



The Fred Finch Bulletin Quarterly Newsletter

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9th Annual Impact Celebration



September 26th

6-9PM

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Register Now for the 9th Annual Fred Finch Impact Celebration!

Join us for our [9th Annual Fred Finch Impact Celebration](#), Presented by [Acrisure](#), an unforgettable evening of delicious food, refreshing drinks, lively entertainment, and the company of our wonderful supporters.

The night will feature the presentation of the [9th Annual John F. Steinfirst Community Award](#). This award recognizes advocates for children and families, particularly in underserved communities, who embody our values and commitment to creating positive change.

 **Date:** Thursday, September 26th, 2024

 **Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

 **Location:** Oakland Museum of California, Beautiful Garden

Registration & Sponsorship Opportunity

- General Admission: \$50 (non-tax-deductible). The fair market value of each ticket is \$50.
- Sponsorship Opportunity: All sponsorships include event tickets, priority seating, and marketing exposure in our event materials.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

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Why Become a Sponsor?

- **Supporting Youth and Families:** Your contribution provides essential services to those in need, ensuring every child and family has access to the support they deserve.
- **Making a Difference Locally:** Sponsorship invests in the well-being of our communities, creating positive change where it matters most.
- **Recognition and Visibility:** Sponsors receive recognition in our event materials and Fred Finch social media, showcasing your commitment to making a difference.

We look forward to celebrating with you! Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Stories of Hope: How Your Support Shapes the Future of Our Students

With the school year underway, we need our community's support to **ensure every child in our community has the tools and resources to succeed**. By supporting our [Back to School Campaign: Together, We Are Stronger](#), you are directly contributing to students' academic success and overall well-being. Good mental health, physical resilience, and wellness are essential for effective learning, yet many children face barriers to accessing the behavioral health services they deserve.

Your donation, no matter the size, will make a tangible difference in the lives of students who rely on our services for crucial support. Together, we can break down barriers and empower young people like "Sam" and "Jane" (names changed for privacy), who have achieved the significant milestone of graduating from our non-public schools (NPS) in [San Diego](#) and [Oakland](#). Both schools are state-of-the-art non-public schools, certified by the State Department of Education, and offer comprehensive special education services to students facing complex challenges due to emotional disturbance and developmental disabilities.

Meet "Sam", a graduate of our [San Diego Dual Diagnosis NPS](#). Before joining Fred Finch, Sam struggled with anger and frustration due to bullying and challenges at previous schools. At Fred Finch, Sam learned to manage negativity, develop coping skills, and build practical life skills. Over time, Sam transformed into a confident individual, thanks to the supportive environment and dedicated staff.



Meet "Jane", a graduate of our [Avalon NPS in Oakland](#). Jane faced significant challenges due to a learning disability and lack of early childhood education. When she first came to Fred Finch, she could not read or write and didn't want to be in a classroom. However, Fred Finch created a safe and supportive learning environment that helped her thrive. With the dedication of our staff and the right resources, Jane not only learned to read and write but also developed a love for learning, ultimately graduating with pride and confidence.

We remain dedicated to creating and partnering with schools where mental health, physical resilience, and wellness are prioritized, and where students can excel academically and thrive personally. Your contribution helps us achieve this goal and makes stories like Sam's and Jane's possible. Both of these stories of resilience and determination further highlight the profound impact of donor and community support!

Together, We Are Stronger

Support Our Back to School Campaign: Empower Students and Ensure Their Success



Back to School Campaign 2024



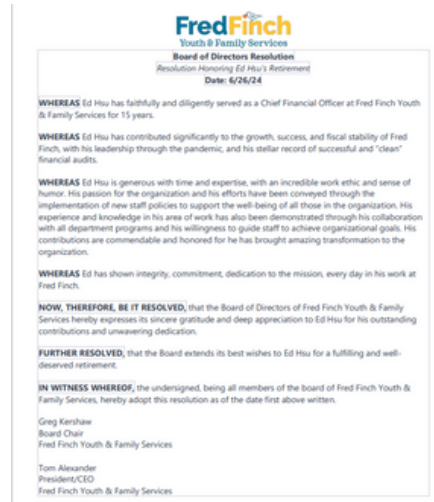
Honoring Ed Hsu: A Legacy of Service and Leadership!

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news of the retirement of Ed Hsu, our long-serving and stalwart Chief Financial Officer, after more than 15 years of dedicated service.

Ed's leadership and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the financial strength and success of our organization. His remarkable journey with us is a testament to his unwavering dedication and exceptional service.

As Ed transitions into retirement, we want to express our deepest gratitude for his countless contributions and wish him all the best in this new chapter. Please join us in congratulating Ed and celebrating his well-deserved retirement!

To the side is an image from the Board of Directors resolution that includes some heartfelt acknowledgments of Ed's contributions.



2024 Charity Golf Tournament: A Day of Success and Support

Presented by our lead sponsor **Acrisure**, our **2024 Golf Tournament** at the beautiful Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Course in San Diego was an astounding success!

As we've gratefully experienced at previous events, golfers came out to compete in four-player scrambles, participating in games and contests including closest to the pin, longest drive, putting, and hole-in-one. On-course refreshments, a delightful dinner following the round, and a goodie bag for all golfers added to the enjoyment of the day. Thanks to our incredible supporters and generous sponsors, we raised tens of thousands to support our mission.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our **9th Annual Fred Finch Charity Golf Tournament!** From our generous sponsors to the amazing golfers, volunteers, and staff, we couldn't have raised funds and awareness without you. Your contributions, support, and enthusiasm have made a significant impact on our mission to support youth and families in our programs. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment and participation.



Investing in Our Staff: The Transformative Power of the Degree Assistance Program

Join us in **congratulating** our incredible colleagues who have been awarded financial assistance for their educational and career growth through our **[Degree Assistance Program \(DAP\)](#)**! This program, supported by our Board of Directors provides up to \$10,000 in financial support to employees pursuing job-specific certifications, B.A., or M.A. degrees.

Over the years, DAP has transformed lives, enabling our dedicated employees to achieve their higher education goals while profoundly impacting our participants and community. This program is a key element of our 'Grow Our Own' strategy, highlighting our commitment to inclusivity, recruitment, and retention as we nurture the next generation of mental health professionals and beyond.



Natalia Robles | Mental Health Counselor/AC Supportive Services for Transition Aged Youth (STAY) Program

"The Degree Assistance Program has been a game-changer for my dreams and career goals. With Fred Finch's support, I can focus on my full-time job and my graduate studies without the constant stress of financial struggles. Their investment in my goals shows how much they care about their employees and our contributions to the community. As an immigrant, finding such resources is challenging, but Fred Finch has made all the difference." — Natalia Robles

Diana Warton | Therapeutic Behavioral Service (TBS) Coach/Worker/Alameda TBS

"I consider myself extremely lucky to be working for my community. Earning my MSW will help me be better prepared to work with our participants and their families, and continue doing what I feel most passionate about, which is helping my community become more self-sufficient in all aspects. Thank you, Fred Finch, for helping me achieve my dream and for distinguishing itself as an employer that provides invaluable financial resources to support its employees' educational and career aspirations." —Diana Warton



Larisa Rodriguez-Moreno | ECM Care Manager/Enhanced Care Management

"The Degree Assistance Program is a testament to Fred Finch's dedication to fostering employee growth and success. The financial relief it provides has enabled me to focus on achieving my dreams without worrying about tuition costs. The sense of support and community I've found here has been invaluable in my educational and professional journey." —Larisa Rodriguez-Moreno

Xiomara Wilson-Lebron | Crisis Home Counselor/San Diego Crisis Home

"The Degree Assistance Program has allowed me to pursue my master's degree in Childhood and Family Clinical Counseling without the challenge of balancing work and study. This support from Fred Finch has been crucial in my educational journey and has inspired me to dedicate myself to serving our clients with the best resources and care possible." — Xiomara Wilson-Lebron





Mitzi Reagers | Behavior Tech Trainer/CARES Temecula

"Being selected for the Degree Assistance Program at Fred Finch is a beacon of hope for single moms like myself, enabling me to continue my education and pursue my career goals. This opportunity far exceeds the mission of diversity and inclusion, and I am deeply grateful. I am committed to giving back to our participants and community for many years to come." — Mitzi Reagers

Christine Bond | Facilitator/Child and Family Team (CFT)

"Fred Finch has given me the incredible opportunity to pursue my master's in social work through their Degree Assistance Program. This support has provided the financial freedom to focus on my education and career growth, opening doors for future opportunities within the organization. My deepest gratitude goes to Fred Finch and my colleagues for their unwavering support."

— Christine Bond



Patricia Villarreal | Mental Health Counselor/Alameda TBS

"It is hard to express my emotions in a few words. The scholarship is the cherry on top of my dreams of pursuing higher education in the mental health field. Thank you for this incredible opportunity. I will approach my studies with a positive attitude, perseverance, and patience, determined to continue growing in the field. This scholarship is a tremendous help"

— Patricia Villarreal

Talia Dashow | Parent Partner/East Bay Wraparound

"The Degree Assistance Program has given me the opportunity to pursue my MFT degree, allowing me to work more extensively with the families we serve. The support from Fred Finch has inspired me to continue my education and grow in my career, enabling me to make a deeper impact in our community."

— Talia Dashow



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our **Board of Directors and leadership team** for their commitment to supporting our staff's growth and success. To learn more about the Degree Assistance Program and see how our previous recipients have benefited, please visit the [Degree Assistance Program](#).

Congratulations once again to all our scholarship recipients! Your hard work and dedication inspire us all.

U.S. Representative Visits Our Oakland Campus

We were honored to welcome Joseph C. Hansen, Field Representative from U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office, to our Oakland campus. This visit underscores their strong support and belief in our mission to foster mental and physical resiliency and wellness for our participants, their families, and the broader community.

During the visit, Joseph C. Hansen had the opportunity to tour our facilities, engage with our staff, and learn more about the impactful programs and initiatives we are undertaking. We appreciate Congresswoman Barbara Lee's dedication to positively impacting communities across California and beyond.

A snapshot of Joseph with our President & CEO, Tom Alexander.



Experience Compassionate and Comprehensive Care at the Rising Harte Wellness Center!

Did you know that our Oakland campus features a wellness center open to the public? Thanks to the generous support of our community partners—Native American Health Center, Kaiser Permanente, and Gilead—we are thrilled to offer comprehensive healthcare services to our community.

The [Rising Harte Wellness Center \(RHWC\)](#) is dedicated to delivering high-quality preventative care to individuals aged 5 and older. Located on the Fred Finch Oakland campus, RHWC provides FREE and low-cost medical, dental, and audiological services (through CEID) all under one roof.

Our team of highly trained professionals is committed to offering accessible, non-judgmental, culturally responsive, and LGBTQ-friendly care. Your well-being is our foremost priority.

To schedule an appointment, call us at **510-485-5292**. For more details, visit the [Rising Harte Wellness Center](#) to learn more information.



Rising Harte Wellness Center

Rising Harte Wellness Center is a community health clinic based on the campus of Fred Finch Youth & Family Services in Oakland. In partnership with the Native American Health Center and Bret Harte Middle School, RHWC provides reproductive healthcare in addition to dental, audiology, and other medical screenings.

About Us

Our clinic offers free/low cost medical, dental, and audiological services under one roof! RHWC provides the highest quality preventative care for you or any dependents you might have. We pride ourselves on providing non-judgmental, culturally responsive, immigrant and LGBTQ-friendly service and care.

Eligibility

RHWC serves all individuals covered by MediCal up to age 25

Visit Our Clinic

RHWC is located directly next to Bret Harte Middle School. We are open Monday through Friday, however dental care is only available on Tuesdays and medical care is only available on Thursdays. This schedule is subject to change depending on staff availability.

Services

RHWC supports young adults by providing access to:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health Care
- Mental Health Care
- Medical Clearances for Housing
- TB Testing for Housing
- Educational Workshops
- Comprehensive Screenings for
 - cholesterol
 - high blood pressure
 - diabetes, and more!

Contact

To schedule an appointment, please call 510-485-5292.

SCAN ME to learn more



Leading The Way

Founded in 1891 as an orphanage in Oakland, California, today's Fred Finch operates over 20 programs in California including mental health, housing, education, and independent living services, providing a pathway to healing and self-sufficiency. Our 133-year history and strong track record have made Fred Finch Youth & Family Services a recognized leader in the treatment of children and families.



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