

Press Release: 13 Top Bay Area Homelessness Nonprofits Identified by 83 Experts

People who are homeless are not social inadequates. They are people without homes. -Sheila McKechnie

Approximately 1% of U.S. population (3.5 million people) experience homelessness over the course of a year. In the Bay area, there are approximately 35,000 homeless people; In San Francisco, estimates put the number between 7,000-15,000, which is the highest per capita rate of homelessness in any major American city.

In 2009, donors gave about \$27 billion to human service nonprofits which represents 9% of all giving in the US (out of \$300 billion total). (From Giving USA 2010 report.)

Because of the large homeless population in the Bay Area, we decided to conduct research to find out which nonprofits were most effective in working with and helping this group of people. We ran this research in 2009 and **surveyed 83 Bay Area homelessness experts** (with an average of 14 years of work experience in the field) to identify those organizations that were making the biggest impact in the field.

These experts (funders, researchers, nonprofit senior staff, government officials, etc.) **identified 13 top homelessness nonprofits (out of 89 total reviewed nonprofits)** working in the San Francisco Bay Area. These organizations include homeless shelters, housing providers, advocacy groups, former-foster youth service providers, family support service providers, and food providers.

The following is the list of the top-recommended high-impact nonprofits working on homelessness in the Bay Area. “Agree” is the number of experts who agree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in this field. “Disagree” is the number of experts who disagree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in this field.

13 Top High-Impact Nonprofits	# of Experts who Agree	# of Experts who Disagree	Year Founded	Location
Larkin Street Services	42	0	1984	San Francisco, CA
St. Anthony Foundation	32	1	1950	San Francisco, CA
Episcopal Community Services of San Francisco	28	0	1989	San Francisco, CA
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation	28	1	1981	San Francisco, CA
Community Housing Partnership	26	0	1990	San Francisco, CA
First Place for Youth	25	1	1998	San Francisco, CA
Homeless Prenatal Program	24	0	1989	San Francisco, CA

Glide	25	5	1929	San Francisco, CA
Shelter Network of San Mateo County	21	1	1987	Burlingame, CA
The Hamilton Family Center	21	1	1985	San Francisco, CA
Abode Services (formerly Tri-City Homeless Coalition)	20	0	1989	Fremont, CA
Central City Hospitality House	15	2	1967	San Francisco, CA
Coalition on Homelessness	14	4	1987	San Francisco, CA

We invite you to visit the profiles of each of these top organizations on our website to read the expert reviews here: <http://www.myphilanthropedia.org/top-nonprofits/bay-area/homelessness>. Experts commented on the impact each nonprofit has had, what the nonprofit's other organizational strengths are, and how each organization could further improve.

We also invite your feedback. Please tell us what you think and what experiences you've had with these great organizations! We can be reached at feedback@myphilanthropedia.org.

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