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2019

SUMMARY REPORT





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MISSION

To empower people to restore relationships and break the destructive cycles of abuse and addiction through the hope and healing made possible by Christ's love and quality treatment.

VISION

**Reclaimed Hope. Realized Potential.
Restored Lives**

A photograph of four young adults (three women and one man) sitting together on a couch, laughing and smiling. They are dressed in casual clothing like sweaters and jeans. The background is a light-colored stone wall.

59

**Clients served in
Residential Services**

127

**Clients served in
Outpatient Services**

925

**Clients served in
Counseling Services**

Total:

**1,111 clients
including adolescences,
adults and families**



VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Art of the Heart Tattoos
- Beat the Odds
- Cake4Kids
- Cityteam Ministries
- Dan Fryer
- Dreampower Horsemanship
- Excite Credit Union
- Fit N Funds
- Gateway City Church
- Gateway Community Outreach - Mens Group
- Gift for Teens
- Give Teens 20
- Grateful Garments
- HealthRight 360
- Janet Howanic
- K94KIDS
- Living Stones Christian Church
- Moon Beans San Jose
- Moya Art Gallery and Studio
- Morgan Hill Target Store #2252
- Out of Egypt
- Project Glimmer
- Ruthie Bolton, WNBA Star and Olympic Athlete
- Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
- Sold 7 More Real Estate George Gonzalez
- South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking
- St Lawrence Orthodox Church- Youth Group
- Trader Joes San Jose-Old Almaden
- U Move Me Moving Company

Janet Howanic has served as a volunteer with Advent Group Ministries since 2005. She heard about Advent through a member of her bible study group at Morgan Hill Presbyterian Church, which was buying Christmas presents for the residential girls.

What do you enjoy about volunteering with Advent? Any special stories you want to include?

“When the kids realized I am not getting paid for the volunteer work I do, it shows them that I really care about them- I saw a light go on inside of them! In the past I also helped in their Math and Science classes. I watched as a student finally “got it!” with their school work and no longer thought of themselves as “dumb” it really made my day. I made it a point to weekly take my dogs on a walk with the residential girls, my past and present dogs have all loved the attention they got from the girls.”

CHURCH PARTNERS

- Awakening Church
- Cathedral of Faith
- Hope in the Darkness Event
- Morgan Hill Bible Church
- Morgan Hill Presbyterian Church
- Saratoga Federated Church
- Searchlight Fellowship
- United Methodist Women

GRANTS

City of San Jose Safe Summer Grant

Advent was awarded a grant for the Safe Summer Initiative 2019. The purpose of the 12-week program was to engage youths that are high risk and affected by gangs in expanding their worldview by developing life skills through new experiences of education, development, and recreational activities. The goal for successful completion of this program was to provide one of the few resources for educating and empowering these adolescents to bring change to their own lives, families, and communities.



AAUW of Morgan Hill funding First Aid Art Groups for Brighter Trauma-Free Futures

Advent was awarded a grant from AAUW of Morgan Hill to help provide young women with tools to express their trauma and heal from it through the usage of art-based groups. This grant provides the opportunity for our Residential Case Manager to attend First Aid Arts Therapy certification training in March 2020, providing weekly art therapy groups to our residential clients.

SUPPORTERS

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RECOVERY CHAMPIONS - TOP DONORS (\$10,000 and above)

- Bob and Joan Leonard
- Eric and Tracy Leonard
- Horton Family Foundation
- Samuel and Jit Fong Miller



On Monday, August 12th Advent hosted our 21st Annual Golf Classic and Live Auction.

Golfers and other guests gathered at Boulder Ridge Country Club to raise money for our programs, enjoy a day of golf and relax over dinner....all while enjoying a beautiful view of the Silicon Valley and Almaden Hills.

Thanks to the generosity of our golfers, guests, and sponsors, Advent raised over \$70,000 that will fund our programs - including \$19,000 for an educational, recreational, and life skills program for the benefit of our residential clients.

Advent is extremely grateful to our Title Sponsors, The Horton Family Foundation and our Angel Sponsors, Bob and Joan Leonard.

The Horton and Leonard families have remained faithful and generous supporters of Advent for many years. Our most humble of thanks goes out to these wonderfully generous families.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUPPORTERS (\$350 and above)

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- William Miller

SAVE THE DATE: 2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 14th 2020

FUNDRAISING TOTAL OF THE YEAR:

\$296,683.94

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS....



RECOVERY SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUTPATIENT THIS YEAR:

- **81,052 MINUTES**
- **1,350.86 HOURS**

Serving 10 different high schools throughout Santa Clara County districts for over 10 years:

- Fremont Union High School District
- Mountain View Los Altos School District
- Campbell Union High School District

"I was hanging out with my friend after school; they were going through a rough time in their lives. I started to talk with them about coping skills and giving them advice on what they were facing. I had to stop myself half way through the conversation to think about where I learned these things myself, I then realized it was from my Advent Outpatient counselor, they are not only helping me in my current situation but helping the community I am in by making me a better me"

- Outpatient Boy Client



RECOVERY SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTIAL THIS YEAR:

- **525,600 MINUTES**
- **8,760 HOURS**

We provided two loving homes for adolescents, one for boys and one for girls-24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

"When I came to the St. John home, I was heavy addicted to meth. My mother also went to a rehab for the first time in her life too. As I started to go to the groups, meet with my counselor and attend the 12 step meetings, I started to learn more about why I became addicted to meth. Advent helped me rebuild my relationship with my mother and younger brother; we are now clean as a family. I enjoyed my time at Advent and I know if I need help in the future again where to go to get it"

- Residential Boy Client



COUNSELING SERVICES

- 1,865 individual and group sessions
- Group counseling with residential teens: 145 sessions (8% of total)
- University Preparatory Academy students: 696 sessions (44% of the total)
- Members of the community: 1024 sessions of individual, couple and/or family therapy (55% of total)

"My counselor, Cecilia Oteyza, has encouraged me to finally go to terms and accept what was wrong with my husband was no wrong doing of me. From the beginning she went above and beyond regarding concern of my safety. She patiently guided me to find the bright light of strength to wake up every morning and know that need to keep moving forward. After each session I feel inspired to move forward. I feel like she helped me so much that I have referred her to my friend"

- Community Counseling Client

"I have received therapy through Advent Group Ministries since I was 16 years old. Advent not only saved my life from drug abuse as a teenager through their Group Home Program but continued their therapy services throughout my life. Now in my 30's and in the recent months, they have provided the same outstanding service by helping to save my marriage. I am so grateful for their support and dedication to their clients and their families. Mine wouldn't be in the positive place we're in without them"

- Previous Residential Girl Client, current Counseling Client

ADVENT'S TEAM



IN MEMORY OF: NORA KHAJERIAN

Nora Khajerian, beloved and respected therapist and clinical supervisor, passed away March 19, 2019 after struggle with cancer. She began her work at Advent June 6, 1995 as a new graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, became licensed and took up clinical supervision responsibilities in 2016. Her faithful, nurturing care of clients and those she supervised has been deeply missed. She counseled thousands of clients and supervised many trainees and interns all while being legally blind.

STAFF OF THE YEAR

Teresa Roush

Human Resources Coordinator

What motivates you each morning to work at Advent?

I love the passion and the caring that our team has for the youth we work with. Every department and team carries the mission forward to Reclaim Hope, Realize Potential and Restore lives. I love seeing individuals doing God's work and loving the un-lovable, especially the ones that do not feel loved. Watching staff love our client's the way Jesus loves us and restores our imperfections is what keeps me here. How could I not work for a place that shows everyone with open arms they are loveable.

Are there any stories you would like to share about working at Advent?

In the past year I witnessed our entire team's passion in the work they do together. We had a young lady that had been to Advent previously and returned back to us a few years later. She was shy when I first meet her; she would hardly say hello to me when I greeted her. Eventually after a few months of being in our Residential home, she started to be more confident, and look up when you talked with her. She would come to the office to meet with a counselor through our counseling department. You could tell she was being poured into with love. Our outpatient team would do the group sessions; she would always come out with a smile. I knew her journey had not been an easy one. But the story does not stop there. She turned 18 years old while at Advent and graduated the program after great strides in her life. I remember the day she told me she was graduating; I hugged her and said "Congratulations". Advent helped her get her first apartment and start college. The love that is poured into this young girl's life will forever change her- a mustard seed of hope to flourish someone else's life for eternity. That is what Advent is about! I witnessed this entire miracle take place from the Human Resources Department and that's why I'm so blessed every day to be part of this team!



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THANK YOU TO STAFF

As Advent reflects back on 2019, we are most grateful for the talented group of employees that work for our organization. Each team members dedication to the work they do each day for our clients, whether behind the scenes or face-to-face, shines through in our services we provide, the seeds of hope that are planted and the miracles of lives changed we witness before our eyes.

Please join us in thanking each of our department's loyal employees that served alongside of us this year. We wouldn't be able to do it without each of you!

**Residential
Team
28**

**Administrative
Team
7**

**Counseling
Team
6**

**Billing
Team
2**

**Outpatient
Team
5**



SIERRAS STORY....



After having a life-altering experience by overdosing on non-prescribed medication on her high school campus resulting in her being transported by ambulance to a hospital, Sierraknew she needed help. This was not a one-time experience for Sierra; she had been smoking weed and drinking alcohol with her friends for some time now. After her overdose experience Sierra took it was an awakening moment in her life and sought help on her own by joining Advent's Outpatient Services that were offered on her high school campus, after connecting with her addiction counselor, Edward Jonathans. Sierra learned to take ownership for her recovery journey. As a student athlete she knew that the same mindset it takes to be coached on the field was the same mindset she needed when facing her addiction. She opened herself up to being coached and trained on what it takes to maintain her sobriety. Today Sierra has a job and is already taking college classes all while still being a Junior in High School and continuing to pursue her athletic gifting.

Sierra didn't have to go far to find the help she needed at a crucial time in her life. **THIS IS WHY ADVENT EXISTS.... TO HELP OTHER SIERRAS.**

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