

Conard Bulletin

Our mission is to build welcoming communities and caring relationships that empower people and restore hope. We are a nonprofit organization that specializes in Supportive Housing, Mental Health and Money Management Services in San Francisco.

CONARD HOUSE FEATURED IN THE *NOB HILL GAZETTE*

We are thrilled to announce Conard House is featured in an article in the latest issue of the *Nob Hill Gazette*, "Places to Belong." The *Nob Hill Gazette*, a beautiful regional monthly magazine, celebrates the civic achievement of the community by providing a platform for the nonprofits at its service. The *Nob Hill Gazette* is owned and operated by **Clint Reilly Communications**, and is, "San Francisco's publication-of-record" for the City's social, philanthropic and cultural life. Thank you, Nob Hill Gazette and Clint Reilly Communications, for spending some time with us and for spreading the word about our work to make San Francisco a better place for all.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Anne Quaintance
CEO/Executive Director

Hello Conard House Community! Welcome to the Conard Bulletin Spring/Summer 2023 issue. We're thrilled to report that Spring 2023 included the finalizing of our Strategic Roadmap Business Plan 2023-2026 and a successful Year-End Campaign. We then kicked off Summer 2023 with our annual New Fiscal Year Staff Appreciation Event with recognition and gratitude of our shared challenges and accomplishments.

As a community of residents, clients, staff, volunteers, supporters, funders and advocates, every day we are developing, collaborating and supporting the avenues that address the systemic issues with housing, healthcare, food security and digital access as human rights in San Francisco and taking action on opportunities and policies that directly impact the quality of life of our residents and clients.

Please peruse the Conard Bulletin and feel inspired by the CH Tech Pop-Ups, the vignette from a former resident and the hot off the press feature story on Conard House in the Nob Hill Gazette!

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VAX ME! EVENT AT CONARD HOUSE

Natalie Slosar, Development Office Volunteer

Conard House recently participated in a Vax Me! event with Full Belly Bus (FBB), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting pet owners working to end or prevent homelessness in San Francisco. Their latest initiative, Vax Me!, is a pilot program aimed at providing free veterinary care clinics to shelter-in-place hotels. This program was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic when it was discovered that pets needed to be fully vaccinated for their owners to gain access to permanent supportive housing.

This March, FBB partnered with Conard House to host this year's Vax Me! event, which featured two veterinary teams and three vet technicians.

They provided essential vaccinations for dogs, including rabies, DHLPP (preventing parvo and leptospirosis, which is common in SF), and bordetella (for kennel cough). For cats, they offered rabies vaccinations. 18 Conard House residents attended the event.

During the event, Full Belly Bus also distributed free dog coats and toys to the attendees. The very first pet treated in the pilot program was the one featured in the picture.



TECH POP-UP AT CONARD HOUSE

Angie Tanielian, Director of Development

Conard House responds to the demand for digital literacy with innovation, collaboration, and a whole lot of fun. Natalia Rojas, our new Volunteer Program Manager, helped to coordinate 3 fun events, two of which were in response to several specific requests for training on resume writing. Two of the events were a collaboration with the Mental Health Association of San Francisco (MHASF) and the Tech Pop-Up Event was held in collaboration with the San Francisco Tech Council.

40 Conard House residents participated in the two workshops for a total of 80 residents! Each event featured a catered lunch provided by LaCocina, a San Francisco nonprofit organization. MHASF provided volunteers to help with the training and all attendees received gift cards.

The Conard House Tech Pop-Up, like

the resume writing workshops, were well attended. The CH Tech Pop-Up had a fair-like atmosphere – attendees

smartphones and tablets. Attendees also learned how to use smartphone applications and complete online job applications. The Tech Pop-Up stations provided support in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Russian languages.

Each event was well attended and successful and Conard House looks forward to offering the next CH Tech Pop-Up and meeting the digital literacy needs of Conard House residents.

Natalia joined the Conard Community in March 2023 and in her short time here, she has enhanced the training received by our residents who participate in the Conard House SF Connected Program, a partnership between Conard House and the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, providing digital literacy training to 80 – 100 Conard House residents monthly.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES 2023

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9am-10am					
10am-11am	Typing @ Admin 10:30am-12:30pm	Senior Phone Support @ Computer Lab 10am-12pm	Google Certificates + Job Search Office Hours 10:30am-12:30pm	Smartphone @ McAllister 11am-12pm	Coffee & Tech Questions @ Admin 10-11:30am
11am-12pm					
12pm-1pm					
1pm-2pm					Office Hours @ Admin 1:30pm-3:30pm
2pm-3pm	Smartphone @ Marilyn 2-3pm	Tablet @ Mildori 2-3pm	Office Hours @ admin 10:30am-12:30pm	Tablet @ Lyric 2-3pm	
3pm-4pm					

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were greeted with Peet's coffee and raffle drawings for prizes including tablets and gift cards. Attendees were encouraged to visit the various stations to get answers on all things tech, including how to use their

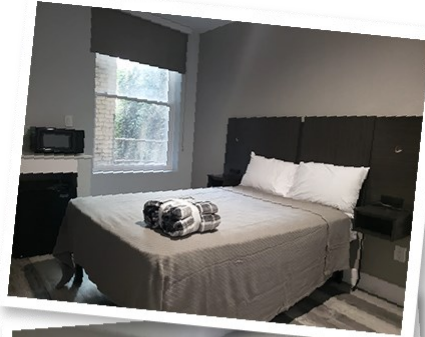
LIVING INDEPENDENTLY A YEAR LATER—KEEP IT UP CONARD HOUSE!

Michael Scarce, Former Conard House Resident

My name is Michael Scarce and I am a former Conard House Cooperative Housing (Coop) resident. I lived at a Conard House property for over three years, and overall, it was a very positive experience. My physical and mental health gradually improved during that time and a little over a year ago I left [Conard House] to live independently in my own apartment. A few weeks ago, I needed to contact my former Conard House counselor so I visited the Conard House website to get a contact phone number and I landed on a page that showed beautiful photos announcing some exciting news: Conard House opened a new program, the Conard House Transitional Housing Program at The Marilyn Inn.

Just reading the name, the Marilyn Inn triggered a flood of emotions and memories. I lived there for a short time 19 years ago way before Conard House opened the site and my experience was not a good one.

Now, seeing those beautiful photos of the Marilyn Inn on the Conard House website brings me a kind of peace of mind and closure that I cannot fully



describe. It's no secret that during my time at Conard House, I complained a few times about the property management staff of my Coop, mostly because I felt it would take too long to get some necessary household repairs completed. Over time, during my stay at Conard House, I became more emphatic toward the staff because I came to realize how busy the staff is taking care of many residents – not just me. I began to understand the property management staff were completely aware of the importance of the repairs and do get the job done despite my complaints. I know that many landlords would have simply chosen to retaliate, but I know and believe Conard House truly cares about its residents. They aren't perfect, I'm not perfect but no one is and based on my own experience living there, I know they made a genuine effort to keep my home clean and safe, which is not true of all housing providers.

When it comes to housing in San Francisco, I choose to celebrate any sign of progress. I wish you, Conard House, every success with it and I am grateful the Marilyn Inn is now in your care.

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YOU DID IT AND WE THANK YOU!

Angie Tanielian, Director of Development



We want to send a shout-out to you, our donors and friends! Because of you, the Conard House End-of-Year Campaign was a HUGE success. We not only met our \$20K matching goal – we **SURPASSED** it!

Your gifts support our mission and significantly impact our work. It is because of you and the Conard Community that we can continue to provide direct support services to our 1,475 residents and clients. Your belief in our mission motivates us to work even harder and reach greater heights in achieving our goals.

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and commitment to Conard House and human rights. Together, we are making San Francisco a better place for all.



Donate to one or both of our campaigns to sustain and expand the new innovative Conard House Pet & Food Kiosk Programs!








WE LAUNCHED OUR PET PILOT PROGRAM TO OFFER FREE VETERINARY CARE, PET BEHAVIOR TRAINING AND PET SUPPLIES TO OUR RESIDENTS WITH COMPANION ANIMALS

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