nurture. guide. transform.



2015-2016 Annual Report



We deliver high impact services through counseling, skill development, and crisis prevention to children, youth, adults and families.

OUR VISION

All children, youth and adults receive quality services to support them in reaching their potential.

OUR CORE VALUES

We utilize a strength-based, holistic approach. Guided by;

- Respect
- Passion
- Partnerships
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Integrity

"StarVista plays a critical role throughout our district, transforming potentially catastrophic situations, from a punitive moment to a healing and transformative moment. **Many lives are restored through their work.**"

- Margaret Lavin, Director of Student Services for the Redwood City School District

Letter from the Chief Executive Officer

I continue to be humbled to be at the helm of StarVista. It remains my privilege to lead a talented and dedicated team that includes staff, interns, volunteers, and our Board of Directors. Together, we continue to grow as an agency committed to delivering high-impact services through counseling, skill development, and crisis intervention to more than 35,000 individuals each year. That growth remains focused, strategic, and innovative, as we continue to distinguish



Sara Larios Mitchell, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

ourselves as one of the largest nonprofit agencies serving San Mateo County.

This past year, we were proud to introduce our new Navigating the Tides panel series of events, featuring local experts discussing teen suicide prevention and childhood and adolescent stress, and providing resources for parents and educators. We also started a new partnership with San Mateo County Human Services Agency (HSA), providing outreach and engagement to the community to increase the number of foster parents for teenagers in the County. Also in collaboration with HSA and partners, we started the Foster Youth Education and Employment Services program, providing assessments, case management, and referrals for primary school-aged foster youth.

Also this year, our Board of Directors and Executive team focused on drafting a new Strategic Plan that will guide us through the next five years. This thoughtful process allowed us to examine our strengths, and identify key areas for growth and opportunity in the near future. StarVista maintains its commitment to serving the most vulnerable members of our community across a wide spectrum of programs ranging from early childhood services, to housing for homeless youth, from counseling for all ages, to recovery and wellness for youth and adults. Across more than 20 programs, from Daly City to East Palo Alto, from Pescadero to Pacifica, our focus remains on transforming lives through strength-based programming.

Our work is made possible by you—our community partners, our nonprofit allies and collaborators, our generous donors, and innumerable partnerships across the public and private sector. With gratitude, I am pleased to share our annual report with you, and recognize the key role you have played in our continued capacity to nurture, guide, and transform the lives of those we serve.

Warm regards,

SS Mitchell

Sara Larios Mitchell, Ph.D., MACP

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Helping families write their own success story

Rachel*, a single mother of two, was referred to Healthy Homes after she expressed concern over the behavior of her 4-year-old son, Isaac. Isaac was frequently directing angry outbursts towards his mother and other relatives who cared for him, often defying and taunting them. Isaac threw loud tantrums at home but was withdrawn at preschool, and his teachers told Rachel they were concerned about his development.

At a time when Rachel was beginning to feel a loss of control in her young son, Healthy Homes, a program of StarVista, stepped in to offer support.

Healthy Homes works with families with children prenatal through age five who have multiple risk factors, such as trauma, housing insecurity, or family and community violence.

Healthy Homes was able to provide an initial assessment and identified goals for Rachel and her family. Through this process, the therapist

was able to offer reassurance, strengths, and strategies she needed to provide appropriate levels of discipline for Isaac and his sibling, and parenting techniques that would help her manage her own emotions during Isaac's stressful outbursts. The therapist helped Rachel At a time when Rachel was beginning to feel a loss of control in her young son, Healthy Homes, a program of StarVista, stepped in to offer support.

understand how to best support her children, set healthy boundaries, and better understand the impact of her own response to behaviors.

After only a few weeks of working together, Rachel observed noticeable changes in Isaac's behavior. He was more affectionate towards her and his other family members and listened to her directions more easily. Because of Healthy Homes, Rachel started spending more time with her son, sharing special activities such as art and drawing, and felt an overall decrease in stress levels that come with being a single parent.

Halfway through the family's counseling, Isaac and his sibling are beginning to verbalize and share their emotions, helping Rachel understand her children's feelings and enabling them to better express and process the emotional impact of their past traumatic experiences. Though it has pained Rachel to hear of the impact of her children's past experiences, she is grateful for how the sessions empower her to address her family's needs. By providing the opportunity to listen to her children open up about their feelings, Rachel is able to better comfort them when they need it, protect them from future trauma exposure, and guide them toward healthy emotional development.

*Names and identifying features have been changed to protect client confidentiality

The StarVista Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Center Celebrates 50 Years

This past September we came together to honor the incredible work of the Crisis Center and the San Mateo County community - including our amazing volunteers, staff, and community partners!

Our Crisis Line was one of the first in the country, founded by one of the pioneers of the crisis movement, Charlotte Ross, in 1966. Many things have changed since its inception over these past 50 years, but its primary function remains the same: to provide immediate, 24-hour assistance to people in times of great stress or grief.

It was with deep gratitude that we honored the following incredible partnership of our community and StarVista's Crisis Center in serving the people of San Mateo County, providing hope and opportunity, and saving lives:

- Peninsula Health Care District
- Community Service League
- Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation

We also celebrated our inspiring experts and dedicated volunteers for their service to the people of San Mateo County!

We would also like to give a special thanks to San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Office of Diversity and Equity, and Human Services Agency. It is with these types of partnerships from our community that the StarVista Crisis Center helps transform the lives of the people in San Mateo County, we could not do it without you, and we look forward to working together with our community to continue to provide these services.

Learn more about our Crisis Center: www.star-vista.org/crisiscenter

"StarVista Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Center is one of the oldest suicide prevention hotlines in California. They have clearly worked hard to sustain and grow this program over the years. Their commitment to quality services is evident as they meet the standards for Accreditation by the American Association of Suicidology."

- AAS accreditation report, 2015.

HIF Renovations



2016 was quite an exciting year for our Youth Empowerment Services programs as, with the tremendous generosity and help from the Housing Industry Foundation (HIF); **two of our residential housing facilitates were selected to receive amazing renovations.** HIF genuinely displayed care and consideration for the residents and the home, making sure the renovations were timely and offered a warm, safe, youth friendly environment where youth felt empowered to thrive in their education, employment and future housing opportunities. Both housing facilities, **Your House South**, a program that provides services to help with family reunification and serves as an emergency shelter for teens(10-17) and **Daybreak**, which provides transitional housing and independent living skills training for homeless youth aged 16-21, got major renovations done on the interior and exterior of their facilities by the HIF and their amazing volunteers.

Each year, hundreds of youth are spending their nights on the streets, and, thanks to community partners like HIF, Your House South and Daybreak are able to offer an environment that many of these youth have never experienced; an environment specifically designed to assist them in reaching their full potential. **We want to thank the HIF and it's volunteers for all the work they did and for giving our youth an amazing place to stay.**

Learn more about our Youth Services: www.star-vista.org/youth Staff and volunteers responded to over **16,000** phone calls to the Crisis Line.



StarVista provided services to over **35,000** residents in San Mateo County.

Staff provided services reaching over **8,400** students throughout the county in schools and preschools.

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of the clients we served were under the age of 24.



Our Residential programs provided shelter and services to over **200** youth.

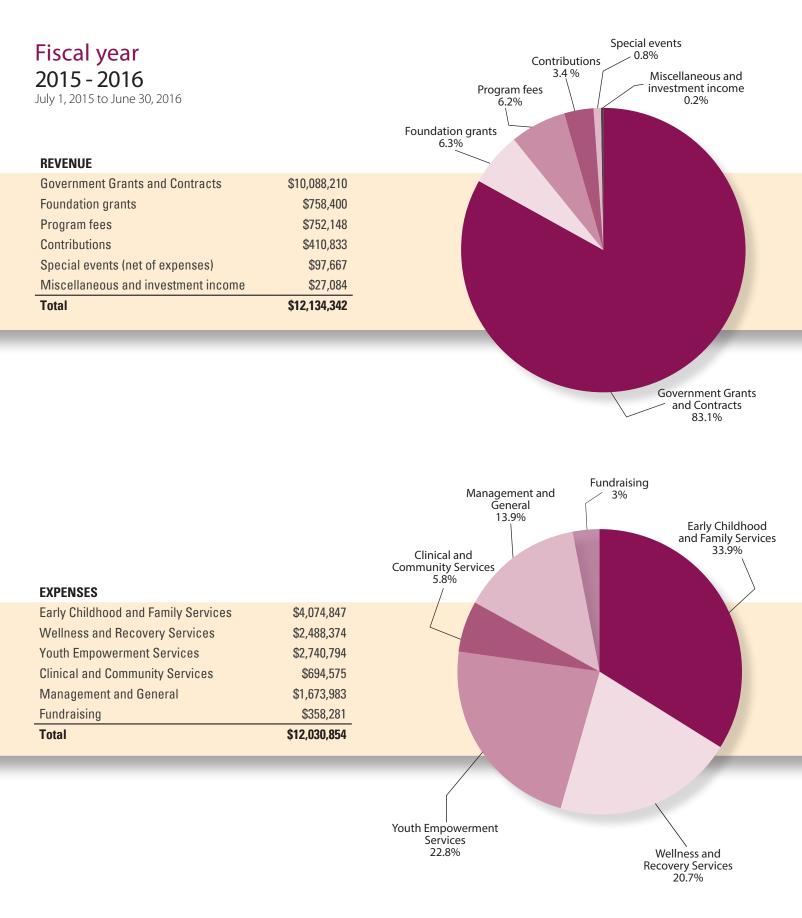


Our Early Childhood programs served over **4,300** children across the county.

Our Impact

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Parent

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