



IMPACT REPORT 2020

SAN JOSE
CONSERVATION
CORPS+CHARTER
SCHOOL



OUR VISION

SJCC+CS envisions a community where all young adults are able to fulfill their potential and achieve personal and professional success.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Grew to meet the moment for our community, serving 351 students and 366 corpsmembers.
- ✓ Partnered with Midpen Regional Open Space District to clear invasive species from Purisima Creek Redwoods and Miramontes Ridge.
- ✓ Built an entire community of prefabricated family shelters in a week with Pallet Shelter.
- ✓ Expanded our zero waste services to include mattress recycling and composting.
- ✓ Trained over 100 corpsmembers in Professional Development Competencies to set them up for success in their careers.
- ✓ Ensured the health and safety of our corpsmembers and staff throughout the pandemic by adopting COVID-19 safety protocols which prevented any community spread of the virus.

OUR COMMUNITY



221

corpsmembers responded to the coronavirus pandemic



93,139

hours spent boxing food and operating shelters



40

regional parks maintained



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



132

high school graduates



\$297,981

earned by 127 members in AmeriCorps Education awards



3,669

hours of professional training for corpsmembers



655

nights spent in tiny home transitional housing

OUR ENVIRONMENT



2,259,473 lbs.

of waste diverted from landfills



102

natural resource management projects completed



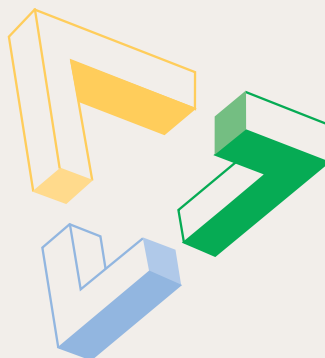
OUR MODEL

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

- + Accredited high school diploma
- + Opportunity to earn AmeriCorps Education Awards
- + Corps-to-College services

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- + Wraparound support services
- + Transitional housing in tiny homes on wheels
- + Interpersonal and leadership training



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- + Paid workforce development program
- + Technical training and certification opportunities
- + Corps-to-Career services

CHARTER SCHOOL

DISTANCE LEARNING DIDN'T STOP OUR STUDENTS

Our Charter School prides itself on providing personalized support to its students so when distance learning sent everyone home for the year, the school had to find new ways to connect. Despite the challenges, for some students like Maria Rayos, distance learning provided the flexibility they needed to graduate.

Maria first enrolled in the Charter School in 2016 but personal challenges kept impeding her progress. When COVID hit she decided to re-enroll and was determined that this would be her last time. Her two kids were also taking classes online so being home allowed her to help them and complete her work at the same time. **After earning the 40 credits she needed, Maria graduated in March 2021 and plans to continue her studies to become a paramedic.**

Maria credits the school's warm and caring environment for finally getting her high school diploma. She says that despite leaving the school a few times they always welcomed her back and never gave up on her. **That unwavering support helped her believe in herself again and get one step closer to "being someone someday."** Congratulations to Maria and the other 131 students who graduated despite the challenges of the pandemic and distance learning!



MEETING THE MOMENT

RAPID MOBILIZATION TO ANSWER THE CALL

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, when businesses closed and everyone retreated to their homes, SJCC+CS realized that the essential services they provide were needed more than ever. Instead of shutting down, SJCC+CS launched emergency operations programs to fulfill unmet community needs.

In response to the skyrocketing rates of housing and food insecurity caused by the economic and health crisis, the City of San Jose contracted SJCC+CS to fill the expanding workforce needs of Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley while the County of Santa Clara charged the Corps with helping LifeMoves and HomeFirst operate newly opened emergency shelters.

Since the spring of 2020, SJCC+CS corpsmembers and staff have boxed enough food to feed 500,000 people per month and have provided 24/7 staffing support for up to 10 shelters. Corpsmembers have also benefited from getting experience in warehouse operations and social services in addition to the professional training and personal development opportunities the Corps regularly provides. This experience launched the careers of many corpsmembers who impressed our partners at work and were hired!

Working as frontline heroes during the pandemic has been challenging, but our corpsmembers and staff have also felt the reward of being there for their community in its time of need. Second Harvest of Silicon Valley CEO Leslie Bacho states, **"The members of the San Jose Conservation Corps stepped in at a critical time to fill [our workforce] void and have helped ensure that nutritious food gets to the people who need it most.** It's really inspiring to see these amazing young people get involved in their community and make a real difference in the lives of so many people."

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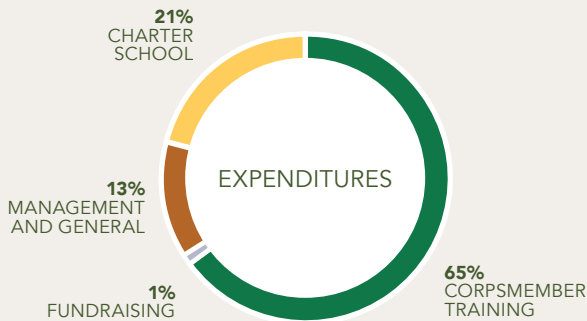
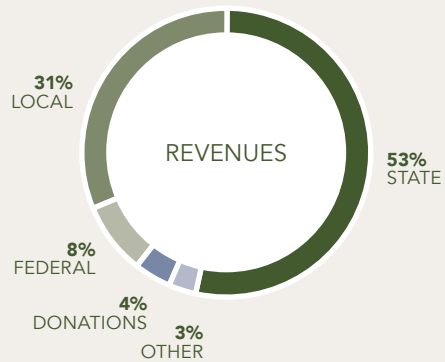
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2019/20

TOTAL BUDGET
\$9,621,608



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