

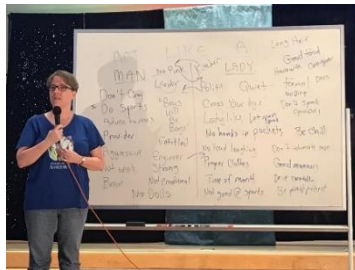


CREATING WAVES OF CHANGE

REWIRE COMMUNITY

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Dear Rewire Community ally,

2019 has been an incredible year for Rewire Community. We share some snapshots with you here-

Women & Youth Programs

We have continued to make an impact in our local communities in the area of gender parity and women and youth empowerment.

➔ Conducted women's wellness groups in San Ramon throughout 2019, creating safe spaces for women from diverse backgrounds to explore self-care and balance. We are thankful to our facilitator, Sangita Biswas (LMFT), for her commitment to this work.



➔ We worked with the San Ramon City Council to officially proclaim October as domestic violence awareness month. Our collective community art is on display in the San Ramon City Hall to mark this occasion. We thank local artist Allie Nardella for her facilitation & the San Ramon City Council, especially Councilwoman Sabina Zafar, for the support.



➔ We ran our first ever cultural and diversity youth book club in the summer of 2019, bringing light to topics such as adoption, gender inclusiveness, racial equity and different abilities. Our gratitude to Marilyn Cachola Lucey for connecting us to inspiring speakers and facilitating sessions.



➔ We successfully piloted a unique basketball program teaching essential life skills for healthy relationships to middle school girls, through on-court skills.



➔ We also recently initiated 'Changemakers', a youth advocacy group that will meet monthly in San Ramon to spearhead projects in 2020.



Climate Justice

In 2019, Rewire Community also expanded our core mission areas to include the critical cause of climate justice.



We spearheaded our first ever open house to honor Earth Day in San Ramon, connecting the community with local non-profits, and other fun activities such as upcycling craft and meeting the beekeeper.



We staged an original youth play, creating self-awareness and dialogue around the current challenge of climate change and action each of us can take, focusing on preventing waste among households, especially food waste.



We also participated in the global conversation around climate justice with an Awareness to Action gathering in San Ramon, as part of the '24 Hours of Reality: Truth to Action' initiative by the Climate Reality Project.



We are in the process of forming a green team to engage in ongoing advocacy and action on the ground.

Grants & Recognition

Rewire Community had some great wins this year.



We are honored and delighted to share that we received a grant from eBay Foundation and Silicon Valley Community Foundation, to build a collaborative community of local women-owned small businesses. We are grateful for this opportunity and hope to build a space that showcases the enormous talent offered by local women entrepreneurs as well as gives back to vulnerable segments of our population. Our heartfelt thanks to the granters for encouraging our vision and believing in our work. We hope to launch our e-platform, TriValley WEB (Women Empowered Businesses), in early 2020.



We were also thrilled to share that our youth theater presentation "Trial and Error" was supported by the San Ramon city's Cultural Growth Fund. Our heartfelt thanks to the City of San Ramon and to the San Ramon Arts Advisory Committee for this encouragement.



Collaboration & Outreach

Rewire Community strongly believes in supporting and encouraging voices that continue to rise, and has engaged with individuals and sister organizations involved in bettering our communities.

- ➔ We participated in The Butterfly Effect: Migration is Beautiful project- a project to raise awareness for the thousands of children held in detention centers at our borders.
- ➔ We also packed food bags to support the Courageous Women Association in their annual community outreach event.
- ➔ We closed the year running a warm winter clothes drive for local domestic violence agencies.
- ➔ We continued our weekly radio program, called Jaagte Raho (meaning: Stay Woke), which airs on Radio Zindagi 1170AM. Through this, we connected with trailblazers in our community on topics ranging from youth activism, PRIDE, domestic violence, women in sports to musical journeys, environmental justice, and self-care. In December, we were honored to hold a one hour special interview with eminent feminist and gender activist Kamla Bhasin, speaking to the sexual assault cases that made headlines in India.



The Rewire Team

The Rewire Community family expanded by leaps and bounds in 2019.

- ➔ We were honored to have Nadia Ann Hui Fang join as our Board Secretary, while Yamini Dixit moved to leadership as our Board President and Climate Justice Advocate. Roohi Agarwal continues as our Board Treasurer. Bhakti Bhale joined us as our Operations Director. Shailaja Dixit continues as the Executive Director.
- ➔ Sridevi Sundar and Aishwarya Koneru joined our TriValley WEB team as Project Manager and Program Director, respectively.
- ➔ Meetu Arya and Megha Narang Sharma have taken the lead for women's empowerment dance programs.
- ➔ And we are absolutely thrilled to announce our new youth leads: Eshna Kul, Mahika Arya and Vaidehee Durgude. Advait Ranganathan assumed the lead for all our hospitality and nourishment needs. Vasanth Pugalenti continues as our website admin.

LOOKING AHEAD AT 2020...

The new year is almost here and we have many exciting developments to look forward to. In 2020 we are collaborating with our local libraries to bring monthly gatherings for self-care and climate justice. Our youth groups are planning a quarterly newsletter and various green initiatives. We are creating community workshops to raise awareness for teen dating violence and youth mental health. We are also spearheading a new series of women dance empowerment initiatives to enable journaling and reflection. Our women's wellness groups will continue throughout the year as well!

Stay tuned!

We need your support!

We look forward to serving our community and creating waves of change. We cannot do this without you. Thank you for being our ally. We hope you will continue to support our work. Please participate in our events. Please raise dialogue in your circles. And please consider an year-end donation to Rewire Community so we may step into the new year full force. There is much work to be done yet!

Donations can be made [online here](#).

Or see **Rewire Community website**-www.rewirecommunity.org > Donate

Sincerely,

The Rewire Community Team

