



FY2006 YEAR-END SUMMARY

FACES OF HOPE

In 1976, in response to the Coastsides community's need, a small group of dedicated people with not a lot of resources banded together to form the Coastsides Opportunity Center. Originally formed to provide job placement for local residents, over the years, we added social services, immigration support and transportation in response to new needs we identified. In 2006, we were proud to celebrate 30 years of offering services to our neighbors in need with housing, food and personal support in times of crisis.

The response we get from our clients tells us loud and clear that the greatest service we offer is providing hope. Hope that they can keep on going. Hope that they can overcome their current difficulties. Hope that they can stay together as a family. Hope that they can return the favor. And so, in 2006, as we celebrated our three decades of service, we also changed our name to reflect our mission...to give hope.

COASTSIDE HOPE

Clients say it best: "If these programs were not available, I cannot guarantee that my children and I would have made it. My family has survived this last year, my children had a Christmas, and they had food to eat last week because of YOU. ... I am now able to see light at the end of the tunnel. I hope that I can give back to the community in the future and have the lasting positive effect on someone else's life that your staff has blessed me with."

That is what hope is.

HOPE THROUGH HOUSING



In 2006, Coastside Hope saw to it that more than 80 needy individuals and families had a place to live either permanently through rental assistance and move-in costs or temporarily through emergency hotel vouchers or shelter programs. Fatima Soares, who has been with Coastside Hope since its beginning and is now our Executive Director, single-handedly managed the cases of more than 2,000 Coastside clients.



In addition to personally managing all of our critical needs assessments, Fatima arranges Section 8 financing, provides referrals for healthcare, assists with complex forms, helps with the needs for families with infants, and advocates for every client who needs that extra support.



Still, the need for shelter services on the coast is critical. Currently, there are no shelters -- or even warming shelters when the weather conditions are at their worse. Because most shelters are over the hill, many clients choose to live in cars and substandard housing, so they don't have to take children out of school or because they don't have transportation to get back to their jobs on the coast.



Coastside Hope is committed in 2007 to make advocating for local shelter services a priority, to make sure families and singles on the Coastside have adequate shelter.

HOPE THROUGH FOOD



In 2006, we stepped up our food distribution services after a 2005 needs survey on the Coastsides found that lack of food is a critical problem. We see real-life examples of this every day. One client was trying to get by on half-doses of her heart pills in order to save enough money for food. Another was feeding her children, while barely eating herself so that they would have enough. Many of our clients are

forced to choose which necessity to go without: food, medicine, healthcare or shelter.

The Second Harvest Hunger Gap Study found that here on the Coastsides, 70% more food than is currently being distributed is needed in order to insure that everyone has enough to eat on a regular basis. The Coastsides was identified as one of four regional areas that have the greatest need. In San Mateo County, more than 43,000 individuals struggle to find enough food to eat, of whom more than 4,000 are children.



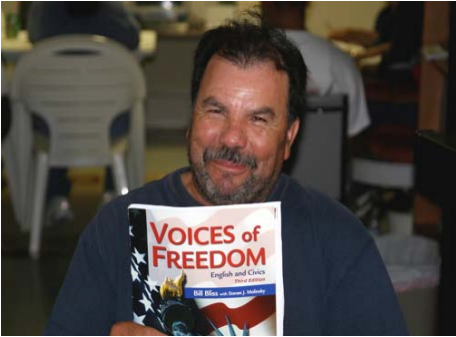
We're proud to say that by collaborating with Second Harvest Food Bank and other local nonprofits, we were able to increase the total volume of food we gave away by 39% year to year -- 117,099 pounds of food worth \$174,477.51.

Our emergency food pantry distribution has grown by more than 380% in two years, in an attempt to meet the rising needs of the

Coastsides. That means warm dinners for children and emergency supplies that ensured our neighbors did not have to go hungry one more night -- or short themselves on critical medication or other needs. We could not provide this level of service without the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers. Even our clients get involved. One client comes every month to help distribute bags of groceries to the more than 300 folks who line up outside our warehouse in Princeton. He tells us that it's his way of saying thanks and of taking care of his community.

If you are interested in the problem of the growing food gap on the coast, download a pdf of the Second Harvest Hunger Gap Analysis from our website, <http://www.coastsidehope.org/second.html>.

HOPE THROUGH CITIZENSHIP



Many of our Coastside neighbors are here from other countries, working hard to provide for themselves and their families here and in their country of origin. Contrary to local misconceptions, 80% of our clients are families who are here legally, either working on obtaining green cards or having been granted permanent legal resident status.

Many of them want to become Americans, but navigating the tangled logistics of immigration procedures can be overwhelming. Lorena Galindo-Perez, our immigration paralegal, and Susie Maya, our office manager, help make the process manageable and rewarding.



With the help of Anthony Moss, Salvador Navarro and a grant from the Zellerbach Foundation, we host weekly immigration classes and are proud to say that 30 of our students have become U.S. citizens since we started our classes -- including our own Susie Maya, who joined our staff as a bilingual office manager. Sometimes our efforts are more immediate, such as bringing a son from Mexico to say goodbye to

his dying father, our client Ramon Mendez. Mr. Mendez died before he could become a citizen, but now his wife is pursuing their dream.

HOPE THROUGH TRANSPORTATION



2006 was our last full year of managing a bus service to serve fixed route and medical transportation needs on the Coastsides. Instead, when our contract with SamTrans ended in June, we shifted from driving the buses to becoming a strong and necessary advocacy group for increased transportation on the Coastsides and over the hill. We have been honored to work with a first-class team of

drivers, who have become like family to our staff and our clients, such as Veronica Tatten, who said in our Summer newsletter, "I can't tell you how much I love them."

HOPE THROUGH HOLIDAY GIVING



Each year, our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program provides gifts of new clothes, toys, food and other items to low-income families and seniors on fixed incomes. With the generous financial and volunteer support of Coastsiders, local businesses and organizations, as well as some far-away friends of this program, we were able to brighten the past Christmas holiday for 360 families. In all, 1,330 individuals received colorfully and lovingly-wrapped packages and shared in the joy of the holiday season.

HOPE TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

EarnIt!KeepIt!\$aveIt!

During the 2006 tax season we provided free tax preparation assistance to 307 eligible clients

for their federal and state income tax returns. The program works in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and is critical to low-income families.

2007 GOALS

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2006 and have moved ahead with our goals in 2007. Some of those goals are as follows:

- Increase total food delivery to the Coastsides low-income community
- Advocate for increased localized shelter services and programs on the Coastsides
- Staff and prepare to handle projected increased Coastsides immigration needs
- Expand our free tax-return service and Adopt-a-Family programs to meet community needs
- With the assistance of business students at SF State, complete a community needs assessment of the low-income community on the Coastsides
- Implement priority recommendations from community needs assessment
- Passionately advocate for the needs of our poorest Coastsides neighbors
- Collaborate with other nonprofits on the Coast to efficiently supply needed services to all areas of need
- Increase fundraising and volunteerism at the center to meet the increased funding needs left when transportation grants ended

Finally, we want to thank you for your tremendous support. Although Coastsides Hope is partially supported by public and private grants, without the financial and volunteer support of Coastsides residents, we could not provide these much-needed services to our neighbors. Your contributions are essential and very much appreciated by the clients we serve.

Yours in Hope,

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