COMMUNITY** who mentor them on their journey, and to **EDUCATE** citizens and public officials about our **EXPERIENCES** in addressing the root causes of poverty and homelessness.

2019 CLIENT STATISTICS

Continuing Clients Served **7**

New Clients Accepted into Program **7**

Children Served **15**

Moved on to Favorable Arrangements

Prior to Graduation **2**

Excused from Program **0**

Gained housing (in 2019) **2**

Challenges

HOUSING INSTABILITY/ HOMELESSNESS

In the San Francisco Bay Area, housing costs are among the highest in the nation, and availability severely is limited. Notwithstanding those facts, we have helped two homeless people secure housing just this session. We continue to learn and assess what works best for this geographic area and fine tune our selection process and the assistance we offer accordingly.

Partners for Change welcomes the opportunity to team up with others to help us better serve our clients for whom housing remains a basic need and great challenge.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In the past, addiction emerged as a serious issue for some participants. In 2018, we updated our screening process for admission into the program in an effort to ensure that our participants were in the best position to benefit from our services and that our volunteers were equipped with the tools they needed to better ensure overall success. Additionally, a volunteer panel composed of past and present mentors and volunteers armed with an understanding of the program, its challenges, and its potential conducted interviews in an effort to detect substance abuse issues and allow us to re-route applicants to treatment programs, when applicable. In the future, we hope to include graduates on this panel.

THE Zarco FAMILY

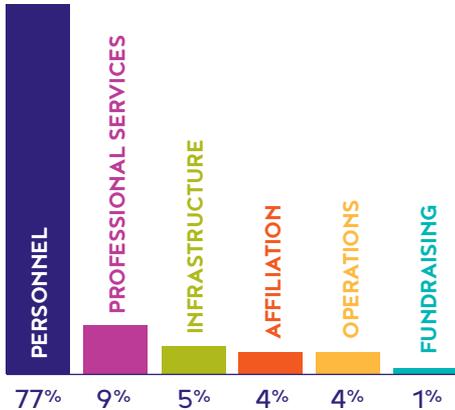
The **ZARCO FAMILY** joined and graduated from Partners for Change Tri-Valley in 2018. Their children, ages 3-11, attend the weekly meetings with their parents and light up the room with their energy. They completed the Partners for Change life-skills course and were paired up with mentors soon after. Their goals have included getting driver's licenses, and learning better English. In 2019, they both enrolled in classed at Las Positas College to improve their English and Diego passed his drivers test! Diego's English has improved through attending our weekly meetings and he is happy with the effect this has had at his job. Dulce now teaches piano lessons in exchange for tutoring for her children. These are just a few of the goals that Partners for Change has helped the Zarco family to reach and they are only at the beginning of their journey.



IMPACT
STORY

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

● Personnel	\$52,509
● Professional Services	\$1,784
● Infrastructure	\$ 1,671
● Affiliation	\$2,500
● Operations	\$2,979
● Fundraising	\$454
	\$61,897



Organizational Partnerships

Our close relationship with a number of organizations in the Tri-Valley has proven critical to our success. The Livermore Valley Unified School District and its Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists have remained excellent client referral sources of participants who are, to date, best suited to benefit from our services. We are excited about their ability to provide contacts for Spanish-speaking Change Leaders and Allies. Also in 2019, we explored connections with low income housing providers in the area in order to publicize Partners for Change's program with an eye on providing resources for affordable housing.

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We Need Your Help

The generosity of individual donors who believe in the value of this program has been the engine behind all we have accomplished. We are a lean operation that has relied on over 100 volunteers who donate their time to serve as Allies, food preparers, childcare, to offer rides, and so much more.

EVERY DONATION MATTERS

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In addition to financial contributions, we welcome help in other ways including becoming an Ally, a childcare provider, a resource for safe and affordable housing, a resource to connect us with clients and mentors. And, you could do your part by sharing this annual report with others.

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