



San Francisco Village



STANDING shoulder to shoulder

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



There's a power that comes from standing shoulder to shoulder and it's fueling the growth of San Francisco Village. Post pandemic, older San Franciscans are saying YES to connection as they age. They're contributing their time, talent and resources to building a vast network of care that sustains them and their neighbors. It's creative, gratifying and hopeful.

We're thrilled that adults of all ages are finding us and asking how they can be part of our mission to operationalize love. Volunteers, instructors, business partners, and donors across generations are investing financial and social capital in our vision to create communities of belonging and in so doing, model possibilities for relationship that benefit the greater good.

From early 2020 to the end of 2023 membership grew by 65%. During that same time, we took a hard look at our organizational culture and embarked on a journey to be more equitable and inclusive. Our outreach efforts with Southwest Community Corp. at IT Bookman Community Center in the Lakeview district have revealed a new dimension to what we mean by shoulder to shoulder. Wholehearted exchange with neighbors who share the same values and vision for connected community. Acts of co-creation that expand what we think is possible.

We're living through a period of extraordinary social disruption. Many of us feel destabilized, confused and frightened by national and world events. San Francisco Village offers an antidote: the lived experience of knowing we belong to something bigger than ourselves. We're held and cared for by others. Our contributions are valued.

Join us in co-creating a future that uplifts the best in us and dares to imagine greater possibilities for human connection.

San Francisco Village is fertile ground for possibilities

SFV member Elaine Park thinks of life in stages, with different needs at each stage. She and her late husband Fred joined in 2015 realizing they needed new connections so as “not to let things crumble” around them. Elaine is a firm believer in SFV’s mission that we all need a “safety net, support, kindness, and openness” to live our best lives. SFV programs like Tai Chi & Qigong meet her physical need for movement while programs like Connecting Across Communities are “good for the soul.” Through Connecting Across Communities, Elaine has expanded her sense of community beyond what her local neighborhood offers.

Elaine’s warmth and big heart have made her a beloved Neighborhood Circle leader until recently. She enjoys tutoring young students, a volunteer opportunity she learned about through SFV. Today she tutors a six and a nine-year-old and loves the experience. “Reading is a love of mine and I am happy that I can help.” Elaine embodies our bedrock principle of reciprocity: engaging in programs that fulfill her needs while giving back by sharing her passion with others.

Liv Schaffer, SFV board member, artist and educator, knows a lot about intergenerational relationships. It feels magical listening to her describe what happens when you bring generations together. For Liv, we are gifted with the abundance of time and the “opportunity to see ourselves in a new light” when we engage with people of a different age. “When there is a deep connection, we are able to think about the past and the future, while at the same time being present with one another.” She believes that intergenerational practices impact minds and hearts and help us solve problems through a holistic lens. Much like Elaine, Liv sees SFV as fertile ground for possibilities- what’s good for the mind, body, and soul.



2023 by the numbers

Expense Budget: \$1,021,300

Revenue Sources

63% Grants
20% Donations
17% Membership fees

Expenses

69% Programs
22% Management
9% Fundraising

Funders

San Francisco Department of Disability & Aging Services
Dolby Family Fund
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We finished 2023 with **590** members! That is a **65% increase** since the beginning of the pandemic!

Members reported a **97%** satisfaction rate.

78% of members pay a reduced membership fee.

An average of **71** programs per month including 12 neighborhood circles.

70% of members live alone.

5,845 hours of service provided by volunteers. **75%** members reported they're more likely to ask for help since joining SFV.

67% of members are women.

115 new volunteers onboarded, joining an already active volunteer community

710 referrals to vetted and/or member recommended resources and community partners.

67% members reported they're more able now than before joining SFV to get aging and health related help/information.

Using the UCLA Loneliness Scale, SFV asked members to identify individual feelings of social isolation and loneliness. The vast majority of respondents said they **rarely feel isolated**, left out, or lacking in companionship.

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