Dear Friends:

2017 was a watershed year for San Francisco Village; the year we moved into our own home on Fulton Street, across from the park, on the 5 Fulton Muni line. Through big picture windows we have a view on the bustling city, anchoring us in the vibrancy that defines us. Every day of the week, members, guests and volunteers gather here for conversation, connection and learning. We’re shaping a space for people to re-imagine their values, their purpose and their future. Together, we’re creating what comes next in our lives.

San Francisco Village is an intentional community built on reciprocity: we foster caring relationships that didn’t exist before. At a time when older adults may find their lives shrinking, San Francisco Village offers opportunities to expand. We invite our members to meet new people with different perspectives, to gain knowledge, to teach what they’ve learned, to improve the lives of others, to reflect on where they’ve been and where they’re going and to learn how to ask for help.

We are making visible what is at times, invisible: that as humans we are inherently relational, responsive beings and the human condition is one of connectedness and interdependence. This ‘ethics of care’ makes explicit that we are by nature empathic and hard-wired for cooperation. In other words, we need each other to thrive.

None of this would be possible without your generous support and commitment to the ideals that underlie San Francisco Village. Our future depends on an ever-expanding circle of friends like you who share our desire to create the kind of world we want to live in.

With deep appreciation,

Kate Hoepke
Executive Director

At San Francisco Village, we believe relationships are life-changing.

“San Francisco Village is the best thing I’ve done. I have met wonderful people. I live alone and even though I have family, I feel comfortable knowing I have people in my neighborhood to call if I need help.”

–Linda Grant
SFV Member
When Lori became a volunteer for San Francisco Village, she was interested in something more than a transactional relationship – she wanted companionship. Lori met Angela, a long-time SFV member, four years ago – when Angela was looking for someone to help her with household tasks on a regular basis.

They get together every Tuesday afternoon. Some weeks, they take care of errands – like grocery shopping or laundry – and other weeks they spend time together, chatting about what’s going on in the world, new books they’re reading or enjoying some oysters at a neighborhood restaurant.

Despite their 25 year age difference, Angela and Lori have developed a very close friendship, one that they both hold dear. As Lori says “Angela is one of my girlfriends now.”

Over the past year, the Cole Valley/Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Circle has been getting together once a month at a member’s home to deepen their connections to each other, and to engage in an ongoing conversation about why it’s so difficult to ask for help.

When one of the Circle members faced a health crisis, the group sprang into action with calls, emails and visits, to ensure the ailing member that she was not alone. This event brought many things into focus for the group: the vulnerability they all share, the deep affection they have for one another, and the knowledge that at some time in the future, each of them may need to call on this circle of friends.

Sandy responded with one word: Carol.

Carol joined the San Francisco Village community as a volunteer – helping with administrative projects in the office and providing rides to members who could no longer drive themselves. As a volunteer, she met Sandy, an SFV member who was looking for someone to accompany her to and from medical appointments and programs at the SFV office.

The two became fast friends, and eventually Carol joined the Village as a member. Today, they are together more often than apart, and when she was asked what she values about her membership,
2017

By the Numbers

9
number of years
SFV has been in operation
we will celebrate our 10th anniversary in January 2019

2,500
square feet
that SFV has available now (in our new space!) to accommodate staff and program events

5
dedicated staff members
four full-time and one part-time

33
average number of programs taking place every month

13
active Neighborhood Circles
where members meet regularly to deepen their relationships

97%
members who are satisfied or extremely satisfied with their membership

23%
members who receive scholarship funds to ensure SFV is an inclusive community

3,700
hours of service provided by volunteers (both members and non-members)

$701,000
operating budget for 2017
Revenue sources:
55% grants
25% membership fees
20% donations

Expenses:
78% programs
15% management
7% fundraising

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