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Rising Star Scholarship Recipient with Mother and NVCH Coordinator

2022 Rising Star Scholarship Recipient
Thank you to our staff, volunteers, donors, partners and Board of Directors for your unwavering support this year. It was a year of progress despite COVID’s continued presence.

We secured local funding for 77 affordable units at Monarch Landing, finalized a partnership with Our Town St. Helena to develop 9 units and are in pre-development for 80 affordable units at the Napa Pipe project.

We put our sights on creating and maintaining a safer, healthier and kinder community by educating our team on the importance of mental health and partnering with Mentis in a supportive housing program. Additionally, we continued to manage eight Transitional Housing units. You will read about Antonio’s success on the next page.

We also helped…
• 21 families find homes in clean, safe and healthy affordable NVCH housing

• 5 homeless/soon-to-be homeless individuals find homes through our Home Sharing program

• 22 residents obtain rental assistance due to loss of income

• NVCH residents supplement their budgets with 92 bread and 157 food delivery events

• 10 Rising Star Scholars with continuing education scholarships.

As we look ahead to fiscal 2023, we know we’ll face challenges - both known and unknown. With your support and the hard work of our NVCH Team, we’ll continue to meet those challenges and create housing solutions for our community.

~ Erica Roetman Sklar
According to Napa County’s 2020 Point In Time Count, 73% of our homeless population reported serious mental illness. NVCH’s partnership with Mentis works to alleviate and support these struggling community members one home, and one client, at a time.

Mentis and NVCH have partnered to help those in need by providing a supportive housing program. NVCH provides the property and property management which enables individuals to live independently while Mentis provides the services and case management with weekly group meetings, individual check-ins and onsite check-ins.

For clients with histories of instability and/or homelessness, this is often the first time they have a home, a room with a closet, a safe place and a supportive place. In summary, an ability to build independence with a safety net of mental health professionals.

One client with 10+ years of homelessness had been in and out of jail with a history of substance abuse. She stayed at the NVCH residence for three years and with Mentis’ support, secured her first job, was promoted to a manager position, cleared her legal matters, obtained a driver’s license, a car, and a Section 8 voucher, which enabled her to move out on her own. A complete and successful turnaround thanks to this community partnership where both organizations collectively pooled their strengths and helped those in need.

During his two years Gina Enriquez, NVCH’s Neighborhood Coordinator, kept her eye on the construction of the Stoddard West affordable community. She informed Antonio when the waitlist opened and Antonio took the initiative, applied and was one of the first residents at Burbank Housing’s Stoddard West Apartments on Gasser Drive.

Living at Stoddard West has provided permanent stability and security for Antonio. He describes his Stoddard West home as “a very nice environment, very private and tranquil” where he has grown his janitorial business and provides Door Dash services. Five years ago Antonio was in “a bad situation, a bad environment.” Today, he thanks God for each and every day and in November 2022 he’ll be eligible to apply for US citizenship.

Community support like yours and partnerships with Burbank Housing make Antonio’s success story possible. Thank you.

In recent years, there’s been an acknowledgement of the importance of mental health with increased efforts to fight the stigma attached to it. At NVCH we’ve implemented the following programs for our employees’ well-being:

**Employee Assistance Program**
24/7 unlimited and confidential online/phone support with a Licensed Professional Counselor. Available to all eligible employees, their spouses/partners, dependent children and parents.

**Monthly Newsletters “Live Well Work Well”**
These newsletters cover a variety of subjects; some examples: new mental health crisis line (Dial 988), safety tips for hot weather, healthy eating, disaster preparedness.

**Mentis’ Wellness in the Workplace Presentation**
Our Mentis partners presented tips for wellness at work: create a positive workspace environment, give your brain a break, look good/feel good/be good, and know when to unplug for a healthy work/life balance.

**Kaiser Permanente Webinar**
Kaiser’s expert emphasized the importance of self care (ex: meditation, working out, walking, and healthy eating to reduce stress.)
Angel has lived at one of our communities his entire life. He currently attends Bel Aire Park school where his favorite subjects are math & PE. Math wasn’t always his favorite subject but that changed when Daisy Gomez, Resident Services Coordinator, identified an after-school need and started an education program for young residents.

Angel started the program hating math, simply because he didn’t know how to do it. With Daisy’s consistent presence and patience and Angel’s rock star persistence, he now loves math and wants to “learn more about reading and writing skills.” In addition, through Angel’s initiative and persistence other students have joined the program.

When Angel isn’t in school or in Daisy’s after-school program, you can find him on the soccer field playing for the Napa Sport Soccer Club whose mission is to “provide an environment to play soccer, develop leadership and sportsmanship skills, support academic achievement and encourage healthy lifestyles.” Angel started playing soccer four years ago when he was four years old and his favorite soccer player? Cristiano Ronaldo, of course.

When asked what he wants to be when he grows up? Angel replied: “A policeman. I would catch bad people and let the city know.”

Napa’s future is in good hands with this young scholar athlete.

Fabian’s young life started at one of our communities where he lives today with his family. His brother and sister are both college students, one at Cal State University Sacramento and one at Sonoma State University.

Fabian, described as “charming, bright and kind,” by Gina Enriquez, NVCH’s VonBrandt Neighborhood Center Coordinator, is currently in second grade at Shearer Elementary School. He has fond memories of his first grade teacher, Elizabeth Campbell, who was “kind, polite and loves art.” With NVCH’s tutoring program, Fabian has grown to love math and now he “adds and subtracts” with ease.

After securing his math fundamentals, Fabian learned and mastered his “ABC’s”, which he uses during his second grade homework assignments: reading a book and writing six sentences or describing what he sees in a picture.

When Fabian is not in school or getting after-school help at VonBrandt Neighborhood Center, he likes to play soccer for Napa Soccer Academy or ride horses where he has “learned to do tricks with the rope.” He is inspired by his cousin who served in the Marines and is now working on qualifying for police work.

An aspiring scholar, athlete and cowboy, with an eye towards a law enforcement future, Fabian is on track for success!
Meet Karla Alvarez, one of our aspiring and hard-working 2022 Rising Star Scholars. COVID impacted her sophomore and junior years but that didn’t deter her from her dream of finishing high school and going to college; she graduated from Napa High in 2022 where her favorite teacher was Mr. King who was “encouraging and motivating.”

Karla’s former supervisor shared how, after a year on the job, Karla worked her way through six promotions by communicating effectively and demonstrating a high level of integrity while she “radiated kindness, genuineness and has a huge heart.” Recently, Karla started a new full-time job at Bear, the upscale Stanly Ranch restaurant, and she started college at Napa Valley College (NVC) with a 16-unit credit load as a full-time student.

Karla credits her parents as her inspiration to attend college because they “gave up their lives for my siblings and I, to give us what they couldn’t have.” She’s also inspired by an older sister and brother who are attending UC Davis and NVC respectively.

A typical day for Karla includes college and studies from 8:30am – 2:30pm followed by a full-time shift at Bear starting at 3:30pm. Her mode of transportation is a new Toyota Camry Karla saved for and purchased herself, another example of her hard-work and integrity. Karla aspires to go to school and study health sciences and “give back to my community… it may be helping tutor kids, or even just providing funding for tutoring programs.”

Vanessa Macias is our two-time (2021 & 2022) Rising Star Scholarship recipient. We first met Vanessa when she was graduating from Vintage High and going onto California State University Sacramento (CSUS) to focus on health sciences. Vanessa admits her first year at college was a “little lonely” but she has since made friends at college and is more comfortable this year. We caught up with her to get an update as she was starting her second year at CSUS.

A typical day for Vanessa begins with a 6:00am commute to Sacramento and ends with a 4pm commute back to Napa. Vanessa carpools with her sister, an art studies major, and they juggle class schedules and study time in order to commute together. This semester Vanessa is taking a full 16 credit load with classes in anatomy, physiology, nutrition, psychology, ethnic studies, and music appreciation. Her health sciences focus and coursework puts her on track to be a Nurse, or possibly a Physician’s Assistant, both require an additional two years of studies beyond a Bachelor’s degree.

Vanessa credits her parents hard work and sacrifices as her inspiration to attend college. When asked about the influencers in her life, Vanessa credits positive teachers, family members and friends. “I want to give back to those people that have helped me prosper in my educational career and to my community. By getting a degree, preferably in nursing, I will be able to give back to the entire community.”
WE CAN DO ALL OF THIS

GIVE!GUIDE 2022
Celebrates 10 Years!

Ten years ago a small group of volunteer citizens got together and launched CanDo’s Give!Guide (G!G). We’re sure glad these advocates came together because our G!G receipts over the last nine years are over $100,000! Here’s an even bigger number: the TOTAL G!G receipts for the 125 nonprofits is $4,000,000! We are grateful to each and every Give!Guide donor.

But wait, there’s more.

The 10th Annual Give!Guide campaign – all of it online - will launch on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022, and will end at midnight on December 31, 2022. We’ve been blessed to be selected to participate in this year’s Guide, along with 72 hard-working nonprofits serving the greater Napa community. In honor of this ten year achievement, all the nonprofits and the Give!Guide Team are working to raise the Give!Guide awareness, the number of donors and total donations. Want to help make this Give!Guide the best ever?! You can donate here:

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Rising Star Scholarship Program

In May 2022 we hosted our first-ever Rising Star Scholarship Award & Fundraising Event. Miriam Puentes (shown) a former NVCH resident and now Propetaria at Honrama Cellars was our distinguished keynote speaker. While this was our fourth-year awarding scholarships, it was the first year to gather outstanding scholars in a single venue and celebrate their success, drive and determination. Moreover, due to sponsor and community support, we were able to increase the number of scholarships to from eight to ten and increase the scholarship amount from $500 to $1000.

The career ambitions of this year’s scholars are inspiring and impressive: nurse, physician assistant, teacher, graphic artist, licensed care giver, licensed child care provider, and architect.

Generous support from sponsors made this event and program possible. When you have a choice and are out in the community, please support these community-minded sponsors:
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8 PROPERTIES

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5 PROPERTIES

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18 PROPERTIES

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518 RENTAL UNITS
1720 RESIDENTS

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