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## **IN MEMORIAM: BRUCE RICE**

Bruce Rice was Huckleberry's Fiscal Director for 29 years. Prior to joining Huckleberry in 1988, Bruce was Business Manager at Ma Revolution's Natural Foods for 4 years, a self-employed bookkeeper for 11 years (in conjunction with Huckleberry Youth Programs), and Business Manager for the Institute for Social and Economic Studies for 7 years.

He attended Harvard College, 1967 (BA); UC Berkeley, 1968 (MA); UC Berkeley, 1971 Doctoral orals (medieval history); UC Berkeley, 1975 Doctoral orals (US history).

Bruce played the flute, loved doing the *San Francisco Chronicle* crossword puzzle and sudoku, had a weekly poker game for 30 years, and an enormous wealth of knowledge on many topics, including butterflies.

He served on the Steering Committee of the Albany Music Fund and was a member of the Alameda Unified School District Budget Advisory Committee. When not working, Bruce enjoyed traveling to favorite spots – southern New England coast and islands, Death Valley, and Maui (Hana-side).

Bruce is survived by his wife Mischa, his sons Eric and Carl, and his granddaughter. He will be remembered as a kind, loyal, generous member of the Huckleberry Family who believed in social justice and always had time for a chat with his coworkers.



# Dear Huckleberry Family,

Huckleberry Youth Programs is celebrating 50 years of hope, inspiration, and change. When Huckleberry initiated a new approach to working with young people and opened the first runaway shelter for youth in the United States, it was a very different era. For example, the 1967 federal minimum wage was \$1.40 and the Dow closed the year at 905. Thurgood Marshall was appointed to the Supreme Court, our first non-white justice. The controversial *Hair* opened off-Broadway introducing the new 'rock musical' genre, highlighting an integrated cast, and telling the story of youth by exploring the rising counterculture and the impact of a country at war. Founded in the Haight Ashbury during the Summer of Love, Huckleberry was at the center of a dramatic cultural shift.

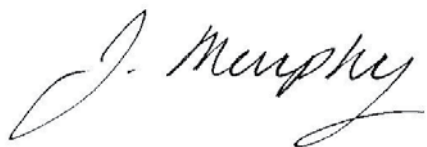
The fundamental belief that minors have rights and deserve to be treated with dignity, regardless of their actions, has remained core to Huckleberry's practices over the years. As you review our history and peruse the life experiences contained in our 50th Anniversary Annual Report, remember these are only a few of the over 200,000 young people who have engaged Huckleberry Youth Programs. Multiply each story and it is easy to see how the power of engagement, of human connectedness, has already built a more accepting world. Every day Huckleberry lays the groundwork to construct a stronger community. The unpredictable elements of our society necessitate not only a solid foundation, but a well crafted, healthy structure to buffer against the ever changing and unbalanced social environment.

Adolescence is a transitional period of life when young people are forming their identity. Imagine a future where all young people are accepted and integrated into our broader community. Imagine the impact if we approached each and every youth with understanding, compassion, and care. Especially today, in a technical and political world that divides people into categories and predicts their outcomes based on predetermined views, we must continue to look for alternatives to inspire each individual. Every youth, every person has the right to construct a healthy self-image, to seek success, and to reach their full potential.

With these core values, we look forward to building the next 50 years together. With your support we can reduce the impact of trauma, calm family crisis, prevent youth homelessness, defeat sexual exploitation of youth, and destroy the school-to-prison pipeline by strengthening our commitment to young people's success and constructing safe, healthy relationships. We can build a healthy world all young women and men deserve and where we all thrive. Join Huckleberry in celebration of our shared success, and join me in building a stronger, brighter, welcoming, inclusive future for all.



**Douglas Styles, PsyD**  
Executive Director



**Jackie Murphy**  
Board President

# 1967 Summer of Love

## HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE OPENS ITS DOORS

The story of Huckleberry Youth Programs (originally known as Youth Advocates) begins during what is famously called the Summer of Love. In 1967, the Haight-Ashbury District of San Francisco was the beating heart of the late '60s counterculture movement, and young people from across the nation were converging on the city to participate in the jubilant moment of change and newfound freedom.

Many of those arriving in the city were runaway teens that left their homes and families in other cities and states and wandered the Haight without money, friends, or connections.

### HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE CLIENT, 1967 Wayne LaRue Smith, The Smith Law Firm



Wayne at age 12

During the Summer of Love, Wayne LaRue Smith was twelve and living in a chaotic and violent home in Reno. His bipolar and schizophrenic mother was an alcoholic, and he recalls a home where the police were regularly called and his mother was carted off in a straitjacket more than once. While watching TV one day he saw a glimpse of what life in San Francisco might be like. He bought a bus ticket with his paper route earnings and said goodbye to his brother Ben, one of his five siblings.

When he arrived, like many young people running away, he had no connections and few resources. Eventually, he met Reverend Larry Beggs, who won Wayne's reluctant trust. Rev. Beggs told Wayne about a place called Huckleberry House. Wayne spent his days at Huckleberry House, playing cards and board games and talking to staff. "They were kind, generous, loving - I had never experienced that before."

Huckleberry contacted his parents and Wayne returned home. Unfortunately, things got worse. His parents committed him to juvenile detention, reporting him as "incorrigible." They then sent him to the San Rafael Military Academy, from which he was expelled. He ran away again at age 15 to LA, where his father found him and took him back to the Juvenile Detention Center in Reno. At age 17, he was able to persuade his father to allow him to join the military. "I joined the Air Force, got my GED, went to college, and became an attorney."

He credits his experience at Huckleberry House as a catalyst for becoming a parent in his adult life. Wayne has fostered thirty three children, so he could "be the parent I didn't have for kids like me." Many of the young people placed with Wayne had pretty significant "rap sheets" or behavioral issues.

In the '90s, he and his former partner wanted to adopt a child but couldn't in the state of Florida. They joined the ACLU in a case against Anita Bryant's "Save the Children" campaign, prohibiting gay couples from adopting. Wayne went on to adopt two sons, Joseph, 21, and Alex, 20.

Now a successful attorney with his own private practice in Florida, Wayne believes that with the right support and nurturing resources, young people can succeed. "I know, first hand, that organizations like Huckleberry make a difference for kids. It was a pivotal experience for me. They create opportunities for young people to turn their lives around. I was on a trajectory to a completely different life. Now I'm on the Board of Governors for the Florida Bar. Often, kids have not had the experience of being valued for who they are in a genuine way. While at Huckleberry House, I got a glimpse of what the world and people in it could be like. I have never forgotten, and that glimpse still inspires me today."





June 18, 1967

### HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE OPENS

With the support of the Glide Foundation and the San Francisco Foundation, "Huckleberry's for Runaways" opens at 1 Broderick St. and is the first shelter for runaway and homeless youth in the U.S. The shelter was made ready for clients in three days. During its first three months of operation, it served 211 youth, exceeding expectations. By the end of the first year, the total reached 664.

*"I have known in my heart for a long time, but was not able to articulate it – there is no such thing as a bad kid."*

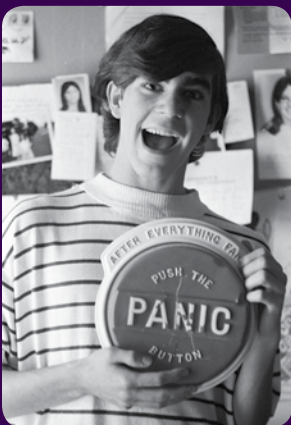
- Wayne LaRue Smith



October 2, 1967

### POLICE STAGE A MIDNIGHT RAID

Police raided Huckleberry House, arresting staff and youth sleeping in the shelter. Arrests stemmed from an administrative oversight that, for the first time, allowed a 15-year-old to stay overnight without parental consent. The Glide Foundation secured the services of State Assemblyman Willie Brown to defend staff members and clients. All charges were dropped.



January 1, 1968

### FIRST FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Huckleberry House closed for six weeks to conduct its first major fundraising drive to keep the shelter open and negotiate licensure requirements. The turning point came when an anonymous Canadian donor pledged \$8,500. On Valentine's Day, Huckleberry's for Runaways officially reopens. Over 600 people attend the reopening celebration and street party.



1969

### YOUTH ADVOCATES, INC.

Huckleberry's for Runaways became a comprehensive youth services agency offering an increasing array of direct services, resources, advocacy, and support, and incorporated under a new name, Youth Advocates, Inc.



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# 1970s Expanding & Pioneering

The '70s were a time of growth for Youth Advocates, as the issue of runaways grew in the Bay Area and nationally. By the end of the decade, the organization would see the end of the criminalization of runaway youth, expand to Marin County, plant the seed for an extended network of youth services, and receive commendation from Harvey Milk as an organization paving the way for the rights of LGBTQ youth.

## HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE CLIENT, 1974

### Michael Gammino, LCSW

Like many high school seniors in 1974, Michael Gammino was feeling the pressure of attending a very competitive college-prep high school and weighing his options for post-secondary education. Unfortunately, too much of the pressure he faced his senior year came from conflict within his home. Michael's parents did not support his desire to attend college. "I grew up in a very traditional, semi-first generation born Italian-American home," he said, "and college was not looked upon favorably. It was not approved of by my family."

The intensity of a rigorous senior year, along with constant fighting with his parents, created immense distress in Michael's life. He began experiencing difficulty sleeping, mounting anxiety, and eventually, "I felt despair. Everything was starting to feel insurmountable."

One fateful day, while walking through San Francisco, Michael saw an ad for Huckleberry House, "that was reaching out to youth who were feeling overwhelmed and needed to talk," he said. "My therapist heard me. I felt validated, respected, empowered, and protected. She gave me hope; these were emotions and feelings I had not experienced in a long time."

His initial meetings with his therapist, Carolyn, opened the door for family therapy so that Michael and his parents could address the crisis in their home. According to him those meetings, "provided direction for my family. It was a start for my parents to begin to understand my own needs and my goals. If it weren't for Huckleberry, things would have gotten worse for me."

"Youth and families get so confused, especially now with so much emphasis on and influence from social media. An agency like Huckleberry can assist and support a young person who is experiencing anxiety, isolation, conflict and difficulties of daily living and come up with a supportive and protective plan. Services such as these are crucial - they can become protective mechanisms that support and SAVE people. Particularly in our current time, youth need Huckleberry."



Michael spent 30 years as a LCSW in Santa Clara County before recently retiring. He now runs a private practice in San Francisco. Pictured: Youth Advocates staff, '74, including Michael's therapist Carolyn (center).

*"Huckleberry was very significant in my life."*





meeting



Nine Grove Lane

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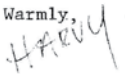
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Dear Friends:

I feel compelled to write, as I have just finished reading the proposal for "Sexual Minority Youth Services". I am very excited at the thought of such a program getting off the ground. There is such a need in the city for youth services in general, but a very special need exists for young prostitutes, sexual minorities, and those youths who have been sexually abused.

Huckleberry House has already been treating prostitutes in their crisis center home. They provide incredible services for youth that are not available anywhere else in San Francisco. These services are necessary, but we need so many more services in the city that relate to youth. It is my hope that this proposal will receive funding, and when it proves to be as successful as I know it will, that further funding will be available for youth services, and programs.

I wish you much luck in this project. Please keep my office informed about your proposal, and if there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

Warmly,  
  
Harvey Milk

1972

**RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS  
YOUTH ACT**

Youth Advocates testified to Congress in support of what would become the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, which decriminalized status offenses, including running away, and funded prevention and intervention programs for homeless youth.

Through Youth Advocates, two projects emerged which eventually became independent agencies. Legal Services for Children became the first independent, incorporated group practice of private attorneys for youth in the nation, and Alternative Family Services worked on behalf of foster youth. Both agencies continue to do their important work today.

1974

**NINE GROVE LANE**

Youth Advocates expanded into Marin County, with the opening of Nine Grove Lane shelter, and the mobile outreach van C.C. Riders, which traveled the county providing counseling and crisis services.



April 24, 1978

**LGBTQ YOUTH SERVICES**

Harvey Milk wrote a letter to Youth Advocates, expressing his excitement over the "Huckleberry House Sexual Minority Project." The trailblazing program provided special outreach and services for LGBTQ youth, youth prostitutes, and sexually abused youth. Harvey Milk wrote the letter only seven months before his assassination.



# 1980s

## New Home, New Leader, New Crisis

The decade began with Huckleberry House moving to a new location and ended with a focus on the growth of our health programming for youth. By the end of the 1980s, the HIV epidemic loomed large and Youth Advocates, under new leadership, began mounting its response with prevention programs for homeless and runaway youth, leading to a new era of activism and program development to address HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and sexual health.

Danny Keenan, an HIV-positive Residential Counselor at Huckleberry House, established a program to provide HIV prevention by training youth as health educators. Danny became Youth Advocates' first HIV Program Director.

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### REMEMBERING DANNY KEENAN

#### A note from Danny's Brother, Michael

As unbelievable as it might seem, as I was reminiscing with friends about Danny, I recently learned of the existence of the "Danny Keenan Award", the annual staff award that Huckleberry Youth Programs presents in my brother's honor.

After learning that the award existed, I started to think about my conversations with Danny towards the end of his life regarding his work at Huckleberry House. Danny was proud of the work being done there and his contributions to the youth of San Francisco. Danny would have been thrilled to know that the organization continues to thrive and that the youth of San Francisco are being served so well.

Please know that Danny's family on the East coast supports the mission of Huckleberry Youth Programs and we will be making a donation in his memory this year and every year moving forward. You honor us by continuing to honor him.



Danny Keenan



Huckleberry E.D. Douglas Styles with Michael Keenan, holding plaques featuring all of the "Danny Keenan Award" winners.



September 1981

### NEW LOCATION

Huckleberry House moved to a new home at 1292 Page Street where it still stands today. With support from the community, Youth Advocates was able to purchase the property. Youth Advocates helped draft and advocate for California legislation to change the laws that made it a criminal offense for abused and neglected children to run away from home.



### Huck House seeks a home

We need someone... We've got our fingers crossed



1988

### NEW LEADERSHIP

Bruce Fisher took the helm as Executive Director, a tenure that would last more than a quarter of a century.



1989

### HIV PREVENTION

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recognized Huckleberry's peer-based HIV education program as a national model and awarded Huckleberry their first HIV prevention grant.

The Dept. of Public Health agreed to open San Francisco's first community-based teen clinic with a part time nurse in the basement of Huckleberry House. In its first year, more than 1,000 youth used the clinic.

Youth Advocates' Teen Peer Health Educators are invited to Chicago to testify before the National AIDS Commission. Danny Keenan is featured on a number of local and national TV shows. Danny passed away from AIDS in the early '90s and Huckleberry remembers him with the annual "Danny Keenan Award" – honoring a staff member with incredible dedication and commitment to youth.



Today, Huckleberry is the leading provider of health education workshops in San Francisco and Marin schools, community-based programs, and Juvenile Hall.

# 1990s Addressing Teen Health

## COLE STREET YOUTH CLINIC & TEEN TUESDAY IN MARIN

With national attention finally focused on the HIV epidemic, the '90s brought increasing awareness and greater funding to HIV prevention. Youth Advocates stood at the forefront of San Francisco and Marin County's fight against HIV and the devastating impact on youth communities, and out of crisis was born innovative health prevention programming.

### HUCKLEBERRY CLIENT

#### Lateefah Simon

My mom was a single mom and I was raised in the Western Addition. I had a couple of friends who tested positive for HIV, and those I found myself in peer relationships with were struggling to find place and space in the Western Addition. Drugs had really surrounded our community and there weren't a lot of places to go. Finding Huckleberry changed my life.

One day I got a call from my case manager, who said she felt in her heart that I was in a bad situation and that my life wasn't going so well. She was right. At the time it wasn't a teacher, it wasn't a principal, it wasn't a family member - it was someone from Huckleberry. They knew that if you get close enough to young people, you could understand their strengths and their challenges. She knew my challenges and that intervention saved my life.

The organization became a safe place for me. I'm forever thankful for the grace and the profound direction that the staff, care team, and case managers put me on. The youth development community is so important when we are bringing possibilities and opportunities to young people. They're not going to be young people forever. Huckleberry continues to open up possibilities for those young people who will in fact change the world. Let's create more villages. Huckleberry is in the center of the village that I want to continue to see in my city.



Lateefah was elected to serve District 7 on the BART Board of Directors on November 8, 2016. She is the youngest woman to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.

*"My world changed the first time I walked in Huckleberry's doors."*





1992

## COLE STREET YOUTH CLINIC OPENS

In collaboration with SF's Dept. of Public Health and UCSF's Division of Adolescent Medicine, Youth Advocates won a \$500,000 4-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It was matched by the San Francisco Foundation, and within six months of the award, the California Wellness Foundation granted another \$400,000 for 4 years. With these generous grants, Youth Advocates was able to create the "Cole Street Youth Clinic", which soon became the largest community-based adolescent health clinic in SF, serving 1,500 clients annually.



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1996

## MARIN CLINIC OPENS

Dr. Tom Peters, then Director of Marin's Dept. of Health and Human Services, holds a series of countywide round tables on STDs in Marin. After a visit to the Cole Street Youth Clinic in SF, he asks Youth Advocates to partner in creating a teen clinic. Six months later Teen Tuesday Clinic opens and quickly becomes the largest adolescent health clinic in Marin.



1998

## HUCKLEBERRY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Advocates, Inc. legally changed its name to Huckleberry Youth Programs, a nod to Huckleberry Finn and a commitment to the agency's mission to work with youth negotiating the challenges of adolescence.



# 2000-2009

## Juvenile Justice and College Access Programming

Huckleberry Youth Programs started the new millennium with a renewed focus on social justice and educational equity.

### NINE GROVE LANE CLIENT, 2001

#### Yusuf Hansia, AVP Branch Manager, Union Bank

In 1997, at age 11, Yusuf Hansia moved to Mill Valley, CA from Bahrain to live with his grandparents. He remembers the culture shock and always being asked to repeat himself two or three times because of his accent. But culture shock wasn't the only issue for Yusuf. He was raised predominantly by his grandparents because of a strained relationship with his very strict father. His father traveled for work and, "once every six months, he would appear and when he was around, it was all about having your head down in a book," Yusuf says about his dad. "No friends to socialize, no play to experience. When he was around, it was his way. I don't recall how many times I was kicked out of the house, but it was a lot, and for miniscule reasons."

After three years of living with his grandparents in Mill Valley, Yusuf and his siblings were sent back to live with his father in Bahrain. Life with his father was tense. "It was like living with a stranger," he said. "We didn't know our dad. He wasn't a friend. We couldn't find common ground. We lived in high anxiety, on high alert, careful of what we would say or what we would do. At one point, I was homeless for a week, and I was also sent to jail for protecting my brother and my sister."

Yusuf was able to work with both the U.S. Consulate and Ambassador to help him and his siblings return to Mill Valley. Once back in the States, his grandparents refused to let him stay with them. That was when a social worker stepped in and introduced him to Huckleberry's Nine Grove Lane shelter in San Anselmo.

"Huckleberry welcomed me with open hands without prejudice. It was there where I saw the fundamentals of an American household - they had curfews, chores, scheduling, most importantly understanding of emotions- things I didn't have growing up." He stayed at Nine Grove Lane for a little over three months. "Huckleberry also showed me that I wasn't alone in all this. There were both younger and older kids that struggled more or less like me."

Now a father himself, Yusuf's relationship with his dad is a work in progress. "I still keep in touch with him." He said, "I feel that I can't move forward when I hold a grudge." His time at Huckleberry made a huge impact on the way he raises his own kids, and how he spends his time volunteering. "I'm involved with kids who need support. What's better than coming from someone who's been there, done that."



*"Huckleberry was life saving for me when I had nowhere to go."*



2000

## COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT & RESOURCE CENTER

Huckleberry became the lead agency in San Francisco's Community Assessment and Resource Center (CARC), which set out to create new community alternatives to the detention and incarceration of juvenile delinquents.

CARC was part of a city-wide initiative by Mayor Willie Brown, funded by state grants and initially led by Mimi Silbert and the Delancey Street Foundation, to create new community alternatives to the detention and incarceration of juvenile delinquents.

On average, CARC now sees 300 non-violent offenders annually, the majority of whom are police-delivered. Offering assessment, intensive case management, mentorship and mental health services, the CARC has become a national model in juvenile justice. Approximately 70% of young people are not rearrested within one year of exiting the program.



CARC Staff, 2017



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2006

## HUCKLEBERRY WELLNESS ACADEMY

The Huckleberry Wellness Academy San Francisco (HWA) was created in response to the realization that our clients and our peer health educators could thrive given the opportunity for post-secondary education. The college pipeline program empowers young people to access higher education with academic support, financial guidance, career exposure, counseling, and academic case management. In 2008, HWA begins plans to expand into Marin County. Three hundred youth have participated in the program across both counties.



Mamie Jiang, HWA Class of '10, with Vicky Valentine, HWA Senior Director. Mamie graduated from Samuel Merritt University with a degree in nursing.

# 2010 - 2016

## *Substance Abuse Treatment, Mental Health, and Support for Trafficked Youth*

### CHRISTINA'S STORY

I would not be where I am today if not for Huckleberry. The leadership skills I've gained and the relationships I've made through Huckleberry have had a huge impact on my life.

My life before Huckleberry was a downward spiral. I was constantly fighting with my mother and getting into trouble in and out of school. My grades were not the only thing slipping. I felt like I was losing control of my life. I decided I had to make some drastic changes before I made bad decisions I couldn't fix.

I made a move that saved my life; I began to see a Huckleberry therapist. It didn't take long for me to open up to my therapist and see improvements. My therapist suggested I consider joining a girls' group offered at Huckleberry. The group helped me build my self-esteem by placing me in leadership roles. Huckleberry helped me shut the door to the negative aspects of my life and encouraged me to find what I was passionate about. The work that Huckleberry staff did with our group motivated me to give back to my community. After completing the program, I participated in an intensive health education internship with Huckleberry. I officially became a part of the Huckleberry team, and while I worked at the clinic, I co-facilitated groups helping young women in situations like mine.

I truly felt like a leader when I got to plan group, write curriculum, and handle paperwork. I felt responsible in the position I had, and equal to the adult staff. I even got special recognition from SF Mayor Gavin Newsom on the work we did in the Western Addition neighborhood. I still keep in contact with some of the girls and I am happy to see that they have turned their lives around.

During my college years, I became an unofficial health educator in my dorm. My friends knew that I worked at a clinic and constantly asked me for advice, including on contraceptives. Word spread fast that I was the go-to girl for health questions and all of a sudden it seemed like I was giving workshops in the dorm.

Considering my past, I am amazed at the woman and scholar I've become. Although I went away to college, I never felt like I left Huckleberry. What I received there has always been with me. As I start a new chapter of my life, I still believe in what Huckleberry does, and I know that they change the lives of many young people, just like me.



**Christina, at top with Huckleberry  
Director of Health Services Ayesha Desai  
in 2008, and with her mom in 2016.**



2010

### AGENCY OF THE YEAR

Huckleberry Youth Programs is named the 2010 Youth Agency of the Year by the National Network for Youth in Washington, D.C. According to Victoria Wagner, CEO and President of NN4Y, "Huckleberry is eminently qualified for selection as the Agency of the Year because of the organization's wide scope of youth programming, years of innovation in the field of youth services, and commitment to collaboration with other youth-serving organizations."

2013/2014

### NEW LEADERSHIP

Bruce Fisher retires after 26 years as Huckleberry's Executive Director. Douglas Styles begins on July 1, 2014.

### TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

Huckleberry won a highly competitive \$50,000 regional Kaiser Permanente grant to expand services for youth exposed to trauma.

### BE REAL, BE READY

Huckleberry collaborated with the San Francisco Unified School District to develop a comprehensive, standardized reproductive health education curriculum for all SF 9th graders.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Huckleberry Marin begins Adelante (Spanish for "moving forward"), a substance abuse treatment program. Two full-time drug and alcohol counselors are hired and our Marin facility is state certified as a general outpatient adolescent substance abuse facility. Services include individual, family, group counseling, and case management.

2015

### CHILD ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM (CHAT)

The CA Office of Emergency Services awarded Huckleberry a five-year contract to enhance existing services for child victims of crime and child abuse. Along with multi-year support from an Anonymous Foundation, Huckleberry's counseling program expanded to serve approximately 100 additional youth annually.

### PropelNext

Huckleberry wins the California PropelNext grant, a three-year planning grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation matched by an investment of one-on-one expert coaching, group learning sessions, and a peer learning community, underwritten by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

2016

### HUCKLEBERRY ADVOCACY & RESPONSE TEAM (HA&RT)

As of a result of the advocacy efforts of the Mayor's Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Huckleberry's HA&RT partnered with Child Protective Services and began immediate, 24-hour crisis intervention and case management services for sexually exploited youth. HA&RT provides one-on-one support for youth ages 11-24. Youth are referred to HA&RT from within Huckleberry programs, the foster care system, probation, SFPD, schools and other community partners.

### PrEP

As part of San Francisco's "Getting to Zero Consortium," a major HIV prevention initiative, the Huckleberry Youth Health Center, in partnership with the Dept. of Public Health, began offering PrEP, a daily pill that reduces the risk of contracting HIV by 92%.



# 2017 Celebrating 50 Years!

Over the years, we have expanded our services to include primary and reproductive health care, counseling, case management, health education, juvenile justice diversion, support for trafficked youth, and college access to underserved youth and families. Huckleberry's longevity is a testament to the agency's values, and our ability to adapt and grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. We continue to advance our mission to educate, inspire and support underserved youth to develop healthy life choices, to maximize their potential, and to realize their dreams.

## HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE FAMILY COUNSELING CLIENTS The Paoli Family

We have participated in family therapy with Huckleberry House and it has been the single best mental health service provider we've encountered in the 3+ years of parenting our now adopted teenager. Our daughter has difficulties trusting people and our therapist was able to engage her. We've had some memorable moments at Huckleberry House and it's been a great resource for us and our daughter. More organizations like this need to exist!



From right: Carl and Tonya Paoli with their daughter.

Carl Paoli, the author of the *New York Times* Best Selling book, *Freestyle*, and his wife Tonya, recently hosted a 2-hour "Freestyle Connection" fitness workshop benefiting Huckleberry that raised \$1,600.



*"It's quite possible my circumstances wouldn't be as positive today if it weren't for me running away to Huckleberry House when I was 14. I'm so grateful services like this exist for troubled youth. I was able to safely escape an abusive situation and move into a healthier environment thanks to Huckleberry House. I hope kids today and tomorrow will have the same opportunities as me, if needed. I also hope that as a society, we figure out how to teach and practice unconditional love to prevent the need for such services."*

- Sorinne, Huckleberry House Client



Huckleberry House E.D. Douglas Styles and Linelle at Huckleberry's 50th Anniversary Block Party, June 2017

*"I lived at Huckleberry House for six weeks with my younger brother back in 1978. It was a hard time in my life as we left our home where the PG&E had been turned off for quite some time. I was 16 and he was 13. My mother was mentally ill and had not been able to take care of us for several years. I have only fond, warm memories of Huckleberry. So glad you are still there."*

- Linelle, Huckleberry House Client



FY 2016-17

Huckleberry received its fourth consecutive grant from Kaiser Permanente to grow our Youth and Trauma Informed Care initiative. We are expanding our case management and counseling services into underserved San Francisco middle schools.

To meet the needs of the increasing number of unaccompanied, newcomer youth arriving in the U.S., Huckleberry is collaborating with public schools to provide specialized psycho-social groups and support for these youth.



50th Anniversary Block Party



2017 San Francisco Pride Parade



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Huckleberry's Day of Service



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# HUCKLEBERRY'S FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 RESULTS

## HEALTH



### COUNSELING SERVICES

598 youth participated in counseling services  
236 clients in family counseling  
68 in drug and alcohol counseling



### HEALTH EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

4,703 youth in 1,238 workshops  
across both counties



### CLINICS

1,206 youth accessed primary, reproductive,  
and/or mental health services at Huckleberry  
Health Centers in both counties



## SAFETY



### Huckleberry House

266 youth received shelter and counseling  
services and 94% of youth at Huckleberry  
House shelter exited to safe housing



### HA&RT (Support for Trafficked Youth)

89 youth at risk of exploitation and  
trafficking received emergency response  
and case management

## JUSTICE



### CARC (Community Assessment & Resource Center)

70% of youth arrested and brought to HYP's  
CARC were not rearrested within the year  
following completion of the program

## EDUCATION



### WELLNESS ACADEMIES

100% of youth in our Huckleberry Wellness  
Academies graduated from high school and  
92% of participants enrolled in college this fall

## Client Demographics

CLIENT ETHNICITY	SF	Marin
African American	20%	3%
Asian	17%	2%
Latino/a	28%	60%
Middle Eastern	1%	1%
Multiracial	12%	5%
Pacific Islander	2%	1%
White	11%	28%
Other/Unknown	7%	1%

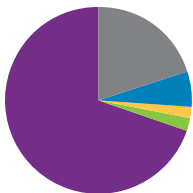
GENDER	SF	Marin
Male	37%	25%
Female	62%	75%
Transgender	1%	0%

AGE	SF	Marin
10 - 13	8%	1%
14 - 15	22%	17%
16 - 17	36%	43%
18 - 21	23%	35%
Over 21	11%	4%

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSES: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

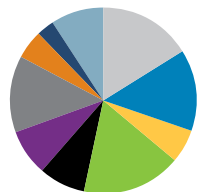
### HOW WE ARE FUNDED...



#### REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Government	\$ 4,319,510	69%
Foundation Grants	\$ 1,219,495	20%
Individual Donations	\$ 371,830	6%
Corporate Donations	\$ 153,098	2%
Special Events	\$ 136,366	2%
Other	\$ 39,344	1%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 6,239,643</b>	<b>100%</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 85,137	

### HOW WE USE OUR FUNDING...



#### EXPENSES

##### Programs

- Huckleberry House, SF	\$ 993,864	16%
- Huckleberry Youth Health Center	\$ 859,467	14%
- Huckleberry Wellness Academy - SF	\$ 340,990	6%
- Huckleberry Community Assessment & Resource Center (CARC)	\$ 1,065,099	17%
- Huckleberry Advocacy & Response Team (HA&RT)	\$ 505,539	8%
- SF Support Services	\$ 505,022	8%
- Huckleberry Teen Health Program - Marin	\$ 782,298	13%
- Huckleberry Wellness Academy - Marin	\$ 314,775	5%
- Marin Support Services	\$ 200,385	3%
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 587,069</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,154,506</b>	<b>100%</b>