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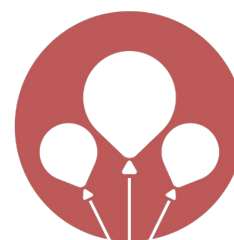
Join us in celebrating ECS' 15th Annual CHEFS Gala, a food-centric event featuring tastings and cocktails from 20+ of the Bay Area's best restaurants. Participate in live and silent auctions to raise awareness and funds to provide paths from homelessness through housing, shelter, services, and job training.

ECS made change possible for more than 7,200 people in 2018, with permanent supportive housing, crisis shelter, services, vocational training, and pathways from homelessness.

CHEFS Gala highlights ECS' impact in the community, including our marquee program, CHEFS (Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Services).

We'd be honored and delighted if you could attend! Early bird tickets are on sale now through March 8. Visit www.chefsgalasf.org to purchase tickets and learn more.

Gala Spotlight



Grant Spotlight



Bank of America Gives ECS Prestigious "Neighborhood Builders Award"

In recognition of ECS' innovative and high-impact services for San Francisco's vulnerable communities, Bank of America awarded ECS its prestigious Neighborhood Builders award on January 30, 2019. The award includes an unrestricted grant of \$200,000 over two years plus exclusive participation in the Bank's stellar leadership program.

The award recognizes ECS' significant strides toward greater innovation in addressing the multiple complexities inherent in efforts to end homelessness in San Francisco, and it will support our continued drive for solutions in opening new pathways to housing and wraparound services to help the most vulnerable among us to stay housed and improve their quality of life.

The video below was unveiled at the Bank of America awards breakfast and can be viewed at <https://ecs-sf.org/>.



Teaming Up With Mayor Breed, Google.Org & Caltrans on New Navigation Center

Press Conference Spotlight



On January 9, the Bryant Navigation Center officially opened in a grand ceremony hosted by ECS Board Chair David Cooke, with San Francisco Mayor London Breed, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Google.org, Caltrans District 4 and San Francisco's Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing. **The Navigation Center offers 84 beds for those with lived experience of homelessness and contains a dorm specifically for women, who make up 33% of the homeless population in San Francisco.** ECS's programs and services at the Bryant Navigation Center include onsite medical care; harm reduction therapeutic services; and intensive case management connecting individuals to public benefits, interim housing and assessments for placement into supportive housing. Access to ECS's workforce development and healthy aging programs will also help put individuals with lived experience of homelessness on a pathway to housing.

Thank you to ECS Board Chair, David Cooke for emceeding the event.



Cal Trans District 4 Dir. Tony Tavares; M Public Works Dir. Mohammad Nuru; Google CPP, Rebecca Prozan; HSH's Jeff Kositsky, Assemblymember Phil Ting; Mayor London Breed, Sup. Matt Haney, ECS Board Chair, David Cooke, ECS Director of Programs Kathy Treggiari

Program Spotlight



Mayor Breed Awards ECS Certificate of Honor

On January 7, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board co-chair Ralph Payton presented Episcopal Community Services staff members with a Certificate of Honor from Mayor London Breed, **recognizing their work to open the City's first Navigation Center.**

Mayor Breed recognized and honored ECS for its instrumental work in helping to launch the city's first Navigation Center in the Mission. Mayor Breed's Certificate of Honor read in part, "Your tireless efforts to assist San Franciscans obtain housing, jobs, and shelter is truly commendable. By providing residents at the navigation center with a safe space, essential resources, and housing opportunities, you have helped nearly 1,500 people exit homelessness."



John Ouertani, Emily Nakamura, Ralph Payton, Kathy Treggiari, Emily Cohen, Missy Mason, John Warner

In The Kitchen With Wimbly

ECS Kitchen Coordinator, Wimbly Thompson, is the welcoming and smiling face greeting guests of the Sanctuary Shelter each morning. Wimbly started at ECS in 2010 as a Kitchen Cook and was promoted this past summer to Kitchen Coordinator after his efforts and demeanor were recognized by ECS management.

Wimbly states the best part of his job is, "I set the pace for a clients day. I am the first staff member they see, and I have food!" He notes the most rewarding part comes when he walks down the street and folks recognize him and tell him how much they like his cooking or that they are no longer homeless and look forward to volunteering in his kitchen soon. "They make you feel appreciated."



Wimbly Thompson

Staff Spotlight

