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## FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to our Youth Empowerment Fundraiser! We are thrilled to share that we exceeded our fundraising goal and raised over \$20,000. With these funds, we will be able to continue our mission and support youth and families throughout the Bay Area for the year to come.

None of this would have been possible without all of the amazing auction items that were generously donated this year. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for supporting our mission:

- Lemos Farm
- Adventure Cat
- Josh Nikolas
- Kim Hutson & Steve Azevedo
- Christine Haworth
- Sydney Paige
- Hollie's Homegrown
- Karina Rosinzonsky
- Trivium Games
- Alicia Maness
- Lindy Lowe
- Rachel Perl
- Peerless Coffee
- Palm and Perkins
- Sheela Ivev
- City Lights Bookstore
- OTTP-SF Youth Artist
- Sweet InTENTions Celebrations

- Joy In Motion
- Rebecca Lueck
- The Fairmont Hotel
- Fogcutter Tours
- Tea & Others
- Skylark Voice Studio
- Lovely Little Cakes
- The Fourth Bore Tap Room & Grill
- Take Shape Ceramics
- Patrick Rohan of Amador Screaming Eagle Vineyard Management
- Mueller Family Vineyards
- Stephanie Dennis
- Equality Vines Guerneville
- · Lillie's Q BBQ
- Reese Kolar of Kolar Ceramics

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### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

#### **Zoho Sponsorship**

We are thrilled to share that we have partnered with Zoho once again this year. Zoho is an exceptional business software company that provides the most affordable CRM solutions for your business. We are humbled by their donation of \$10,000. This is the second time they have sponsored our fundraiser at this giving level and look forward to a continued partnership for years



to come. Thank you Zoho for your incredible generosity!

#### **Sesh Sponsorship**

We are proud to partner with Sesh, a new mental health app that believes in the power of human connection, and the importance of access to affordable and credible mental health support-for all. Sesh provides virtual, confidential, therapist-led group support in a wide range of modalities and topics, from their groups on coping with anxiety and exploring inner child trauma, to their sessions on learning more about CBT and mindfulness. They also provide therapist-led groups for the LGTBQIA+ community, the BIPOC community, and much more. We are honored by their gift of two (2) 60-day Sesh memberships to our Youth **Empowerment Auction in honor** of Mental Health Awareness Month.

In addition, Sesh will be donating a one year membership for a youth graduating from our services, to support them in their mental health journey.

Learn more about Sesh at seshtherapy.com or head on over to the app store to download Sesh today.



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# YOUTH SUCCESS STORIES & A GOODBYE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND

#### **Success Stories**

A youth working with staff on the Employment Program for almost two years now struggled to find a job that fit into her life both logistically and in terms of her preferences. Since she does not read or write and has some difficulties with comprehension, it was challenging to find a position that was both accommodating and able to provide that "justright challenge". After working retail during the holiday season in 2019, she decided to focus on trying to find a job that aligned with her love of dogs. Even though she did not have any



professional experience with animals, in March she was able to secure a job as a kennel attendant at a local dog training facility. This possibility was facilitated by the relationship an OTTP-SF Vocational Specialist had developed with the managers of the kennel, as well as through continued support provided by the Vocational Specialist to the youth. She has now been working there for over a month and absolutely loves it. Congratulations to this remarkable young person!

#### In Loving Memory

We are heartbroken to share the news of the passing of Anne MacRae PhD, OTR/L, BCMH, FAOTA. Anne was an incredibly accomplished woman, who often joked about how her credentials had become longer than her name. She was a talented and compassionate occupational therapist. She

wrote the first 4 editions of Occupational Therapy: An Evolving Practice - which is a standard in OT textbooks - and is responsible for teaching many of the staff members on our team today. It would be easy to dedicate an entire newsletter to her successes, but we will remember the kindness. warmth, and generosity she brought to us all as a staff member, advisory board member, mentor, and friend. She will be sorely missed. Learn more about her life and work at www.anne-macrae-ot.org

