Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Jamestown supporters,

A year ago, on November 9, 2016, our community woke up to the news that a man who had promised to build a wall between the US and Mexico and called our fathers, sons and brothers rapists and thieves had become our President. It is hard to describe the anxiety and despair that was felt in San Francisco’s Latino immigrant communities. That morning at Jamestown, we held a restorative circle with many of our staff, and we cried, held, and supported one another, bracing ourselves for the afternoon, when the children would look to us for answers, reassurance and safety. It has been a tough year. At the same time, these challenges have presented opportunities for Jamestown to grow stronger, more sustainable and resilient. Please take a peek inside our Annual Report to see how Jamestown is responding to our new reality.

- Myrna Melgar
Jamestown programs rise to meet our new reality

In response to the need for information and leadership development among Jamestown parents, we have reignited our Parent Organizing program this year. The program seeks to develop the leadership and skills of parents to bring about structural change in our schools and community – paving the way for success for low income families and youth. Our counseling and prevention programs have expanded services to youth who are facing or at risk of homelessness. In response to the increasingly longer commutes of working parents, we now offer a K-5 morning enrichment and breakfast program at three different schools. We have expanded out-of-school programming to our first school in the Excelsior District, Longfellow Elementary. Early literacy efforts have been expanded to all sites, and we have doubled the participation in our soccer programs: In a neighborhood with the highest obesity rates among youth in the City, Jamestown players logged in an astounding 79,901 hours of physical activity last year!

While Federal policy promises to bring more anxiety and stress to our community, Jamestown’s response will continue to be to address the growing needs of our youth and families. Three of our school sites have been selected for the S.F. Department of Children, Youth and Families’ Beacon program, bringing them much needed additional services and support.

Our upcoming merger with Loco Bloco will bolster the sustainability of both organizations while increasing the quality and quantity of culturally rooted, artistic enrichment opportunities available to youth and families. Most importantly, we will be strengthened by a new value brought to Jamestown by Loco Bloco: Artivism. Art is a potent tool for self-expression and fighting injustice. The passion, experience and creativity of young people is a necessary component to inspire action that will address change locally and globally.

**Participants**

- English Learners - 58%
- Special Education - 52%
- Free lunch eligible - 91%
- Housing insecure* - 68%

*significant need

**Physical activity hours (logged by our soccer players)**

- 79,901 hours

**Treehouse Social Emotional support participants**

- 70

*significant growth

Youth Workforce participants

- 37

↑ 62%

**Jamestown staff connections**

- Staff who are former participants or Youth Workforce participants 85%
- Leadership staff who live in the community, are past participants or parent of participants 100%
Our financial information

**Sources of Revenue**

- Local Government Grants (65.48%)
- Earned Revenue (8.80%)
- Foundations/Corporations (7.73%)
- Fundraising Events (6.62%)
- Federal Grants (5.75%)
- Individual Donations (4.58%)
- Corporate Matching Gifts (1.05%)

**Expenses**

- Program (86.62%)
- Administrative (13.38%)

Thank you to our family of donors

**Foundations/Corporations**


**Individuals**

50,000+ Kathleen Welsh and Bill Plautz
15,000+ Anonymous, Lisa Bransten, Leesa Miao and Martin Romo
10,000+ BTIG, LLC, Shannon and Doug Cogen, Droubi Team, Steve Simon
5,000+ Tomoko & Don Fortune, Owen & Sarina Kennerly, Lisa & David Meaney, Eric & Jessica Spaly, Geoffrey Squires
2,500+ Katie Brackenridge, Robert Bransten, Amy Carr, Linda and Bob Frank, Farella Braun & Martel LLP in honor of Anthony Grumbach, Anthony Grumbach, Nadine Burke Harris and Arno Harris, Renu Karir and Ian Atlas, Michael Linn, Myrna Melgar, Anne-Marie and Wylie Peterson, Kerry Landreth Reed and Creighton Reed, Brian Spaly, Jeffrey Spaulding, Nancy Spencer and W. Hardy Calcott, Raina Telgemeier, Sara Witt
1,000+ J.B. Berland Foundation, Kristine Boeding, Shelley Bransten, Barbara Callan, Robert Callan, Christine and Kevin Chessen, Cathy and Sandy Dean, Martha Enrenfeld, Richard Gross, Kimberly Harding, William Hutchison, Claudia Jasmin, Diana Kapp and David B. Singer, Stuart A. Kogod, Andrew Kowal, Erin and Jeff Lager, Claudia Lewis and Woody Scal, Linda Lucero, Krista and Aaron Moat, Mitra Modarresi, Kathryn M. Peters, Dmitry Piterman for J. Moses Ceaser, David Riley, Juliane Rumsey, Wilma and Schuyler Rumsey, Sean Ryan, Jeff Sanguinet, Lacey Traeger
Jamestown Annual Spring Council Event

Keynote speaker: London Breed, President, SF Board of Supervisors
March, 2017

Lisa and Travis Pearson hosted a successful Jamestown Advisory Council annual spring fundraising event. Their lovely home was filled with happy supporters who enjoyed the warm hospitality and got to meet the Jamestown staff and youth. The honorable London Breed, president of the SF Board of Supervisors, was the keynote speaker and inspired all in the room (especially our youth) to continue taking leadership to improve the lives of the communities we serve. Guests were also able to hear from Lizette Flores, one of our Youth Apprentices. She started out as a Girls Got Goals participant in middle school, then became a YAPster, and is currently going to college and working at Jamestown as one of our STEM teachers. She exemplifies growing up in the Jamestown familia: from participant, to youth apprentice worker, to current staff, going to college and now teaching other youth in our program. After the inspiring stories and conversations, donors contributed $184,215, thanks in great part to the stewardship of the Advisory Council.

Jamestown Advisory Council:
Eric and Jessica Spaly, Lisa Bransten, Amy Carr, Shannon Cogen, Lamisse Droubi, Tomoko Fortune, Anthony Grumbach, Steve Kawaja, Theresa Kolish, Martin Romo, and Sara Witt

Community partners that work to the same drum beat
Jamestown’s programs involve key partnerships with other community agencies that provide specialized programming and services. These partners include 826 Valencia, Reading Partners, Loco Bloco, Tree Frog Treks, CA Academy of Sciences, Mission Bit, Google, Good Samaritan, Peer Resources, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, PODER, Root Division, MEDA, Safe & Sound, CARECEN, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, Parents for Public Schools, First Graduate, MLVS, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, Community Musical Center, Crissy Field Center, and Mission Bit.