Grand Opening for 1036 Mission Street
Date TBD

TNDC’s Birthday Dinner
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Hilton, Union Square

TNDC’s Pool Toss
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Phoenix Hotel

We have had such a productive 2018, and it’s all because of your incredible support! You have helped us keep up with San Francisco’s growing needs in three big ways:

Homes—You opened the door for 650 people with low incomes. And are helping us build 1,393 more homes by 2023!

Health—You increased the amount of healthy foods offered in the Tenderloin and expanded our food demonstrations to our Tenderloin After-School Program and our Tenderloin People’s Garden!

Voice—You helped register over seventy TNDC residents to vote. Together, we passed Props 1, 2, and C increasing funds for affordable housing!

As we step into 2019, we thank you for helping us build a world we can all be proud of.

With gratitude,

Donald S. Falk, CEO

Jennifer and Adora are Grateful for Their New Life

Not too long ago the holidays were a time of incredible stress for Jennifer. As a single mother without a home, her days were spent asking questions like, Where are we going to sleep tonight? Which shelter has an opening for us? Where can I lock up my daughter’s stroller? Thanks to your generosity, these scary questions were replaced with hope.

Now, Jennifer looks around her apartment at Franciscan Towers instead of a shared room at a shelter. She sees her daughter Adora’s toys scattered on their floor instead of in storage for safekeeping.

"It’s everything I wanted. Everything that I ever wanted was to be able to support [Adora] and take care of her and help her with school," said Jennifer, "and I’m doing it."
680 More San Franciscans Have a Place to Call Home

Because of your support, 680 people found a new beginning this year.

With the completion of 1036 Mission Street and 626 Mission Bay Boulevard a few months ago, 226 brand new homes opened for families living below the poverty line.

Out of those 226 homes, 67 were dedicated to families who experienced homelessness.

Thanks to you, many families moved into their first stable home in years!

When helping residents sign their lease, KC Cavnas, General Manager at 1036 Mission, was moved by everyone’s story. Almost every resident of 1036 Mission had a personal history of living on San Francisco’s streets or in shelters.

One resident was in tears of appreciation because she had spent the previous night sleeping on BART with nowhere else to go.

Now, she has a home, because of your generosity.

After receiving her keys, she spent the first few days just sleeping. For the first time in months, she had a safe place to sleep and no longer needed to stay awake at night for protection.

KC reflected on another family’s experience. A resident of the Tenderloin, Michelle*, was moved by everyone’s firsthand. Michelle’s health once worsened when helping residents sign their lease, she had a safe place to sleep and no longer needed to stay awake at night for protection.

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Now she uses her improved health to give back and learn from the community.

She recently participated in a cooking demonstration at our Tenderloin People’s Garden, where Tenderloin residents and staff made tacos and salad with nopales, a cactus native to Mexico.

Food and Nutrition Supervisor, Rebbeca Barajas, chose nopales in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month and for the cactus’ health benefits, such as lowering blood sugar, affordable price, availability in the Tenderloin, and of course, its delicious taste.

Michelle found the recipes valuable and relevant because the Tenderloin has a higher rate of diabetes than other neighborhoods in San Francisco.

Thank you for planting the seeds for a healthier Tenderloin. We are excited to continue expanding our Health & Wellness work in 2019!

*Name has been changed to honor the resident’s anonymity.

Transforming Community Health with Healthy Food

Much like preparing a successful holiday meal, building a healthy community requires the right mix of ingredients.

Your support has been a key ingredient for building community health!

With your help, this year we expanded our Health & Wellness work to make the largest impact inside and outside our buildings.

By combining staff knowledge and advocacy, our community gardens, local corner stores, and resident expertise, many Tenderloin residents have been able to transform their health.

A resident of the Tenderloin, Michelle* has experienced this transformation firsthand. Michelle’s health once prevented her from walking long distances and finding grocery stores with healthy food.

Because of your support, her local corner store, a member of our Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, now has healthy options.

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Through Zillow Groups’ The Home Project, their team has touched staff and residents throughout our organization.

From helping the 240 kids who attend our after-school program with donations to our Pool Toss, to serving food at our holiday dinners, to prepping O’Farrell Towers’ future garden, their team has become a valuable part of the TNDC family.

Through our partnership, their team has also seen another side of their industry. Her co-workers have already noted how much they’ve learned about affordable housing, what it takes, and how powerful a home can be, especially when you have limited means.

We are so thankful Zillow Group has chosen us as a partner. We look forward to working together more in the New Year!