

HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

Huckleberry House began in the Summer of 1967 and became the first runaway shelter in the country. The first twelve months of Huckleberry House's history are a story worth highlighting again. In February, 1967, at the dawning of the "Summer of Love," the Haight-Ashbury District of San Francisco began bustling with the late sixties' youth movement. **Young people from across the nation began converging on San Francisco, many being runaway teens who wandered the Haight without money or friends.** The Diggers, a local group that provided free food and shelter, brought the intensifying runaway situation to the attention of the San Francisco community.

March, 1967: The Rev. Ted McIlvenna, of the Glide Foundation, and Patricia Gunruckcu, a consultant, drew up designs for a ground breaking runaway housing and referral center in the Haight. John May, Executive Director of the San Francisco Foundation, pledged financial support for the program.

June, 1967: The Regional Young Adult Project hired two co-directors, the Rev. E. Larry Beggs and Barbara Brachman, to develop and implement the new runaway shelter. **Meanwhile, rumors began spreading that the Haight would be flooded with as many as 100,000 teenage runaways during the upcoming summer.** The Bay Area Social Planning Council agreed to act as the project's first Steering Committee. **At the urging of Rev. Beggs, the program was dubbed "Huckleberry's for Runaways" a reference to Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain's classic coming-of-age tale.**

June 18, 1967: With the support of the Glide Foundation and the San Francisco Foundation, the "Huckleberry's for Runaways" project officially opened its first residential facility in a house owned by the San Francisco Foundation at 1 Broderick Street. Staff and volunteers readied the site for clients in only three days and began



Huckleberry House today and original staff circa 1967.

providing runaway youth with an alternative to living on the streets or in squats.

June-August, 1967: During its first three months of operation, Huckleberry served **211 youth in crisis**, far exceeding expectations. By the end of its first year of operation, the total reached 664, two-thirds of whom were from outside the Bay Area.

October 2, 1967: A midnight police raid took place. **Arrested in the raid were Brachman and House Manager Burgie Oberhammer, as well as all of the youth sleeping in Huckleberry's facility that evening.** Beggs was arrested the following day. The event had stemmed from an administrative oversight which had, for the first time in 168 cases, allowed a 15-year old boy to stay overnight without parental consent. **The House's clients were all charged with 601s - "Being Without Parental Supervision," and the staff was charged with "Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor," a misdemeanor. The Glide Foundation secured the services of State Assemblyman Willie Brown to defend the staff and the young clients.**

October-December, 1967: The community rallied in support of the Huckleberry staff

members. Amidst the publicity the incident had shed on Huckleberry's, the State of California demanded that Huckleberry apply for licensure as a child care facility, despite the fact that it could not meet the State's criteria.

December 13, 1967: Legal charges against Huckleberry's residents and staff were dropped, but licensure continued to be a difficult issue. The new facility did not fit the State's child-care facilities category, which was created for institutions such as boarding schools where youth stay for long periods of time. **Assemblyman Willie Brown promised to introduce legislation to permit the operation of emergency youth facilities in the State for short-term stays by minors in crisis.** Meanwhile, start-up funds for Huckleberry's began to dry up, and Barbara Brachman resigned.

January 1, 1968: Huckleberry closed for six weeks to conduct its first major fundraising drive and to negotiate licensure requirements. A turning point was reached when an anonymous Canadian donor contributed \$8,500 to keep Huckleberry open.

February 14, 1968: On Valentine's Day, Huckleberry's for Runaways officially reopened at 1 Broderick Street. Over 600 people attended the street party reopening celebration.

Forty years later: Huckleberry House continues as the primary runaway shelter for San Francisco youth. **During the entire forty years of its existence, the house has provided shelter for almost 10,000 youth, served over 18,000 clients, and provided over 40,000 bednights.** Today's clients are able to access myriad additional services including counseling and primary health care at the nearby Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic, and the spirit of the program remains based on respect for the fundamental dignity of young people.

Peer Health Educators: Where Are They Now?

Fostering youth development is an important aspect of the work done at Huckleberry Youth Programs. Youth in the community, as well as former clients, have the opportunity to become employed at HYP through our Peer Health Educator (PHE) program. In many cases, Huckleberry's PHEs move on to do amazing things in the community, utilizing the skills they learn at Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic and Huckleberry Teen Health Program. HYP would like to take the opportunity to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of two past PHEs.



BESSIE NATARENO
Technology & Leadership Director, GirlSource

"I never would have become a director at GirlSource without the skills I learned at Huckleberry,"

says **Bessie Natareno**,

the youngest director ever at GirlSource, a local nonprofit that provides employment opportunities to young women from low-income families. As a PHE for Huckleberry, Bessie discovered that she loved working with youth and had a natural talent for teaching. While at Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic, Bessie received the encouragement and opportunity she needed to move on to a successful career as a director at GirlSource. She attributes much of her success today to the "youth to youth education"

model that she practiced during her year as a PHE. Not only is Bessie the youngest director at GirlSource at twenty-one years of age, she also has the distinction of being a past GirlSource Board Vice President. "PHEs at Huckleberry are very challenged to use the skills they learn and share them with the community," Bessie adds.

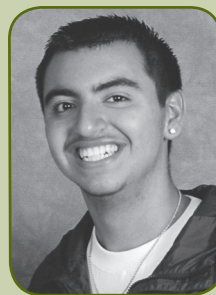


MARJORIE DELGADILLO
Bilingual Resource & Referral Program Assistant, Marin Child Care Council

At 14, **Marjorie Delgadillo** was a foster child living

at Huckleberry's Nine Grove Lane. "I felt a real sense of family there. For a kid with no family, they were there for me when I really needed them," she says. It was through her stay at Nine Grove Lane, and a visit to Huckleberry Teen Health Program that Marjorie was introduced to her future foster mother, an employee of Women's Health Services, Marin. This chance visit would later lead to her employment as a Peer Health Educator at Huckleberry Teen Health Program. She began facilitating the Latinas Group at County Community School and was later promoted to Health Educator I. The four years she was employed at HTHP gave her the experience to move on to a career with the **Marin Child Care Council** after graduating from Dominican University. She is currently the coordinator of the **Baby Think It Over** teen pregnancy prevention program and conducts workshops for child-care providers.

Current Peer Health Educator Spotlight: JASON MARTINEZ



Once a self-described "shy person," 18-year-old Jason Martinez is now considered by many of his colleagues to be a seasoned PHE. It was during a workshop

at his high school conducted by Cole Street Clinic's Health Educators that Jason first learned of Huckleberry. In the summer of 2005, he applied for Cole Street's Peer Health Educator Summer Internship Program and was later hired.

By 2006, Jason was facilitating his own group, **Real Young Men, an 8-to-10 week internship with a curriculum especially tailored for young men ages 14-17**. After funding for the group ended, Jason wrote a grant proposal to Youth Funding Youth Ideas (YFYI). YFYI was so impressed with his proposal they granted him \$10,000 to expand the group further. Jason is currently a full-time student at City College of San Francisco and says, "I can definitely say that I wouldn't be the person I am today if not for HYP."



From Left: Christina Calloway and Stephanie Angeles

Current Peer Health Educator Spotlight: CHRISTINA CALLOWAY and STEPHANIE ANGELES

The **Violence is Preventable Girls Program (VIP)** at Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic, **provides a safe, supportive environment for young women, ages 11-17, to share the impact that violence has on their lives**. Two special young women have come full circle from VIP participants to current PHEs. **Christina Calloway and Stephanie Angeles** were once members of VIP and are now facilitating their own VIP leadership groups. Christina says, "I was messing up really bad, and I didn't think I was going to stay in school because it wasn't working out for me." In 2004, an HYP therapist talked to her about joining VIP, hoping the collaborative

would give her a forum to discuss the issues she was facing. Stephanie heard about VIP in January 2006, and "felt like VIP would give me the opportunity to learn about our society and really grow from that," she says.

Their dedication to the group was noticed by Cole Street Clinic's Program Director, Abbie Zimmerman, who recruited them as PHEs. **Today, Christina and Stephanie are responsible for facilitating VIP leadership groups at Euclid House, Westside Community Services, and Plaza East Housing in San Francisco**. Under Abbie's supervision, they are creating their own violence education curriculum to share with other

young women. They have both achieved great academic success in high school since joining VIP. Christina has been accepted to San Jose State, Cal State, and Tuskegee University, and Stephanie has been accepted to Mills College but hopes to attend either Columbia or NYU in the fall.

TEEN TUESDAY CLINIC Celebrates 10 Years in Marin

On Tuesday, February 6, the Teen Tuesday Clinic, a collaboration between Huckleberry Teen Health Program (HTHP) and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), reached a milestone – 10 years of offering free health care and services to teens in Marin County. The Marin community celebrated the anniversary with two events: a Marin County Board of Supervisors resolution recognizing Teen Tuesday and an open house hosted at the HTHP offices. Both events brought together some of the original visionaries of the clinic including: **Jan Johansson**, Supervising Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Services in Marin, who assisted in establishing and implementing the vision of the clinic; **Frima Stewart**, Director of Public Health, Marin County DHHS, who helped establish a need for the Teen Tuesday Clinic; **Bruce Fisher**, Executive Director of Huckleberry Youth Programs; and **Dr. Tom Peters**, who was the Director of Marin DHHS at the time the clinic opened and is the current President of the Marin Community Foundation. Current Director of Marin DHHS, **Dr. Larry Meredith** also attended the celebration and acknowledged the major contribution that Teen Tuesday has made to the Marin community. Past and present HYP staff, support-



Teen Tuesday staff and supporters celebrate 10 years in Marin.

ers, and other community members were also in attendance.

In 1997, the Marin Department of Health and Human Services joined HYP in developing a “teen-friendly” health clinic based on the model provided by Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic.

Located in San Rafael's Montecito Plaza, the Teen Tuesday Clinic offers youth ages 12-20, comprehensive, bi-lingual, and confidential health care, free of charge. During Teen Tuesday Clinic hours, youth may receive case management and counseling services, health education, male and female physical exams, STD and HIV testing, pregnancy tests, birth control methods, and waiting room education. **More than 600 clients receive medical care at HTHP's Teen Tuesday Clinic annually.**

HYP'S CARC Making A Difference

Ricky*, 14, was brought to Huckleberry's CARC (Community Assessment and Referral Center) after being arrested for shoplifting, his second offense. A passing glimpse at Ricky and it would be hard to believe that he was once an excellent student and a star athlete. Before a sports injury left him home from school, Ricky was a serious prospect for college sports recruiters.

Ricky eventually became frustrated about not being able to play sports and started hanging out with the wrong crowd. His behavior became out of control, so his father sent him to San Francisco to live with his grandmother. Unfortunately, his enrollment at Mission High only worsened his situation when he began cutting class. He eventually ended up at CARC, an alternative to juvenile hall for youth who are arrested for non-violent offenses.

At CARC, Ricky was provided with guidance, support, and an adult ally. Ricky's case manager obtained his transcripts, talked with his teachers, and helped change his grades from “failure” to “incomplete” allowing Ricky to make up the credits. The encouragement CARC staff gave him had an immense effect on his attitude, and his perspective improved almost immediately. Since receiving services at CARC, Ricky is eligible to play sports again and has maintained a 3.1 GPA.



CARC Staff

*Name changed to protect client confidentiality.

HYP Expands Mental Health Services in Marin

Huckleberry Teen Health Program (HTHP) is expanding to include mental health services on site to meet the needs of Latino youth and families in Marin County. **Last year, HYP received a \$260,000 grant from The California Endowment that allows for this expansion.** Mental health services for the Latino community are limited in Marin County; therefore, this expansion is an important step toward meeting the needs of these youth and families. Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Irma Rivera-Carlisle, lead clinician on the project, and Dana Pepp, LCSW, are providing individual and family counseling for clients at HTHP. Services are offered in both English and Spanish. **“Culturally competent mental health services for Latino youth have been a need in Marin County,”** explains Irma. **“With Teen Tuesday being a gateway for Latino youth seeking health services, counseling was a natural expansion for both youth and their families.”**

Volunteers Lend Time and Supplies to Nine Grove Lane

Thanks to the following volunteers and businesses that recently helped beautify Huckleberry's Nine Grove Lane and supplied the shelter with much needed items.

James Costello & Company Painting of Larkspur and the Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise painted rooms in November 2006.

Rebuilding Together Marin provided volunteers from **Kaiser Permanente** who painted rooms on Martin Luther King Day, 2007.

San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce provided gifts including: bath towels, toiletries, new silverware, art supplies, and umbrellas.

Élan Fitness Center in San Anselmo through their Giving Tree, donated much needed household items.

BIG LAUGHS RAISE \$72,000 FOR HYP AT BIMBO'S 365 CLUB

Los Angeles comedian Barry Diamond, joined by local comedians Will Durst, Lisa Geduldig, Mark Pitta, and Bob Sarlatte, had over 250 guests in stitches for HYP's Comedy Night at Bimbo's 365 Club on November 9, 2006. The giggle fest netted over \$72,000 for HYP's programs and served as a start to our 40th anniversary celebration. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to the comedians and event sponsors!



HYP supporters Sara Ferrigno and Frank Gootrad at Comedy Night.



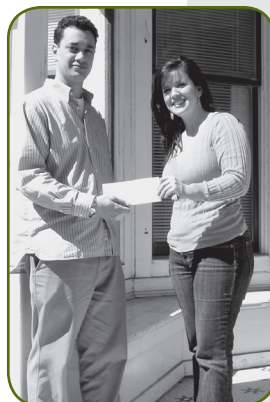
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Franklin Shearer, Huckleberry House Program Director, accepts the check from Nita Orozco of re{NEW}.

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On New Year's Eve 2006, the young adult community of Christian City Church known as re{NEW} held their first annual New Year's Eve party at Axis Café. HYP was chosen by re{NEW} as the party's beneficiary. The benefit raised \$4,050 for HYP! **If your church, temple, mosque, or social club is interested in hosting a fundraiser for HYP, please contact Vicki Schwartz at (415) 668-2622 ext. 220.**

STREETSMART4KIDS™

For the third consecutive year, STREETSMART4KIDS™ has raised funds to prevent teen homelessness in San Francisco. In the fall of 2006, 80 San Francisco restaurants supplied envelopes to diners for cash donations. The funds were distributed among three nonprofits, and HYP was granted \$30,000! Thanks to Lorrie Greene, President of STREETSMART4KIDS™, Jackie and Larry Slayen, Founders of STREETSMART4KIDS™, all donors, and participating restaurants for this generous grant.



HYP ED Bruce Fisher, Larkin Street Youth Services ED Sherilyn Adams, and Lorrie Greene, President STREETSMART4KIDS™

MACY'S TEEN NIGHT

Thanks to Macy's for inviting HYP to take part in Macy's Passport Teen Night on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. The annual event, held at Fort Mason, promoted HIV/AIDS education for thousands of youth who were bussed from all over the Bay Area to participate. Over 30 HYP volunteers led the students in HIV/AIDS-related games, and Macy's generously donated \$10,000 to Cole Street Clinic's HYPE (HIV/AIDS Youth Prevention and Education) program.

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For nearly six years, HYP has been able to count on the support of some truly great "Friends." The Friends of Huckleberry is a giving program comprised of generous donors who annually support our programs with cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more. Friends receive special benefits in recognition of their contributions including invitations to special HYP program-related events and exclusive insight from our "insider" mailing, "Amongst Friends." Thanks to all of our Friends for your kind gifts over the last seven months.

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HYP Expands Its Vision as a Result of Strategic Planning

Since March 2006, HYP's Board, management, and staff have focused on a multi-year strategic plan facilitated by veteran consultant, David Barkan, that will expand the agency's focus. During the first phase, HYP conducted interviews with a variety of public and private funders, government agencies, and other youth service organizations. In addition, HYP conducted focus groups with clients, managers, and direct service staff.



HYP staff discussing ideas at the Strategic Planning Summit

On October 26, 2006, an all-agency Strategic Planning Summit was held at the Golden Gate Club in the Presidio to review the assessment data and to explore ideas for the future direction of HYP. After much deliberation, the idea of a large "hub" of relevant youth services in each county emerged as a common vision. The strategic planning committee, made up of HYP Board and management team members, refined the vision for HYP, which proposes that "Huckleberry Youth Centers" (HYC) be created in San Francisco and Marin.

The HYCs will focus on "health and wellness," and both centers will be multi-service centers for a number of youth services – focusing on health, counseling, academic, and vocational services. A common complaint of teens is that critical services are provided by different agencies at different locations. One-stop shopping will allow youth to receive a variety of services at a single site, including a youth medical clinic, with medical care provided by respective county health departments and other potential partners. Our current services will continue, including Peer Health Educator training, health education and outreach throughout the community, counseling, and case management. New services, perhaps provided by partnering agencies, may include: job readiness training, substance abuse counseling, parent support, and tutoring. The target population of the HYCs will be youth, ages twelve to twenty-one, including transitional age youth, with a focus on youth who are uninsured, underinsured, or from low-income neighborhoods. Another new feature will be the proposed expansion of our Peer Health Education project into a career path initiative for youth interested in a health profession career.

HYP will continue its current shelter programs in San Francisco and Marin and continue to serve as the lead agency at the Community Assessment and Referral Center (CARC). This is an exciting new vision for Huckleberry Youth Programs. HYP will continue to involve youth in the implementation of these strategies and will partner in the process as we move forward. Stay tuned!

(A full strategic plan will be shared with the community upon its completion, mid-summer 2007.)



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Daniel Solis: Danny Keenan Award Winner

This award was created in 1992, after Danny's death from AIDS, in order to honor his dedication to runaway youth in San Francisco. As an HYP employee, Danny's leadership was instrumental in the establishment and success of the Teen HIV Prevention Program, which continues today as the Cole Street Clinic. This award is given annually to an HYP staff member for outstanding contributions to youth.

"A pillar of the community built from the ground up by Huckleberry," is how Daniel Solis, Health Educator II and 2006 Danny Keenan Award winner, describes himself. Daniel got his start with HYP as a

Peer Health Educator while in high school. After graduation, his college curriculum at SF State required him to complete an internship, and Huckleberry immediately came to mind. "Huckleberry had given me so many positive skills in high school, I felt like I needed to come back and give something back to that community," he says. Daniel is now employed full-time by HTHP and co-facilitates the Youth Leaders in Progress (YLIP) group, training young Latinos in Marin to become future leaders. He is also responsible for creating a youth-friendly atmosphere at the newly opened Marin Youth Center, where he represents Huckleberry as the Peer Resource Coordinator. Annette Muller, who works closely with Daniel as co-facilitator of YLIP says, "Daniel has

a genuine connection with each and every youth he works with and when given an opportunity, makes an effort to connect with their families as well."



HTHP Health Educator II
Daniel Solis

Stacy Sciortino and Myel Jenkins: Audrey Chickering Award Winners

Established in 2000, the Audrey Chickering Leadership Award recognizes Audrey Chickering's exemplary work and commitment to the development of HYP. Audrey provided support and leadership to HYP for many years, and played a decisive role in the campaign to purchase Huckleberry House. This award is presented annually to a staff member who has shown outstanding leadership and commitment to the health, growth, and continuation of HYP. This year two HYP staff members share the Audrey Chickering Award.



Stacy Sciortino

The Community Assessment and Referral Center's (CARC) Program Director has played an active role in the HYP family since 2000. Stacy was contemplating

a move from the nonprofit to for-profit world; however, after sitting down in an interview with Susan Quigley, HYP's Associate Executive Director, she was convinced that HYP was the place for her. Initially a case manager at HTHP, Stacy moved to CARC when a position became available there because she "felt so strongly about

changing the current state of the Juvenile Justice System." She quickly moved up in the ranks to become a Senior Case Manager and was then promoted to Program Director. **"Huckleberry takes such good care of their staff and their mission," she adds. "There are tons of opportunities, our hard work is acknowledged, and we always look out for each other. We're like a family."**



Myel Jenkins

Walking into the HTHP offices in 1997, Myel Jenkins, co-recipient of the 2006 Audrey Chickering Award, felt an energy that immediately drew her to an open

post at the clinic. Although she was considering another employment offer at the time, she knew instantly that she wanted Huckleberry to be her home. **"Huckleberry is such a special place and the staff is committed to engaging young people and empowering them to make positive choices," she says.** Her accomplishments as a leader over the past nine years have included serving on HYP's Board of Directors (1999 - 2002), managing the Violence is Preventable Girls program (2002), and serving as HYP's Director of Health Services, Marin, since 2003. Most recently, Myel was an active participant in the planning of two new youth programs in Marin County: the

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Franklin Shearer

hails from Boston and is new to San Francisco and to HYP. Franklin was introduced to social work as an undergraduate at Boston College, where he earned a B.A. in sociology. He spent the next five years working



with homeless and runaway youth as a residential counselor at a transitional living program. As a result of his experience, Franklin committed himself to a career in youth services and moved on to higher education. In 2004 he attended the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, focusing on the educational and social development of at-risk youth, with an emphasis on prevention-based services.

After moving to San Francisco in 2005, Franklin continued his work with homeless and runaway youth as a manager at Larkin Street Youth Services' Drop-In Center, where he was employed until joining HYP. Franklin has joined the Huckleberry House and HYP management teams with great enthusiasm and a real passion for working with the youth and families of San Francisco.

Marin Youth Center and the Novato Teen Wellness Center. Veronica Garcia, HTHP Case Manager, explains, "Myel deserves this award because she is an amazing human being. Incredibly positive, remarkably calm, and always compassionate."

WELCOME TO HYP'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS



From left: Matt Schmidt, Laurie Meschke, and Melissa Wong.
Not pictured: Francene Colvin and Alan Holroyde.

HYP would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Board Members: Matt Schmidt, Melissa Wong, Francene Colvin, Alan Holroyde, and Laurie Meschke. Matt joins the Board after serving on HYP's Young Professionals Committee and is currently employed at Dodge & Cox. Melissa Wong is a former Health Educator at Huckleberry Teen Health Program and the current Community Program Specialist II for the San Ma-

teo County Public Health Department's AIDS Program. Francene Colvin is a licensed clinical psychologist with over 17 years of private practice. Laurie Meschke is an assistant professor in the Child and Adolescent Development Program at San Francisco State University and a member of the National Council of Family Relations. Alan Holroyde is a longtime HYP supporter and a former Executive Vice President at Wells Fargo Bank.

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Top Left: HYP Lifetime Honorary Board Member Bernie Nebenzahl and his wife Gail at HYP's Comedy Night.

Middle Left: HYP Board Members George Matula and Ceci Valente.

Bottom Left: HTHP Case Manager Veronica Garcia and Health Educator Gemma Rodriguez at Staff Fun Day.

Top Center: HYP Board Member Steve Gothelf and his wife Donna at HYP's Comedy Night.

Bottom Center: Cole Street Clinic PHEs Jasmin Gomez and Crystal Santana at a Peer Health Educator Training.

Top Right: HTHP staff members Daniel Solis, Annette Muller, and Myel Jenkins "wig out" at Staff Fun Day.



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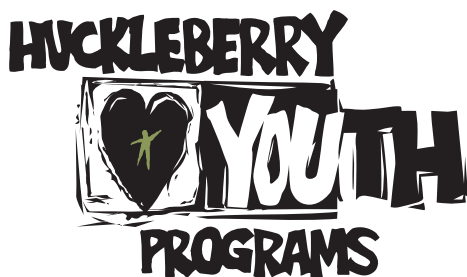
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