
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Committee at this time on any matter not already listed on the Agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Committee cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. Capital Campaign Project Award (Staff Report 24-058) *Action requested: The Board of Directors awards a capable firm for the Capital Campaign Project.*

Following the review of additional materials, District staff are requesting the Board to award of the Capital Campaign Project Award, which is aimed at raising funds for the upcoming Aquatic Center.

3.2. Lakeside Pavilion HVAC Project Award (Staff Report 24-059) *Action requested: The Board of Directors awards the Lakeside Pavilion HVAC repair.*

3.3. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Staff Report 24-060 and Resolution 24-015) *Action requested: The Board of Directors approve the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

Recognizing the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the District, District staff have participated in creating the Countywide Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- 3.4. Authorizing A Change In Check Register, Ach Transfers, And Check Signers (Resolution 24-016) *Action requested: The Board of Directors approves Resolution 24-016, adding an authorized signer to the District.*

4. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Opportunity for the Board to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Opportunity for District Staff to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 13, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Annabel Grimm
SUBJECT: Capital Campaign Project Award

BACKGROUND

At the December 2023 meeting the results of the Feasibility Study for a Capital Campaign for the Aquatic Recreation Facility conducted by Baker Street Consulting were presented to the Board. The direction to staff was to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an organization to implement a Capital Campaign.

At the July Board meeting, the Board reviewed the draft proposal and approved its release. Six proposals were submitted, and an RFP Committee reviewed and scored each proposal.

Two proposals were shortlisted, and interviews were conducted with Creative Fundraising Advisors and Baker Street Consulting Group.

At the September Finance Committee meeting, sample materials for each firm were requested for review. Those samples are attached.

RECCOMENDATION

The Board review the attached proposals and work samples, and select a firm to conduct the District's capital campaign for the aquatic facility.



Vision Statement

Our Purpose

The Big Snow Sports Foundation is a Michigan 501(c)(3) that was launched with the goal of reinvigorating the area through their support of projects that enhance healthy lifestyles, athletics, arts, and education to strengthen families and communities in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. The Foundation is also the fundraising and support organization for Big Snow Resort, envisioned as a premier community-driven destination providing access to outstanding year-round outdoor recreation, sport, and educational opportunities and experiences for people of all ages and skill levels.

Our Vision for Big Snow Resort

Officially incorporated as a nonprofit institution in 2021, the Big Snow Sports Foundation (BSSF) has recently acquired Indianhead and Blackjack mountains to create Big Snow Resort. Located in beautiful Gogebic County, Michigan, the Foundation has embarked upon an initiative to develop Big Snow Resort as an accessible, inclusive, affordable, community-driven outdoor recreation hub that promotes healthy lifestyles and a healthy economy in the heart of the Upper Peninsula.

Our vision is to provide year-round recreation opportunities and experiences accessible to everyone with the goal of improving health and wellness, instilling strong values, developing life skills, and fostering connection with nature. Built on a highly inclusive model, Big Snow Resort will provide affordable equipment rentals, youth and family programs, lessons, clinics, specialized skill development, educational opportunities, and more for people of all abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. At the same time, the resort will contribute to the area's economic revitalization by saving a community recreation asset, increasing employment, improving quality of life, and bringing valuable tourist dollars to the region – all essential for a healthy, thriving community.

With 15 chairlifts, 410 skiable acres, 126 km of cross-country ski trails, and 1,070 acres of recreation land, Big Snow Resort is full of unparalleled natural beauty and opportunity. As the vital center of activity for the area, the facilities will attract youth, outdoor enthusiasts, coaches, and competitive athletes from a region with a population of over 60 million.

Winter programs will include activities such as skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing and the summer will offer camping, sailing, hiking, running, and mountain bike trails, festivals, specialized family and youth camps, and performing arts or other enjoyable events.

What Our Plans Will Achieve

Phase I: 2021 - \$5 million goal

- Acquisition of Indianhead and Blackjack Mountain Resorts
- Updates to rental shop equipment, uniforms, communications, and signage
- General facility improvements / upgrades for safety and efficiency
- Program development
- Staffing, training, and administrative development

Phase II: 2022 - \$2 million goal

- Replacement of Ski Operating Facilities
- New quad lift at Indianhead to replace outdated lift
- Updates and maintenance of snowcats and snowmobiles
- Efficient LED lights for night skiing and other activities
- Program and activity development
- Staffing and training

Phase III: 2023 - \$2 million goal

- Snow operations equipment
- Snowmaking equipment upgrades
- Interconnect lift

Why now?

The COVID pandemic has reminded us of the importance connecting with nature, and that investment in outdoor infrastructure is more important than ever. It's no secret that our increases in screen time have resulted in decreases of meaningful opportunities for connection to and interaction with other people and with nature. Additionally, raised awareness of the effects of global climate change has placed even greater urgency on ensuring that we are taking care of our outdoor sanctuaries. There has been reignited interest in outdoor recreational activity and connecting with our physical world, and it is anticipated that this elevated excitement and usage will continue well into the future.

Big Snow Resort looks to play a vital role facilitating meaningful and enriching experiences that will enhance the physical, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing gained from quality outdoor activities here in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. Perhaps Big Snow Resort can even be a model for other similar communities around the country to emulate.

- Create opportunities for connection, learning, and growth
- Provide much needed year-round recreational amenities to the area
- Promote healthy activities that can lead to lifelong recreational hobbies and a healthy lifestyle
- Serve as a catalyst for new economic development for the region
- Offer opportunities for collaboration with schools, community, family, youth, and adult organizations to use this resource as a unique educational classroom.
- Open up outdoor recreation access and experiences to people of all ages, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds



Vision Statement

City of Evansville: Revitalization and Upgrades to West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park

Since its founding in 1839, the City of Evansville, Wisconsin has maintained its small-town charm and friendly atmosphere. And, while we honor the past, as one of the fastest growing communities in Wisconsin, we are ever moving forward.

Quality of Life

Voted “Best City for Young Families in Wisconsin,” Evansville is conveniently located between Madison and Janesville in the northeast corner of Rock County. With an estimated rate of more than 75% of residents commuting to jobs outside the City, Evansville is home to a large number of families who find value in our quality schools, beautiful parks, and Historic Downtown.

As a Discover Wisconsin Choice Destination, Evansville offers residents small-town charm with family-oriented activities for all ages throughout the year. With a population just over 5,500, Evansville cherishes its strong sense of a closely-knit community.

The Current Situation

Park land and open space serve many important functions in a community. To ensure that Evansville continues its tradition of providing quality services and amenities to our residents, neighbors, and visitors, the City has plans to make facility improvements at two local parks: West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park.

The City’s plans are based upon the November 3, 2020 referendum proposing a new aquatic center and splashpad, removal of the existing aquatic center, and completion of West Side Park, all of which would incur an approved tax increase.

With the majority of the vote in favor of these park improvements and West Side Park selected as the location for the new aquatic center, the City is moving forward with its plans.

The City’s Vision: Revitalization and Upgrades to West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park

In September 2020, the Evansville Common Council adopted the “Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan for the City of Evansville (2020-2025).” This plan, which can be found on the City’s website, was developed to ensure that the current and future needs and demands for parks and recreational facilities are met.

The recommendations detailed in that plan are based on extensive public input received during its development. The strongest feedback gained from the community was in support of an expanded aquatic center/pool and for high-quality active and passive recreational opportunities.

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As a result of that process, the City's current plans for upgrades at West Side Park include interconnected pedestrian walkways and paths, a new aquatic center, a new basketball court, updates to existing soccer fields, and new baseball and softball fields, as well as a community garden space. Additional upgrades will also be made to parking, landscaping, and the playground area.

At Leonard-Leota Park, the current aquatic center will be removed, and a new splash pad and site restoration will be built in its place.

Can't the Current Pool Be Salvaged?

The City has done all it can to extend the life of the existing pool at Lake Leota, but it has developed extensive leaks, and more problems and expensive repairs are anticipated. The usual life of an outdoor pool in the Midwest is between 30-40 years -- Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center, built in 1958, is nearly 65 years old.

A Conditions Report & Pool Study conducted in 2017 summarized that the current pool and bathhouse are antiquated, do not meet current codes, and have many systems that must be repaired and replaced. Inspections conducted in 2021 determined that the pool is not salvageable and the buildings, filtration system, and other critical components all need to be replaced. It has served the community well, but, unfortunately, it has simply reached the point where it is beyond repair.

Project Funding and a Capital Campaign

The total cost to fund the City's current plans for Revitalization and Upgrades to West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park is estimated at \$10.9 million. Although, as a result of the Covid pandemic's effect on supply chains and rising construction costs, this number may possibly increase.

Of that total, \$9.4 million will come from taxpayer funds as a result of the approved referendum. The remaining \$1.5 million needed will come from private donations raised through a capital campaign.

The project will be designed and constructed within a 24-month period with a goal of keeping the existing facilities at both parks as operational as possible during this development period.



A New Chapter for the D.R. Moon Memorial Library!

The D.R. Moon Memorial Public Library has been an integral part of the community since 1901, when it was established through a generous donation from Sally Moon in memory of her husband, Delos R. Moon. For the past 120 years, the library has served thousands of patrons each year through its resources, programs, and services.

The Need

While the library has a rich history, the current building presents significant challenges. The building, though beautiful and well-made, was not designed with the current needs of the library and community in mind.

It is not energy-efficient and requires urgent restoration, including replacing windows, improving insulation, and upgrading electrical systems to meet new codes. The building also contains hazardous substances, including asbestos and lead paint, which are safe when left undisturbed, but need to be addressed during the renovation process to ensure the safety of staff and the public.

One of the critical issues with the current library building is its lack of accessibility. The first floor is not wheelchair accessible, and the building does not meet ADA standards. Additionally, limited accessible shelving and spacing between shelving units fail to meet minimum ADA requirements and makes it difficult for all patrons to access library materials.

Finally, the building lacks sufficient space for the community, staff, and programming. Furthermore, our collection has limited space and the library lacks designated comfortable seating and reading spaces, private meeting rooms or study spaces, and designated program and quiet spaces. Our community has agreed that we need a more accessible and updated space to continue to meet our area's learning and resource needs for the next 100 years.

Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future

Plans for the library are two projects rolled into one: restoration of the current, 120+ year old space, and construction of an addition to expand library space. Our building, on the National Register of Historic Places, is an important part of the Stanley community's history and identity and will be celebrated in the renovation. However, we must adapt and evolve to provide the facilities and programs essential to a 21st century library to better serve the community and create a safe, accessible, and comfortable environment for everyone.

A modernized and expanded library will enhance our ability to serve as a community crossroads, a gathering place, a commons – enriching the cultural, intellectual, and economic life of Stanley and the area through connection, interaction, and active learning. It will bring together the best of physical and digital resources to create an inviting, comfortable learning hub that supports technology, hands-on activities, small and large-group learning, collaboration, and individual study.

Our Vision for a 21st Century Library

The revitalized and expanded D.R. Moon Library will be thoughtfully arranged. Where things are, and how to find them, will be readily apparent and accessible to everyone. The renewed library will have a robust collection of books, printed materials, and videos, as well as expanded digital resources to meet the evolving demands of an increasingly tech-savvy population.

The revitalized library will be welcoming, well-designed, well-lit, and will offer new services and modern conveniences. It will be a place that inspires and empowers individuals of all ages and backgrounds to connect, explore, and grow. As a resource that supports lifelong learning and community engagement, the updated library will be a catalyst for intellectual curiosity, social interaction, and cultural enrichment, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in our community.

In summary, the renewed D.R. Moon Library will be an attractive, inviting, and engaging space where residents are eager to gather, learn, and find inspiration.

Features of the Expanded, Revitalized D.R. Moon Library

- Conveniently located on the west side of the current building, the expansion will provide much needed improvements and amenities.
- The best of traditional library strengths and services combined with innovative 21st century technology.
- Design that celebrates historic features of the current building.
- A welcoming entrance, more collaborative space, increased comfortable seating, and easier browsing.
- Multi-use spaces with moveable tables, bookshelves, and comfortable seating.
- Intentionally designed to be warm, welcoming, open, and vibrant spaces full of natural light.
- A one-of-a-kind community room for the Stanley/Boyd and surrounding communities with flexible availability capable of hosting large organizational events, training, classes, and programs.

The Benefits

- Improved efficiencies in lighting, heating and cooling, electricity, and connectivity.
- A welcoming community gathering place inspiring exploration, creativity, and collaboration.
- Maximized use of the building for large community events, small-group work, and learning.
- More space for library collections with easier access for browsing and discovery.
- Meeting space with built in technology to support dynamic communications.
- A robust wireless and wired network and hardware for those who need access for employment, school, and connecting with friends and family far away.
- An expanded space that is ADA designed to enable all of our visitors easy, safe access.

The Cost: \$4.5 million

The estimated total cost for planned renovations and capital improvements is \$4.5 million. Thanks to the generosity of Marie and Walter Wartolec, the lot to the west of the library has already been purchased and donated to the library for the purpose of building a 8,416 SF addition, nearly tripling the size of the current library.

Currently, the library is working with River Architects to continue to refine estimated costs for the addition and renovations.

The library has very supportive patrons and an interested community who have already said they would support the campaign and we hope to work with the City of Stanley to apply for the Community Building Block Grant, which may result in significant funding.

Thank you!



For LIFE. For LOVE. For
as long as it takes...



A Message from Honorary Chair
Jamie Lee Curtis

I was born and raised in this city of angels, Los Angeles. It's been my privilege as a public figure to connect the dots of need and advocacy between human beings and the institutions who support them.

I am particularly moved by the loving, transformational start Marianne Williamson gave Project Angel Food back in the early days of the AIDS crisis, when the world looked so bleak and hopeless. Since then, the work of Project Angel Food has only increased, expanded, shape-shifted, and changed with the times and with the pandemic.

“Civilization flourishes when great men and women plant trees in whose shade they will never sit.” That proverb was certainly true with early donors and visionaries of Project Angel Food, and it has flourished, but it has also outgrown its current home.

Project Angel Food must expand its food storage, preparation and distribution center on Vine Street in Hollywood. The real estate angels have helped them purchase the building across the street, so we can intertwine the roots of the past 33 years with the roots of the future.

I am committed to helping Project Angel Food meet the current challenge as is the campaign's **Honorary Founding Chair Marianne Williamson** and **Campaign Co-Chairs Jami Morse Heidegger** and **Bill Frew**.

TOGETHER we are asking that you open your hearts, your minds, and hopefully your wallets. Please look at how we are trying to rise with the tide of expansion and support the people and volunteers who will spread MORE LOVE, one meal at a time. Join the continuum of uplifting care and nourishment by helping us meet the challenge.

Thank you,

Spread More Love One Meal At a Time

A Message from Honorary Founding Chair
Marianne Williamson

I am delighted to join my friend and generous Project Angel Food supporter Jamie Lee Curtis in this very important capital campaign.

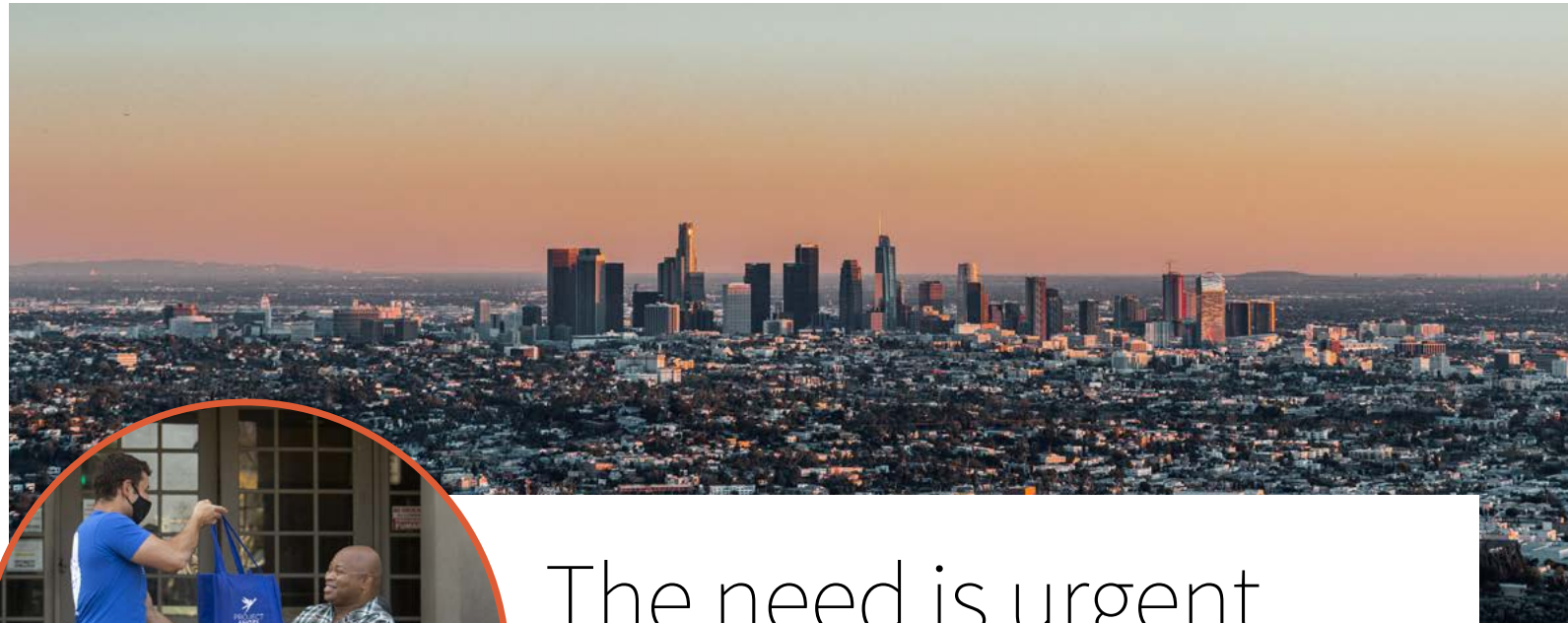
When the organization began, I hoped the day would come when its services would no longer be needed. The fact that 30+ years later the work is still needed—that, in fact, expansion on a major level is required to meet the demand for services—is sobering and sad. But our task is not to analyze the problem, our task is to respond to the human suffering that is in front of us.

With 28,000 people in the Los Angeles area homebound in critical health situations and in need of food, I am so proud that Project Angel Food is there to help them. I know Los Angeles will open its heart—just as it did when the organization was founded—to provide the means for the organization to perform its extraordinary mission.

It has been a great satisfaction to me that generation after generation of executive and Board leadership has held high the original mission: For LIFE. For LOVE. For as long as it takes...

For years, the organization has been such a light in the city of Los Angeles, and with your help its light will grow even brighter. I hope you will join us in doing everything you can to help the organization take this powerful next step.

With my deepest thanks,



The need is urgent.
The time is now.

According to the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, the county is “home to the largest population of food-insecure people in the nation; **nearly 30% of low-income people in Los Angeles struggle with not knowing where their next meal will come from**”¹ as of 2020. For those with debilitating illness and food insecurity, Project Angel Food is there.

¹Center for Care Innovation, “Food Insecurity: Hidden Hunger in Los Angeles, May 4, 2020.



I came to California after *Dreamgirls*, and I lived in the Fairfax district. Every day I would see people going in and out of this church and one day I walked in and discovered Project Angel Food. They were a band of human angels that came together when hate was all around. It was life-changing for me. The fact that they have now opened the umbrella to include other life-threatening diseases shows you there is forward thinking going on. If they could make it through the eighties and what was thrown at them then, they can make it right here right now.”

— **Sheryl Lee Ralph**
Trustee



From where I stand, it’s always bittersweet that the need is there. You can’t help but think about so many people in need, but the sweet part is that we can service what people need. We just keep showing up.”

— **John Gordon**
Executive Chef

A Message from CEO
Richard Ayoub

We are up for the challenge.



I begin each day walking through our kitchen and dispatch area, talking with our chefs, drivers, meal packers, and volunteers. It has become clear that no matter how hard they work or innovate (and trust me, they do both), if we don't expand our facilities, Project Angel Food will not have the physical capacity to meet the increasing need of LA's critically ill population.

After more than three decades of caring for our most vulnerable neighbors, our work is far from done. The rate of people living in LA County with heart disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, kidney failure, and other life-threatening diseases have escalated to alarming levels over the last decade. The pandemic made things worse by exacerbating isolation and fear.

COVID-19 was no match for our commitment to care for others. Supported by the generosity of donors big and small, Project Angel Food led with love to take on thousands of new clients, preparing and delivering millions of Medically Tailored Meals.

While our production has expanded exponentially to serve our clients, our building—and particularly our kitchen—has not. We must rise to the challenge by building a new campus.

Unlike the COVID-19 onset, the mounting need before us today is predictable. And to care best for our community, we need to act now and act swiftly.

Join us as we launch the Rise to the Challenge Campaign to expand Project Angel Food. Our charge is to nourish and give hope and kindness to those in poverty with serious illness, whatever it takes. With your partnership, we will make a lasting impact on the physical and mental health of LA County.



Thank you to our honorary chairs, Jamie Lee Curtis and Marianne Williamson, and our co-chairs Jami Morse Heidegger and Bill Frew for leading this campaign.

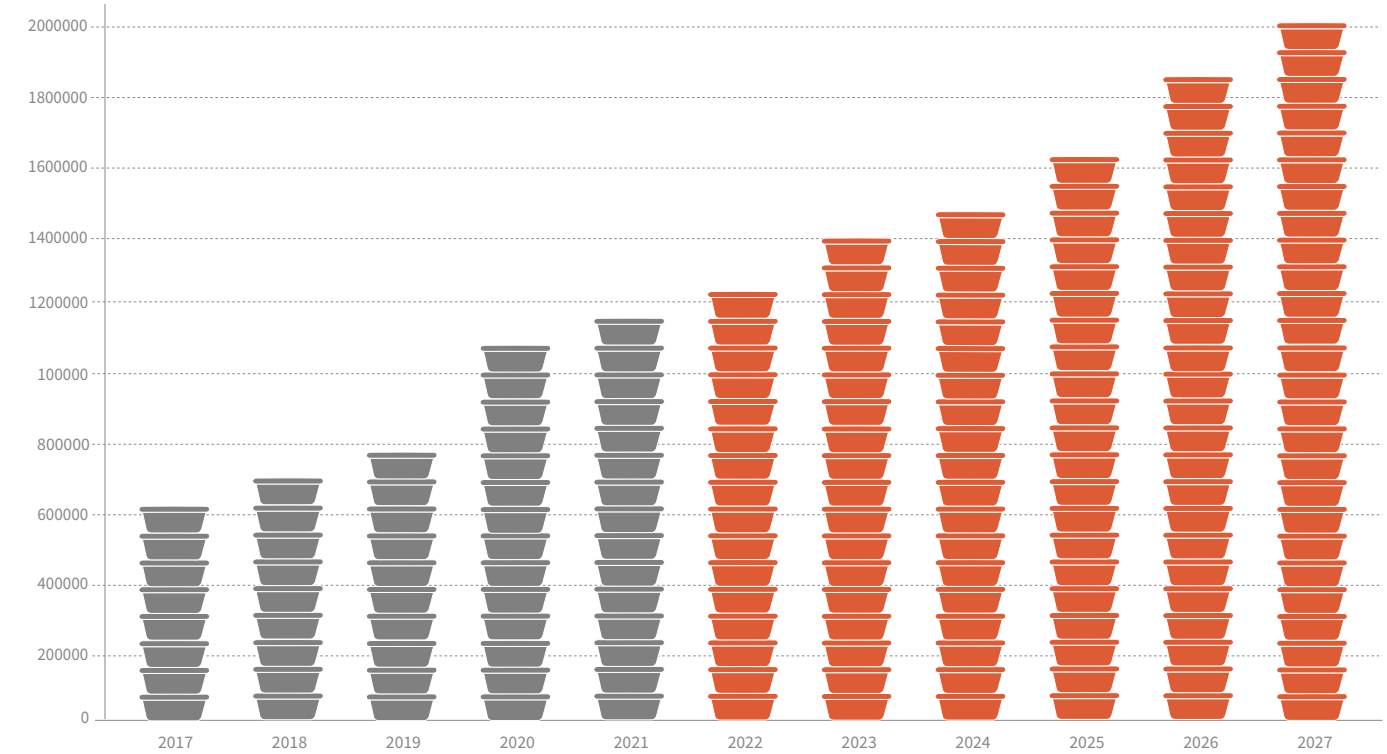


We are ready to rise to the challenge and we ask you to join us. Thank you for your continued support!



Meals Served Annually
Projections to 2027

2 million meals served in 2027



To respond to the extraordinary needs of the COVID-19 pandemic, **Project Angel Food grew its services by 40% in 2020 alone** and continues to take new clients daily.



Rise to the
Challenge

1. Doubling our Space Triples the Meals

To keep up with the needs of the growing number of chronically ill and aging people in Los Angeles, we must prepare and deliver three times as many Medically Tailored Meals in the next ten years. This will require doubling our kitchen size, storage capacity and distribution facility. A new campus and kitchen will also increase sustainability, operational efficiencies and production flow to maximize resources.



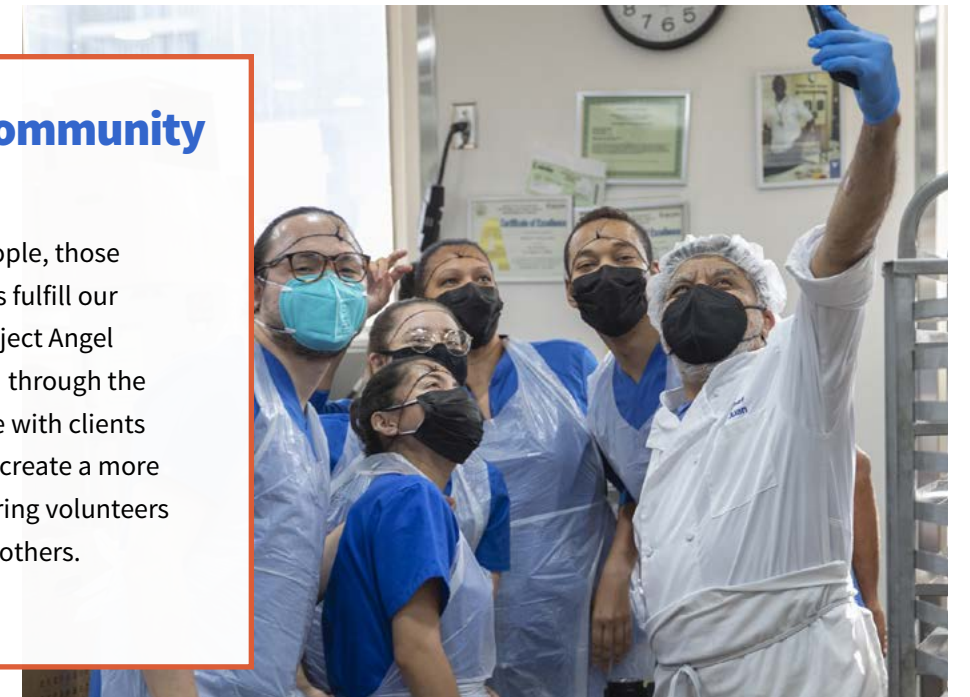
2. Enhancing Client and Nutrition Services

Ongoing check-ins between our clients and staff nutritionists go further than determining meal eligibility and menu choices. Proper nutrition changes client eating habits, improves quality of life, and lessens the burden of medical care costs on our community. We must create proper workspaces, conference areas, and a demonstration kitchen where our nutrition counselors can teach clients and collaborate with other experts.



4. Broadening our Community of Volunteers

At the heart of our work are people, those we serve and those who help us fulfill our mission. Volunteers benefit Project Angel Food via personnel savings and through the critical touch points they create with clients to combat loneliness. We must create a more welcoming space where our caring volunteers can invest their time in serving others.



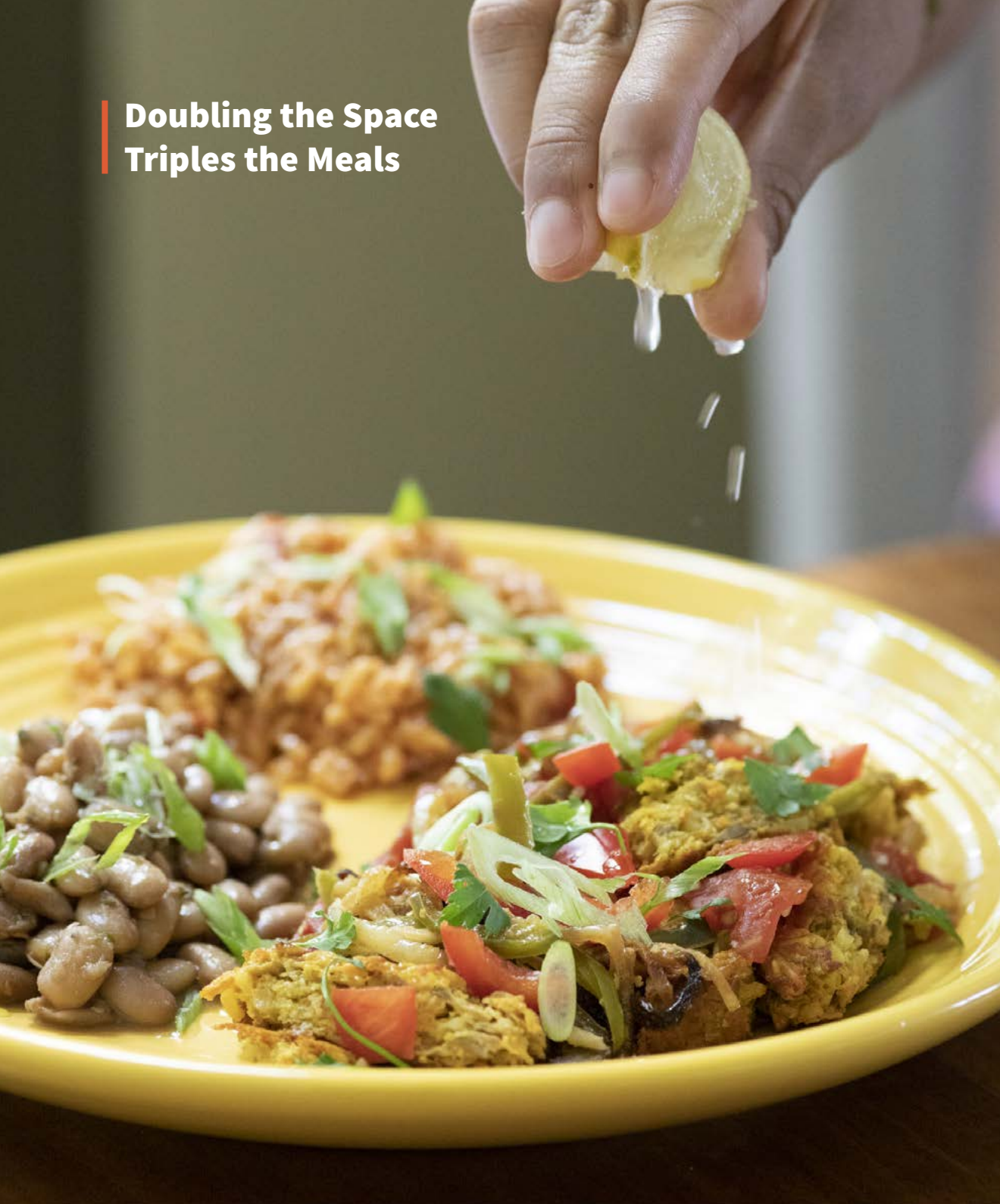
3. Establishing a Research and Policy Institute

Food is Medicine is the philosophy that food and nutrition are critical in sustaining health and preventing disease and is effective as an intervention for medical conditions responsive to diet changes.

A new Research and Policy Institute will enable us to participate more broadly in the growing field of Medically Tailored Meals and nutrition security, to increase health equity and prevent malnutrition and hospitalization for the most vulnerable among us. It is hoped the institute will create breakthroughs which will have global implications for health and the Food is Medicine movement.



**Doubling the Space
Triples the Meals**



Waiting is Not an Option

We live in the largest county in the nation, but more than 30% of our low income neighbors don't know where they will get their next meal.² This is a frightening prospect, particularly for those with debilitating illness. Addressing the problems of illness, nutrition, and food insecurity is the daily work of Project Angel Food. It is who we are.

² Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County, September 2017



Avoiding Homelessness

Over three quarters of our clients say we are their only source of food, and without us they would have to choose between buying food and paying rent. These people face the real possibility of homelessness. In Los Angeles, the chronically ill are becoming homeless in greater and greater numbers. Because Project Angel Food alleviates hunger, we are a lifeline forestalling a host of social ills. We can keep people housed, improve their health, and their lives, by bringing them simple, appropriate nourishment.

In 2019 we delivered **650,000** meals. By 2022, we were delivering **1.1 million**.



The answer is simple. We must expand.

The sickest of the sick—including those recently discharged from the hospital and unable to shop or cook for themselves—are 28,000 of our neighbors who are facing a life-and-death battle daily without support. We are proud to serve 12% of this population, but it's not enough. The surge in pandemic enrollment and the demographic future of LA has forced us to take a hard look at our anticipated growth. **At our present growth, in ten years we will be serving an astounding 36% of this population.** We must increase meal production to avoid tragic delays in service. This is our challenge.

At every level of our operation, we're out of space — from food storage to the kitchen to food packaging to our administrative offices to our parking lot.

**Doubling the Space
Triples the Meals**

Project Angel Food's new campus will be a beacon for the health of our entire community.



Enhancing Client and Nutrition Services

Client Services

Our client services are a critical lifeline for those in need. All Project Angel Food clients confer with one of our multilingual intake coordinators, who work to get meals delivered within days. What's not well known is that our Client Services Department follows the client through their entire stay with us. They serve as a conduit of information from outbound phone calls and reports from drivers and volunteers, monitoring client health and welfare. Interventions happen often including housing assistance, confronting mental illness, and connecting to HIV services. If clients have other needs we turn to our long-standing partnerships with public and private organizations from various industry sectors, including housing, mental health, education, and financial services.



“Food is love.” Our delivery drivers are often the only person with eyes on clients.

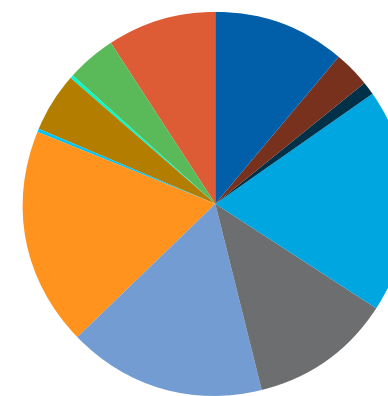


Telephone Angels is a program within Client Services that grew out of pandemic isolation and because 60% of our clients live alone. If our clients are lonely, we offer a friend who will connect with them by phone. Social isolation has proven to be as deadly as heart disease; having no one to talk to can kill you. The Telephone Angels program is a lifeline to healthier living.

Our motto “For LIFE. For LOVE. For as long as it takes...” means our food will be there for clients for as long as they need it.



Project Angel Food Serves People with Numerous Life-threatening Illnesses.



- 11% Cancer
- 3% Cardiovascular Disease
- 1% Chronic Kidney Disease
- 18.5% Congestive Heart Failure
- 12% Diabetes
- 17% End Stage Renal Disease
- 19% HIV/AIDS
- 0.2% Liver Disease
- 5% Lung Disease (COPD)
- 0.3% Muscular-Skeletal Condition
- 4% Neurological (Alzheimer's)
- 9% Other (13)

Enhancing Client and Nutrition Services



Nutrition Services

Proper diet is life-altering. Project Angel Food provides a complete, evidence-based, medical food and nutrition intervention to critically and terminally ill people through our Medically Tailored Meals and our ongoing nutritional counseling.

Our Nutrition Services Department with a staff of highly trained registered dietitians is key to the process of integrating the latest Food is Medicine science into our diet plans, and innovating advances in client wellness through food.

Our scratch-made meals are prepared with fresh vegetables, proteins, and whole grains, without any preservatives or added sugars, complimented by an abundance of fresh fruit. We offer six primary Medically Tailored Meals diets, with two dozen additional customized diet options in order to address specific nutritional needs and food preferences of each client.

Our one-on-one nutrition counseling has been called “life-saving” by our clients, many of whom had no idea that their diet impacted their health. Members of our multilingual Nutrition Services team coach clients on best nutritional choices and portion sizes as well as share recipes. We have seen illnesses and co-morbidities—such as renal disease and congestive heart failure—become more manageable through proper diet which is why the nutrition services we offer our clients is vital to our work.

Expansion of our nutritional counseling services in a new facility would improve the quality of our Medically Tailored Meals and our ability to offer better counseling services to our clients. The additional space will allow us to increase collaboration between dietitians, chefs, and researchers. An added flex-space conference room and new demonstration kitchen would allow us to expand our education to clients with hands-on cooking classes, listening sessions, and ongoing nutrition education. This education would also be open to the public, from senior groups to kindergarten classes, thus enabling us to build a healthier community by offering preventative nutrition education from our new Project Angel Food campus, a vital resource to all.



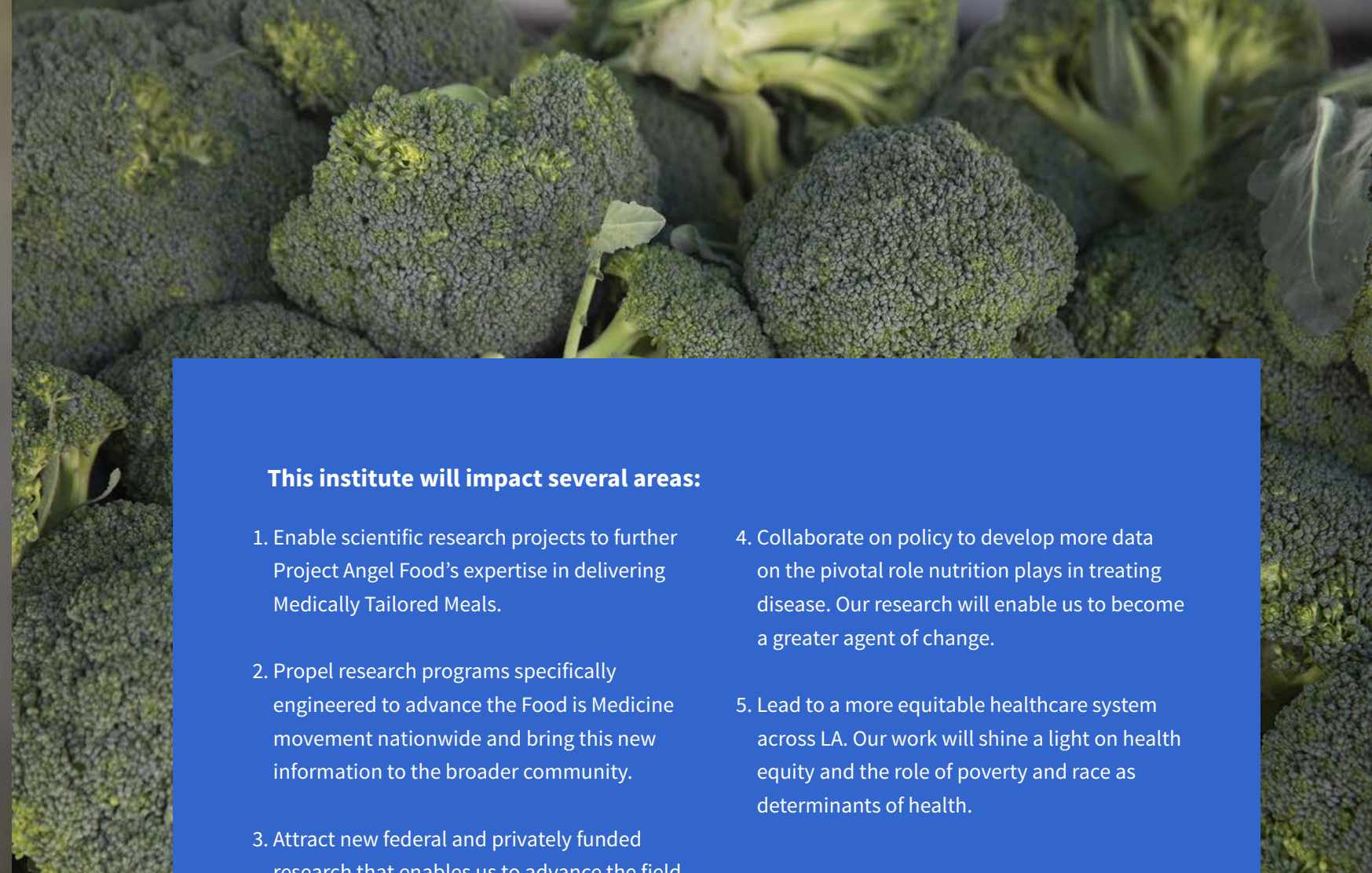
Medically Tailored Meals reduce hospital admissions of critically ill people by 50%. A study published in the *Journal of American Medicine* found that Medically Tailored Meal delivery services eliminate about half of in-patient admissions, 70% of emergency department visits, and lower health costs by approximately 16%.*

Annual client satisfaction surveys reinforce that our meals improve lives:

- 93%** of clients were able to maintain taking their medications
- 96%** reported we helped them maintain a healthy weight
- 97%** of clients reported reduced food insecurity stress
- 98%** of clients feel their health has improved

*Seth A. Berkowitz, MD, MPH, et. al., Association Between Receipt of a Medically Tailored Meal Program and Health Care Use, JAMA, April 22, 2019

Establishing a Research and Policy Institute



At Project Angel Food, we are dedicated to making research a core competency.

Scaling our Best Practices

Our planned facility will enable Project Angel Food to create a Research and Policy Institute where we will explore the impact of nutrition on health for people with serious illnesses. We will expand our research, educate healthcare practitioners and consumers, and share findings and best practices for improved service delivery and healthcare transformation throughout LA and beyond.

This institute will impact several areas:

1. Enable scientific research projects to further Project Angel Food's expertise in delivering Medically Tailored Meals.
2. Propel research programs specifically engineered to advance the Food is Medicine movement nationwide and bring this new information to the broader community.
3. Attract new federal and privately funded research that enables us to advance the field of Medically Tailored Meals while constantly improving our services.
4. Collaborate on policy to develop more data on the pivotal role nutrition plays in treating disease. Our research will enable us to become a greater agent of change.
5. Lead to a more equitable healthcare system across LA. Our work will shine a light on health equity and the role of poverty and race as determinants of health.



Establishing a Research and Policy Institute



Researchers at USC found “marked racial and ethnic disparities in food insecurity during the pandemic. Non-Hispanic White Angelenos had the lowest rates of food insecurity from **April to December 2020 at 21%, compared to 28% of Asians, 39% of African Americans, 40% of Hispanic/Latinos.**”



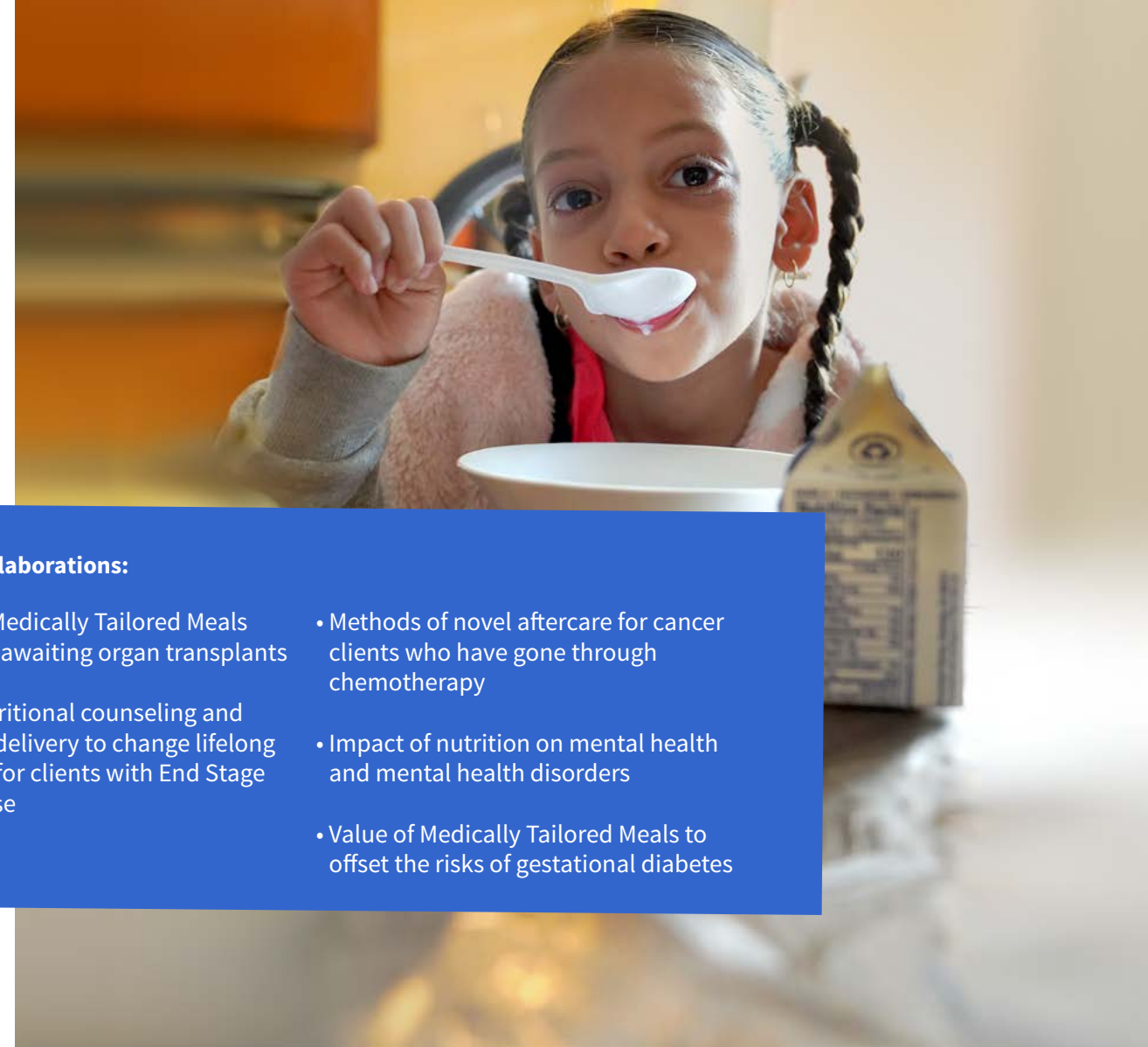
How can I take care of patients if they can't take care of their nutritional needs? Food is medicine. An appropriate diet - what a beautiful thing! And Project Angel Food makes it easy. They deliver it right to the patient, who puts it in the microwave. Boom. I refer people to them all the time.”

— **Ardis A. Moe, MD**
Infectious Disease Specialist
UCLA Health



I sit on the Board of Directors at Indian Health Services and Project Angel Food. As I learned how Project Angel Food's Medically Tailored Meals were improving the health outcomes of people living with diabetes; and witnessed the rising devastation in my Native American community because of diabetes; I realized I was in a unique position to do something about it. I saw the opportunity to integrate Project Angel Food's “Food is Medicine” breakthroughs to help Indigenous people in Los Angeles diagnosed with diabetes. Knowing that I am able to improve and save lives with this groundbreaking research and through my work with Project Angel Food is what matters most, not only today, but for generations to come.”

— **Runningbear Ramirez**
Board Member

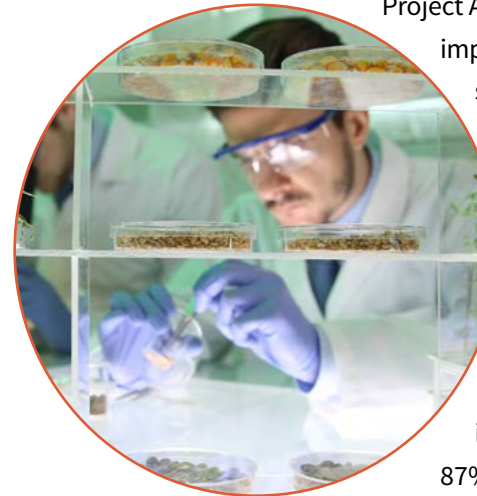


Planned collaborations:

- Benefits of Medically Tailored Meals with people awaiting organ transplants
- Effect of nutritional counseling and home meal delivery to change lifelong food habits for clients with End Stage Renal Disease
- Methods of novel aftercare for cancer clients who have gone through chemotherapy
- Impact of nutrition on mental health and mental health disorders
- Value of Medically Tailored Meals to offset the risks of gestational diabetes

The Power of Medically Tailored Meals

Project Angel Food's mantra was true yesterday and will be true tomorrow. Our meals improve energy, help maintain healthy body weight, reduce viral load, reduce high blood sugar and high cholesterol, and produce better overall health for our clients.



Our research partners help confirm this thesis. In a collaboration with Watts Healthcare, 63% of participants with diabetes who received nutrition from Project Angel Food showed a decline of their blood sugar levels (such a decline has been shown to significantly reduce risk of long-term, major complications from diabetes). In a Congestive Heart Failure pilot with the state of California, preliminary results show that 83% reported maintaining or improving medication adherence, 86% maintained or improved quality of life, and 87% of clients reported maintaining or decreasing hospitalization rates.

Broadening our Community of Volunteers

Mention Project Angel Food to a group of Angelenos, and you'll likely find at least one who knows us because they have volunteered here. Volunteers are the heart of everything we do. More than 25,000 clients have relied on our army of volunteers. Of this we are exceedingly proud. **Volunteers account for half a million dollars in donated services every year. Importantly, these 4,000 volunteers are vital for the city because they personally serve our critically ill population. Our volunteers let our clients know they are not alone.**



“We know our volunteers by name, and care about each one, like our friend Sarisa. Sarisa has spent much of her life volunteering, and she keeps coming back to Project Angel Food because, as she says, “I can see the direct impact my work has in the community.”



Compassion in Action

Volunteers have been the backbone of Project Angel Food from our inception in 1989. These Angelenos decided they could not stand by and watch their friends and neighbors suffer and die alone with AIDS. Day after day, week after week, year after year, they were the light in the darkness, allowing people to keep hope alive in even the direst of circumstances. There are people alive today whose hands our volunteers held when their doctors told them their cases were hopeless. Project Angel Food offers Angelenos a place where hope is possible; it was yesterday and it will be as we expand into the future.



Philanthropists in the Making

While Project Angel Food benefits greatly from the generosity of volunteers and donors big and small, we also provide a place where people who share their time and talents become philanthropists. Volunteerism is our gift to the city: people invest their money where they engage their hearts. Volunteers are twice as likely to donate to a charity than those that don't volunteer according to The Corporation for National & Community Service.

“Volunteer Nancy Owens returned the first day the kitchen reopened to volunteers following the COVID-19 lockdowns. “We have fun standing and scooping for four hours. Chef John puts on good music, and we have great volunteers, and everyone is a team. It gives me a sense of accomplishment.”



Each year thousands of new friends become members of the Project Angel Food family: corporate groups who want to give back, school children who decorate birthday bags, families who chop vegetables together, seniors who enjoy stringing bracelets, Telephone Angels who call clients, and our wonderful fleet of drivers who brighten clients' days.

Broadening our Community of Volunteers



Janet and Eric McCormack have been involved with Project Angel Food since 1998 when they attended the Divine Design fundraising event. Janet volunteered as a driver and served on the Board of Directors while Eric has acted as spokesperson for two decades.

Eric stated, “In the old days, we hoped we wouldn’t have to do this anymore because HIV would be conquered. As the need grew, Project Angel Food provided for others who were nutritionally deprived, sick, or couldn’t get out of the house. So we’ve seen the growth. Now the operation blows me away. They’ve made it clear they are here for people.”

Janet added, “Food brings us together as families, and it’s the simplest thing we can do, but also the hardest because not everyone can afford nutritional food. One meal can make a difference in someone’s life. When you take care of food insecurities, people can work, people can function. They can raise their children. These are important things.”



Project Angel Food has touched our lives. It has been a passion for our family the last 25 years. My daughters have grown up volunteering, from coloring birthday bags, making bracelets, working in the kitchen and now delivering meals. They have been taught about being philanthropic and giving back to your community through Project Angel Food. It is imperative that Project Angel Food continue to expand and grow so multiple generations of volunteers will learn about philanthropy.

This capital campaign will enable us to serve the community and guarantee that we will continue to be there for them in the future.”

— **Robin Fujimoto**
Board Member

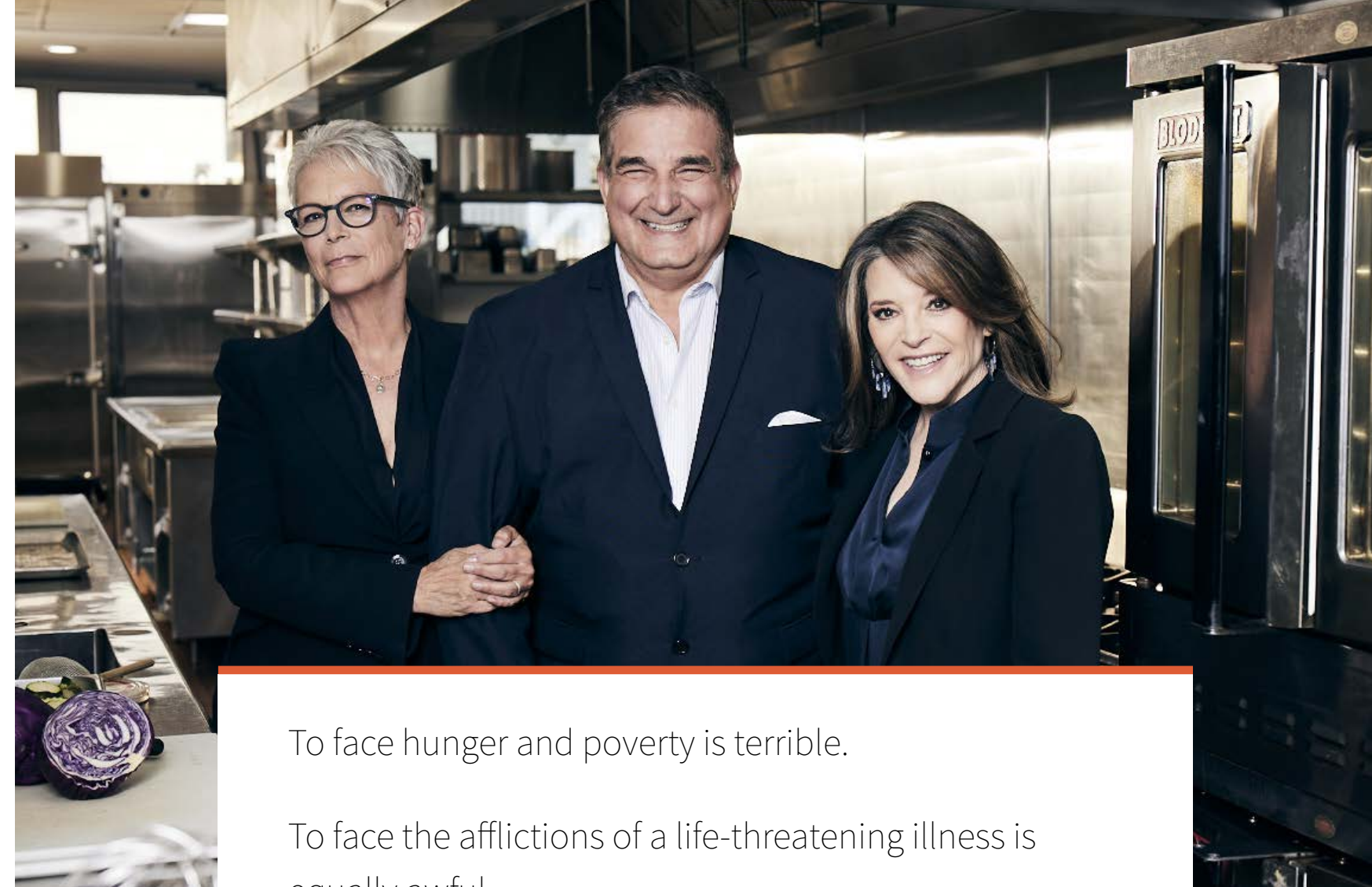
New Spaces for Volunteers

We are holistically approaching the volunteer experience in our building and creating a warm and welcoming environment on every level. Our construction plans call for new space for volunteers in every area of the organization.

- More room in our kitchen and dispatch areas for volunteers to work safely and effectively
- Spaces for volunteers to comfortably in the creation of our personal items for clients such as birthday bags and bracelets as well as packing of cookies and pies
- A dedicated environment to help with administrative functions, which volunteers currently do at makeshift tables and on filing cabinets
- A larger community space for volunteer orientations to accommodate businesses and organizations who encourage teams of 100 or more to participate in giving back to LA through a day of volunteering
- A signature volunteer lounge with adjacent Gender Neutral bathrooms where people who have been on their feet for hours can rest and make new connections before getting back to work



Time to Rise to the Challenge



To face hunger and poverty is terrible.

To face the afflictions of a life-threatening illness is equally awful.

To endure both simultaneously is a challenge none of us wants to face.

But many do ... which is why Project Angel Food is here.

The Rise to the Challenge campaign is a bold and unwavering effort which allows us to serve more people and prepare for future growth. Your commitment will improve the quality of life in our community.

We welcome and deeply appreciate your generosity.

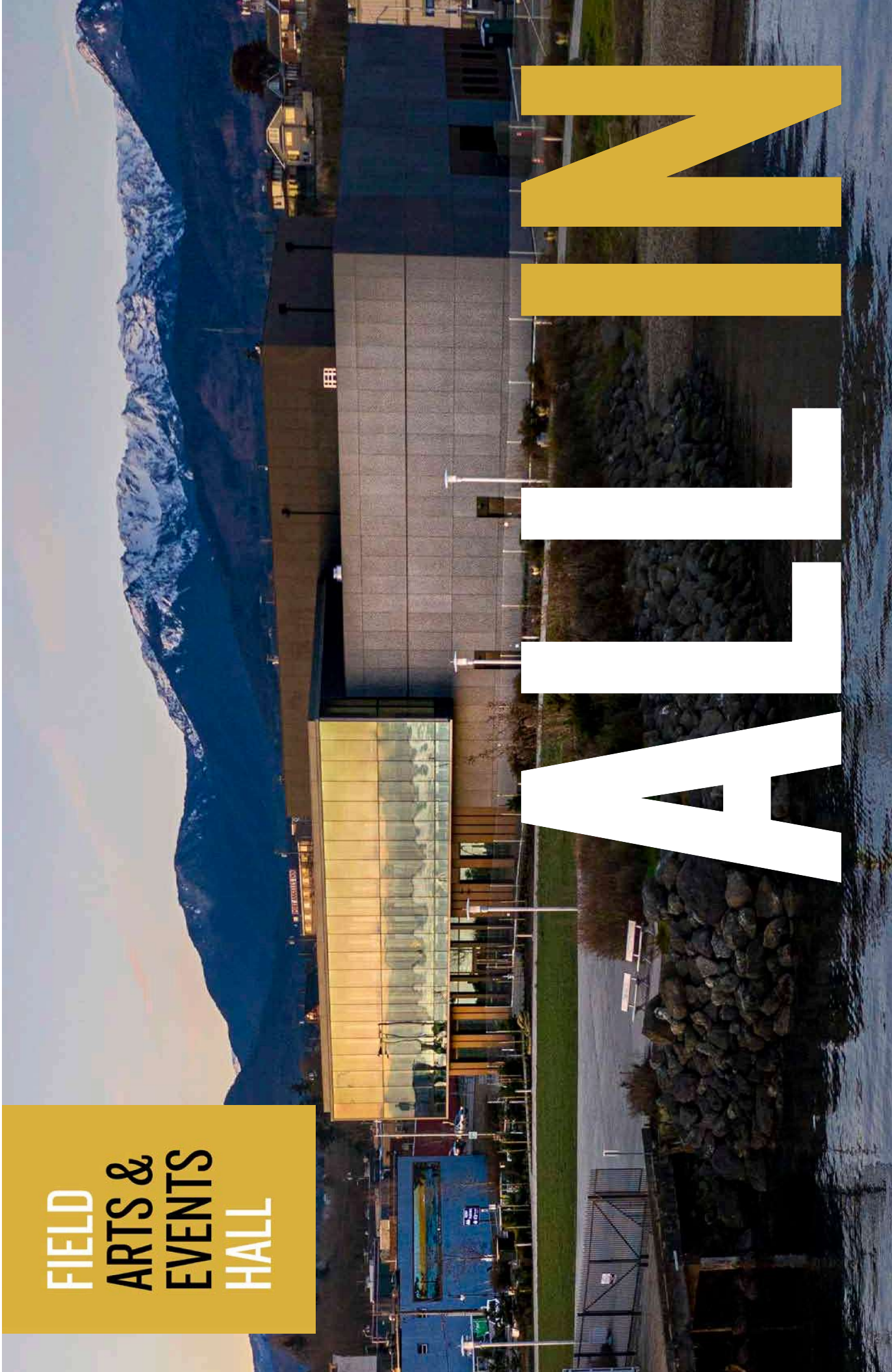


Rise to the Challenge

The Campaign to Expand Project Angel Food

**FIELD
ARTS &
EVENTS
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SHELL & CORE

The COVID-19 pandemic forced a construction pause. Field Hall had projected contributions and pledges to guarantee opening a fully funded project.

ALL IN

GRAND OPENING

When construction resumed, the remaining material and labor costs had risen an unprecedented 40%, requiring the acquisition of a credit line to cover the \$10 million funding gap.

Now is the time to be **ALL IN** for Field Hall. With your help we will close out all remaining construction costs.

Our mission is to be a home for arts and events that bring people together and strengthen our community.

ALL IN

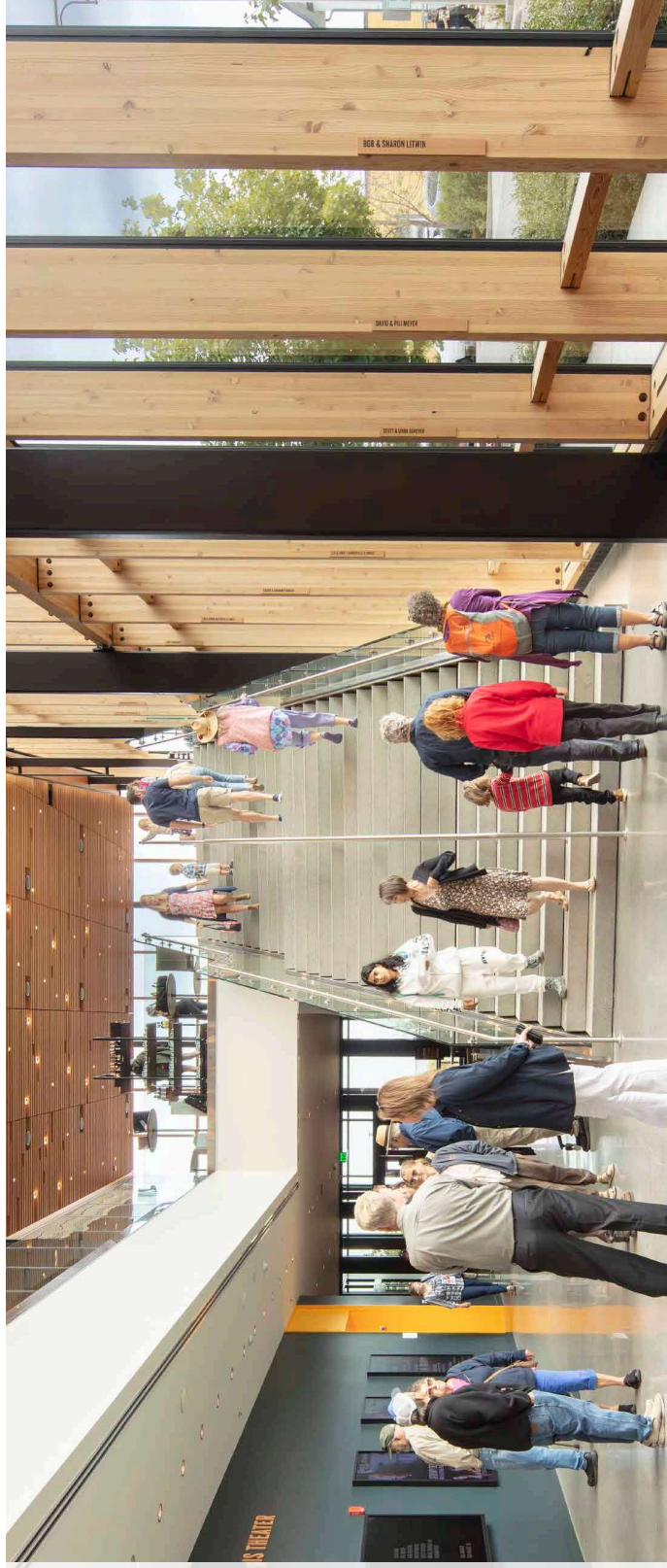
As we reflect on the success of our inaugural season, Field Hall stands as a beacon on the waterfront - the most ambitious community-funded project to be completed on the North Olympic Peninsula this century.

But there is still much to be done as building during the pandemic was not without cost.

Our mission is to be "a home for arts and events that bring people together and strengthens our community." To accomplish this, Field Hall must pay the remaining \$5M of construction costs and fully own its home.

By being **ALL IN**, you can help Field Hall complete the capital campaign so that we can realize this organization's full potential - becoming Field Hall for ALL: **INSpirational, INwriting and INclusive.**

Our Vision is to inspire, nurture, and empower the local arts community, enrich local cultural and educational experiences, and spark economic vitality throughout the region.



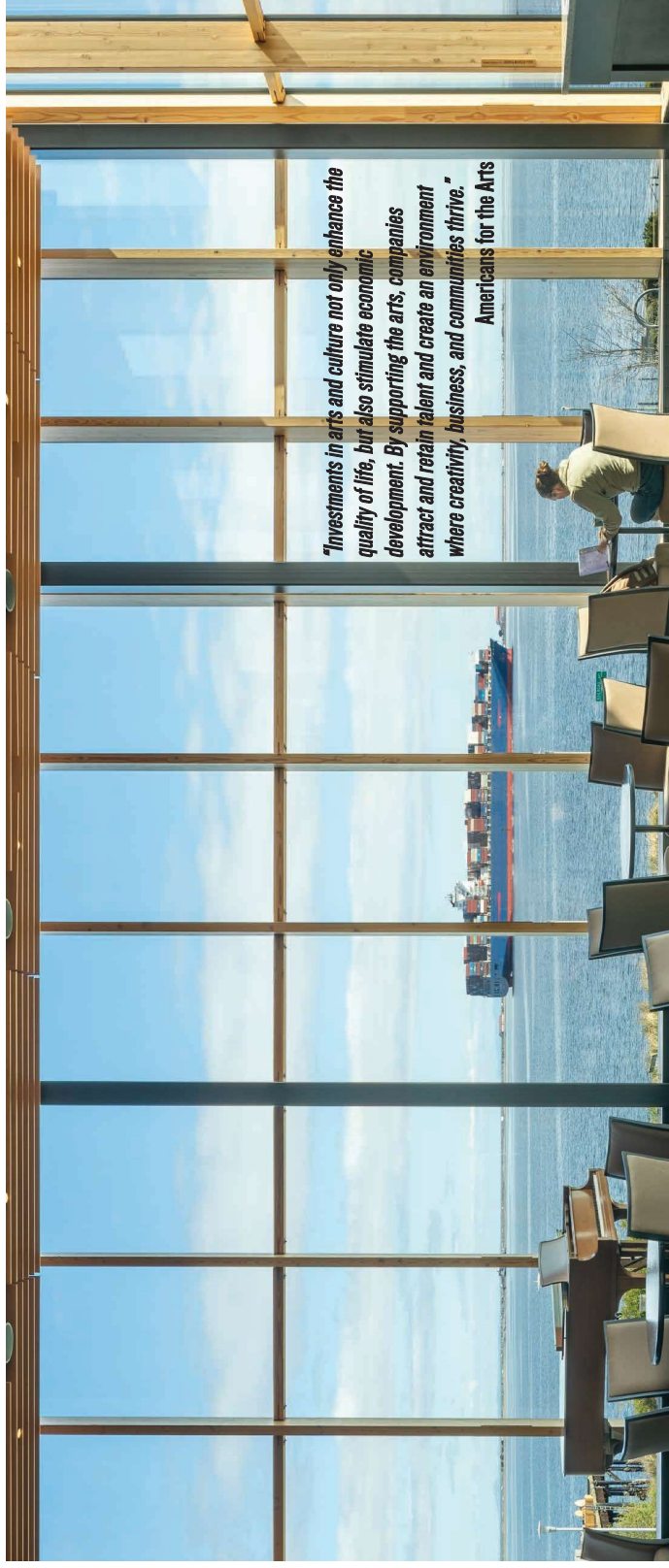
ALL IN TO INVEST IN OUR ECONOMY

Field Hall is uplifting the performing and visual arts community across the Olympic Peninsula. Together we are creating a place where people work, connect, and relax on the waterfront, ensuring livelihood for businesses and residents alike.

This magnificent structure is the initial return on investment for the community who supported its development. Field Hall was built timber by timber with local resources.

As a community hub, Field Hall is drawing residents and visitors alike to the Port Angeles waterfront, which enriches local cultural, educational experiences, and drives economic vitality.

TICKET SALES + VISITOR SPENDING + JOB CREATION =
\$ 6.5M ECONOMIC IMPACT
IN FIRST YEAR



"Investments in arts and culture not only enhance the quality of life, but also stimulate economic development. By supporting the arts, companies attract and retain talent and create an environment where creativity, business, and communities thrive."
Americans for the Arts

**FIELD
ARTS &
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COMEDY
GALLERY
THEATER
MUSIC
EVENTS
HALL**



ALL IN TO INVIGORATE ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

The Olympic Peninsula now boasts a world-class venue designed to host theater, music, film, and local events.

Field Hall features outstanding performances from local, national, and international artists. Our facility attracts acclaimed touring acts previously unavailable to our community such as Macy Gray, Mumfordschanz, and Compagnie Hervé Koubi (pictured).

Being **ALL IN** means more revenue, energy, and resources can be channeled into becoming a comprehensive community arts center. Fostering new artists and providing a platform for emerging performers, Field Hall is a magnet for creative ventures and endeavors.

"With a brilliant and wide ranging calendar of arts, educational and social events that showcase local and world-renowned performers and presenters, Field Hall visitors every age and background in our community. As well as being a world-class performance venue, Field Hall is a comfortable gathering place and intimate conference center that draws locals as well as visitors from around the world to its stunningly beautiful setting on the Salish Sea."

Kate McDermott, James Beard Nominee and Author of *Art of the Pie*

150⁺

WA Local visual and performing artists provided a platform to showcase their work each year

75,000⁺

Annual visits to Field Hall

PICTURED: THE ALL-MALE ALGERIAN DANCERS OF FRENCH COMPAGNE HERVÉ KOUBI PERFORM "WHAT THE DAY OWES TO THE NIGHT," A GRAVITY-DEFYING WORK BLENDING CAPRIERA, MARTIAL ARTS, AND CONTEMPORARY DANCE.

ALL IN TO INSPIRE THE COMMUNITY

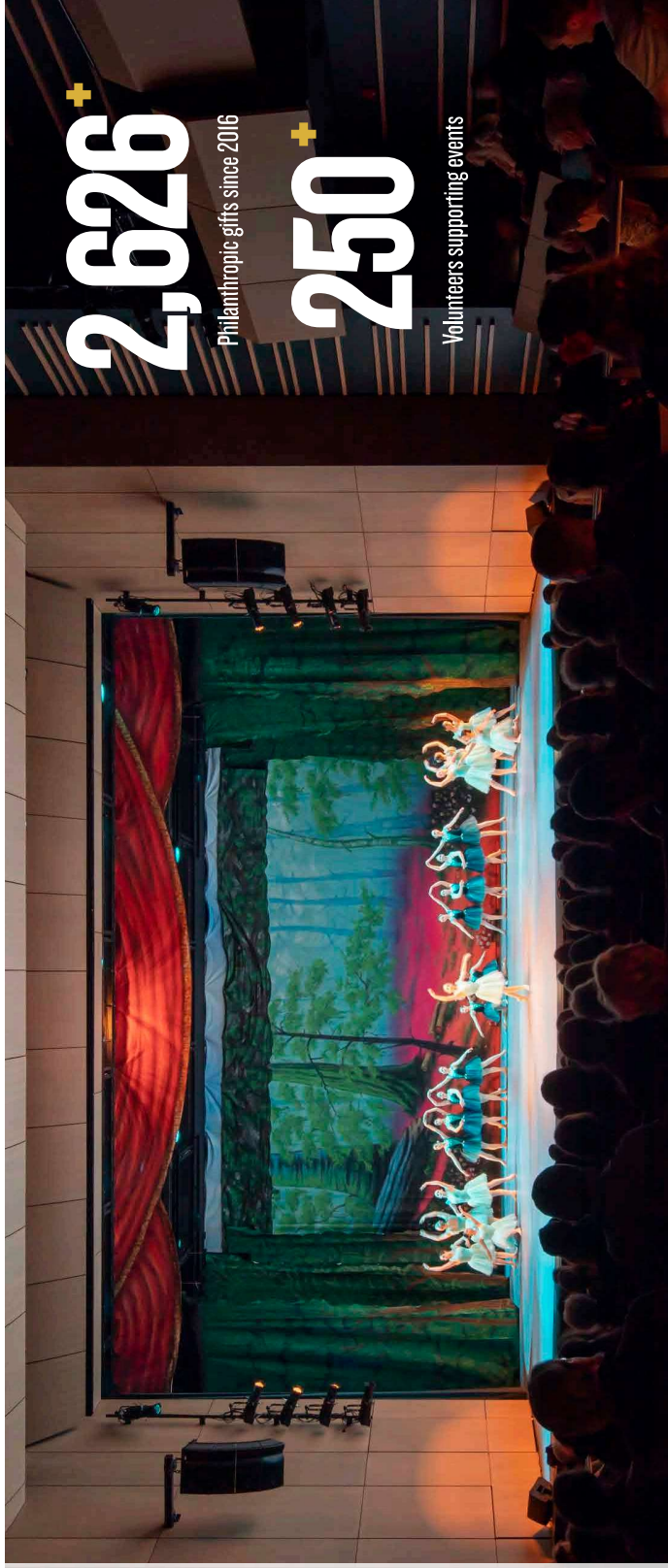
Field Hall has become a community supported project because it was inspired by individual gifts.

Born from these efforts, the building showcases modern construction and architectural design while exemplifying artistic expression.

Artistic expression and access to creative thinking unites individuals, inspires collaboration and increases overall well being. When Field Hall's resources are channeled into expanding and innovating programs, we will see the collective benefits of a community enriched with access to the performing arts.

When we are **ALL IN**, Field Hall will be able to increase its scope as a fountainhead of inspiration on the Olympic Peninsula.

PICTURED RIGHT: STUDENTS FROM THE SYLVIA LOYCE WANNER SCHOOL PERFORM AS PART OF THE PORT ANGELES CITY BALLET'S 2023 PRODUCTION OF THE NOTCRACKER



2,626⁺

Philanthropic gifts since 2016

250⁺

Volunteers supporting events

ALL IN TO INCLUDE ALL

Access to arts enhances the lives of all, regardless of age or background.

The arts spark innovation, drive problem-solving, and foster emotional well-being.

1,000+

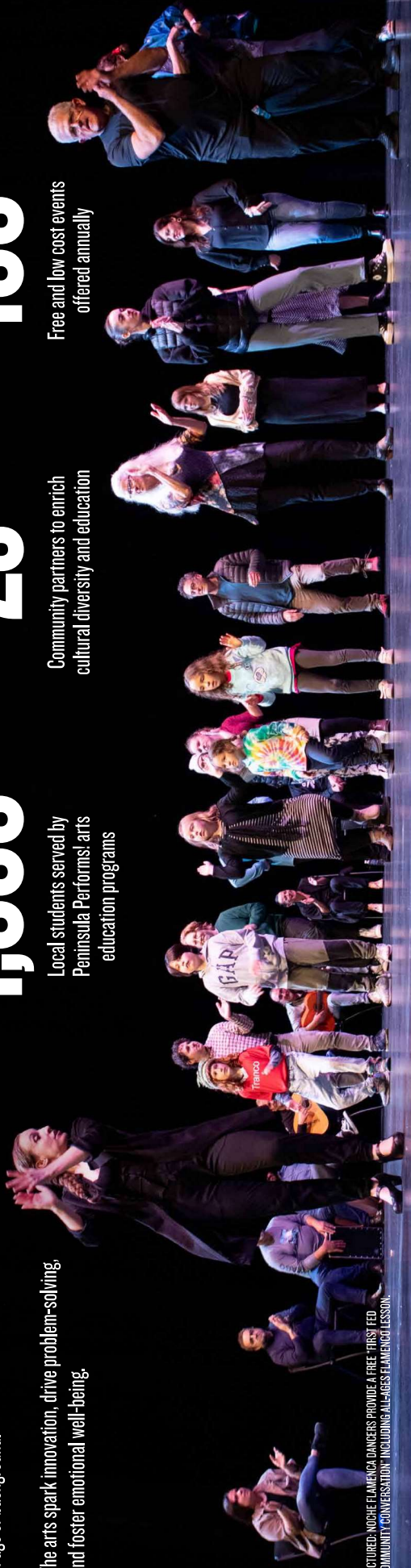
Local students served by Peninsula Performs! arts education programs

25+

Community partners to enrich cultural diversity and education

100+

Free and low cost events offered annually



PICTURED: NOCHE FLAMENCA DANCERS PROVIDE A FREE "FIRST TED COMMUNITY CONVERSATION" INCLUDING ALL-AGES FLAMENCO LESSON.

ALL IN. NOBODY OUT.

"By hosting Indigenous artists and events, Field Arts & Events Hall has a special partnership with Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in preserving tribal heritage, empowering Indigenous artists, and fostering cultural exchange within our communities."

- Francis G. Charles, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Chairwoman



PICTURED: THE MUSICIANS, DANCERS, AND ACTIVISTS OF SMALL ISLAND BIG SONG POSE WITH THE AUDIENCE IN THE DONNA M. JUDGERS THEATER



ALL IN CAMPAIGN GOALS

- ✓ Raise \$9M for remaining construction costs
- ✓ Raise \$2M for programming excellence
- ✓ Raise \$1M for educational and community programs

BENEFITS OF BEING ALL IN

- ✓ Continue to bring world-class entertainment to the Peninsula
- ✓ Collaborate with local arts and community organizations
- ✓ Strengthen existing and develop new arts education programs
- ✓ Facilitate building of the Port Angeles Waterfront Center Campus

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WE ARE CONTINUING TO ACHIEVE THE VISION OF OUR FOUNDERS AND ASK YOU TO BE ALL IN FOR FIELD HALL

"Field Hall is providing something for everyone. In its first artistic season, the range of performances and displays offered from every corner of the world was astounding. We learned and experienced cultures never experienced here before. It is amazing the caliber and quality of artists now coming to the north Olympic Peninsula thanks to Field Hall. The world class facility is creating a 'buzz' in the artist community that this is a beautiful place to share your craft."

Todd Orloff, Radio Pacific / Black Diamond Junction

PICTURED LEFT AND BELOW: BANDALOOP VERTICAL DANCERS PERFORM FOR A CROWD DURING THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR FIELD HALL.



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NOURISHING EVERYONE'S NEED FOR NATURE

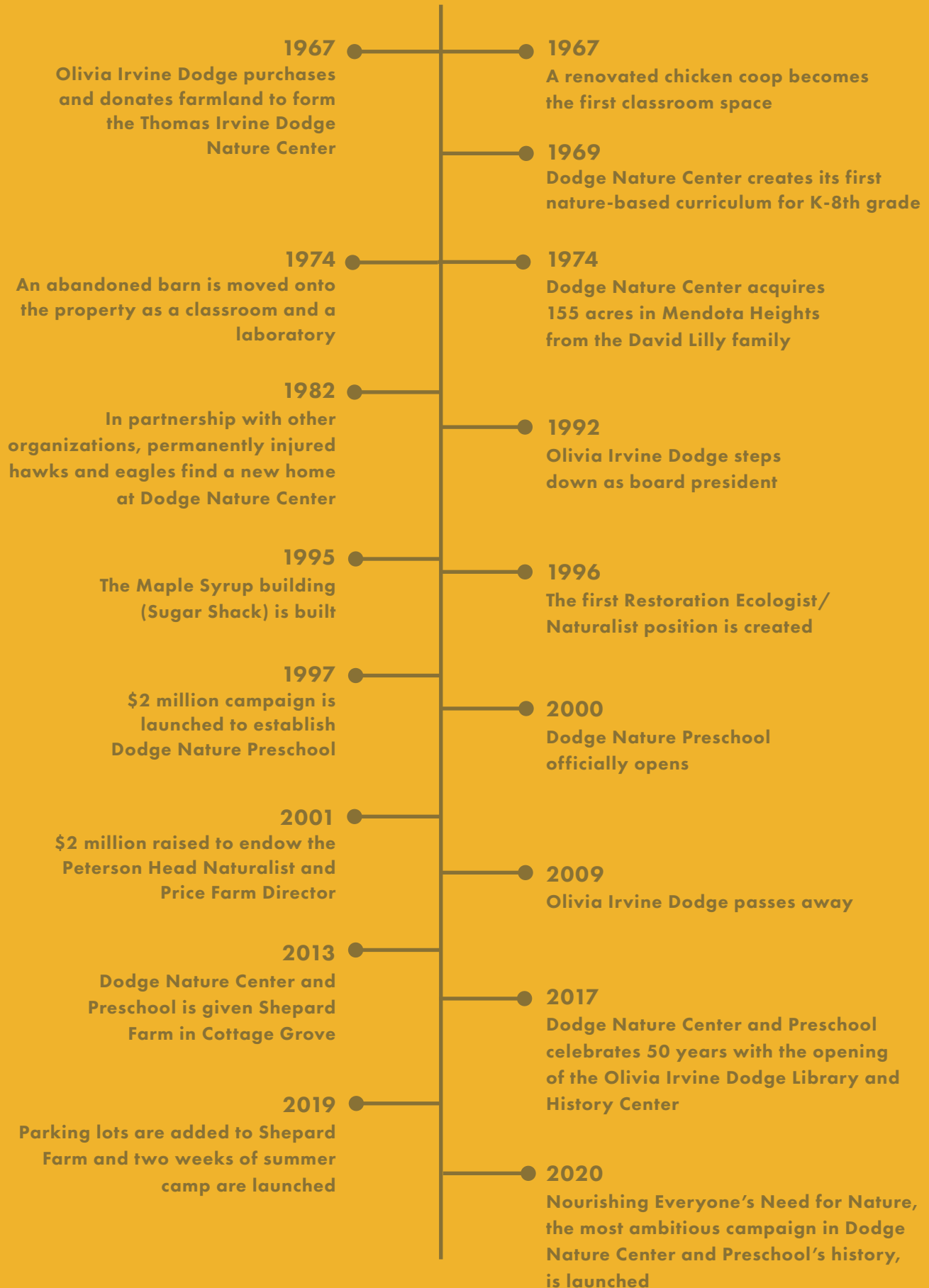
THE CAMPAIGN FOR
DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL



EST. 1967

IN THE GREAT STATE OF
MINNESOTA


OVER 50 YEARS OF NATURE-BASED EDUCATION





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OURISHING EVERYONE'S
NEED FOR NATURE



Dodge Nature Center and Preschool was created as a place to experience nature, not merely observe it. Our founder, Olivia Irvine Dodge, understood that the experience of nature changes a person — and she believed that everyone should be able to nourish their need for nature.

This campaign builds access to nature. It ensures a sustainable future for this essential destination, and it extends the legacy of Olivia Irvine Dodge's vision for generations to come.

We invite your generous participation in this campaign. Your gift makes it possible for Dodge Nature Center and Preschool to impact thousands more people with the life-giving force of nature.

Olivia C. Ford

Olivia (Vicki) C. Ford
Campaign Co-Chair

Chad A. Dayton

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If you get an idea that does good for others and you really believe in it, you draw to you the right people who can grab onto it and carry it forward.



OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE



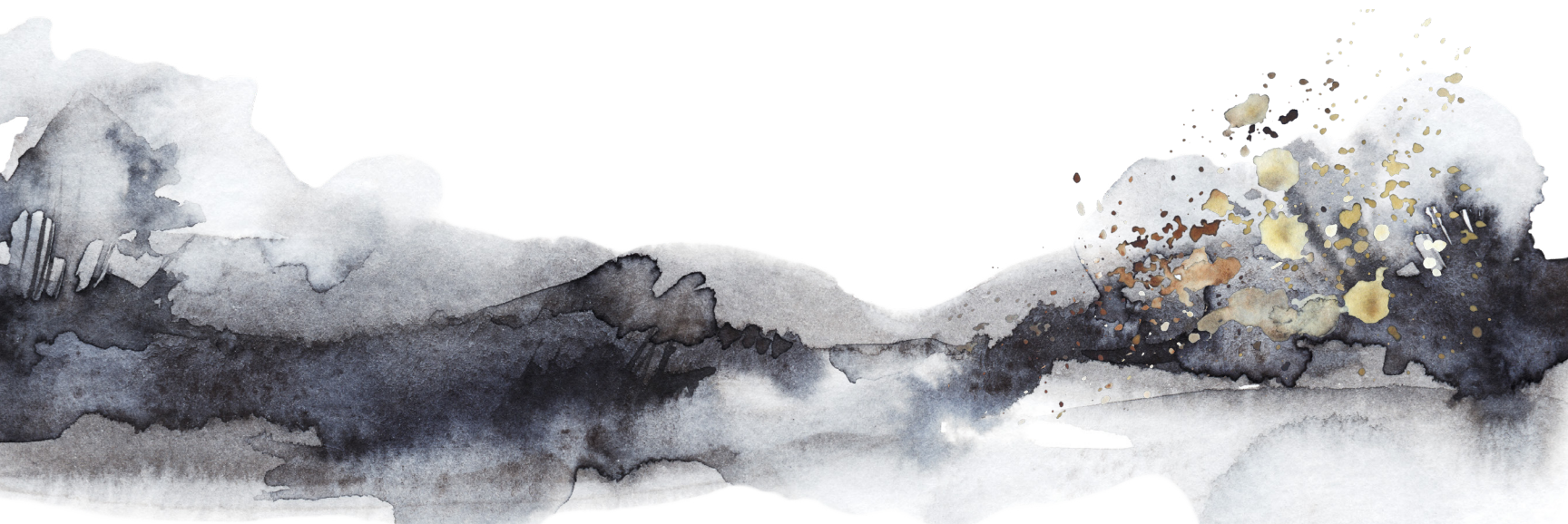


In 1967, when Olivia Irvine Dodge established the Thomas Irvine Dodge Nature Center on 37 acres in West Saint Paul, she had the vision to create an engaging natural environment, full of experiences and learning opportunities for all ages. Her pioneering commitment resulted in one of the first nature centers in Minnesota, which quickly became a sanctuary for people to escape a rapidly urbanizing Twin Cities, as well as an incubator for innovative, nature-based education practices.

For more than 50 years, Dodge Nature Center has been an essential resource in the greater Twin Cities area, providing access and deep connection to nature-based learning and experiences. Today, it is cherished by thousands of families and is a signature destination for the region.

With its thoughtful expansion over the past 50 years, Dodge Nature Center and Preschool now encompasses 460 acres. Dodge now includes a forward-thinking, nationally recognized, nature-based preschool; the Main and Marie properties in West St. Paul; the Lilly Property in Mendota Heights; and, most recently, Shepard Farm in Cottage Grove.

IN THIS FAST-PACED AND INCREASINGLY TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED WORLD, PEOPLE SPEND LESS TIME OUTDOORS. YET THE EXPERIENCE OF NATURE IS A VITAL SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. A COLLECTIVE AND GROWING NEED FOR NATURE FUELS THIS CAMPAIGN AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT 50 YEARS, TO MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR MANY MORE PEOPLE TO NOURISH THEIR NEED FOR NATURE.





OUR VISION

BEAUTIFUL, ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL SPACES CLOSE TO URBAN CENTERS ARE RARE, YET THEY ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THAT OFTEN LACK ACCESS TO NATURE. ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO NOURISH THEIR NEED FOR NATURE, WITHOUT REGARD TO BACKGROUND, LIFE EXPERIENCES, GEOGRAPHY, OR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.

DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL IS AN OASIS IN THE MIDST OF A BUSY METROPOLITAN AREA, A PLACE THAT HAS INSPIRED CURIOSITY AND WONDER FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS AS AN ESSENTIAL DESTINATION AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR HIGH-QUALITY, NATURE-BASED LEARNING.

THIS CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO BUILD ACCESS FOR THOUSANDS OF MORE DIVERSE VISITORS, TO IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY AND PRESERVATION OF OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND NATURAL SPACES, AND TO EXTEND OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE'S LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



**THIS \$40 MILLION FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
FOR DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL
WILL ADDRESS THREE VITAL AREAS:**

ACCESS

Reduce and remove barriers
so that everybody has access to
the nourishing power of nature.

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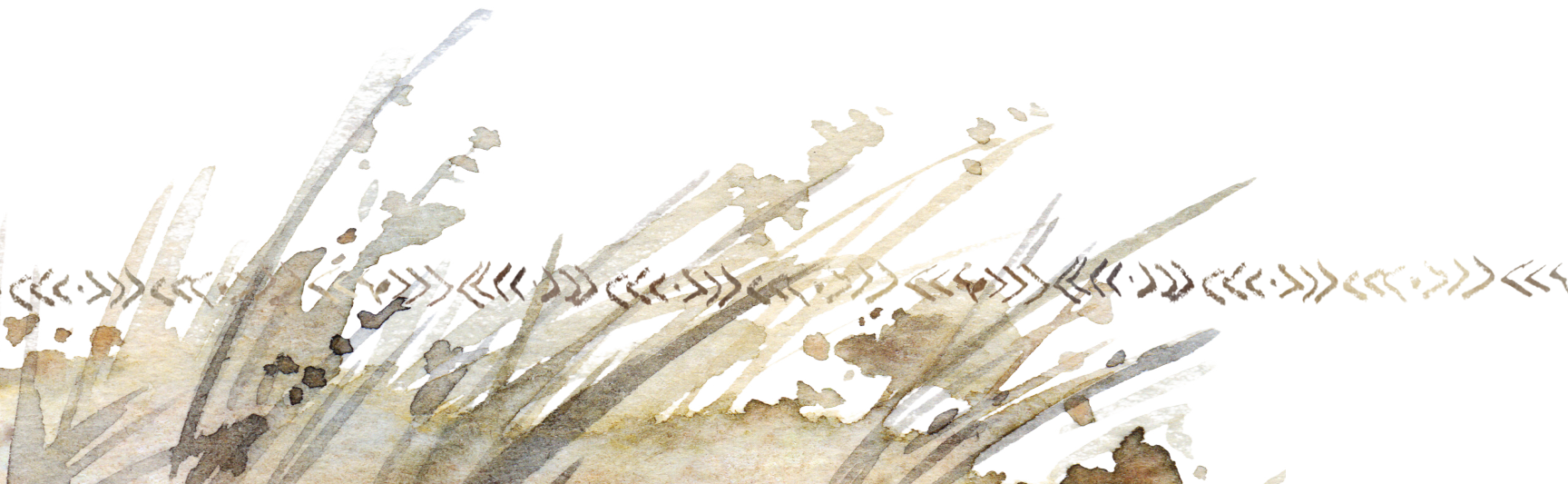
MILLION

SUSTAINABILITY

Update and preserve our historic
buildings and natural spaces, expand
staff to meet programming demands,
and sustain the tradition of the grounds
being free and open to all.

LEGACY

Extend the legacy of Olivia
Irvine Dodge to ensure that Dodge
remains a relevant, accessible sanctuary
in the middle of a busy metropolitan
area for the next 50 years.





INCREASE ACCESS FOR ALL

FUNDING THROUGH THIS CAMPAIGN WILL ALLOW DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL TO REDUCE AND REMOVE BARRIERS SO THAT EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO THE NOURISHING POWER OF NATURE.

ACCESS TAKES MANY FORMS AND REQUIRES AN INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, AND HOLISTIC APPROACH TO OUR PHYSICAL SPACES AND PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING OUR FORWARD-THINKING PRESCHOOL, GROWING EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS, AND NEW SHEPARD FARM.



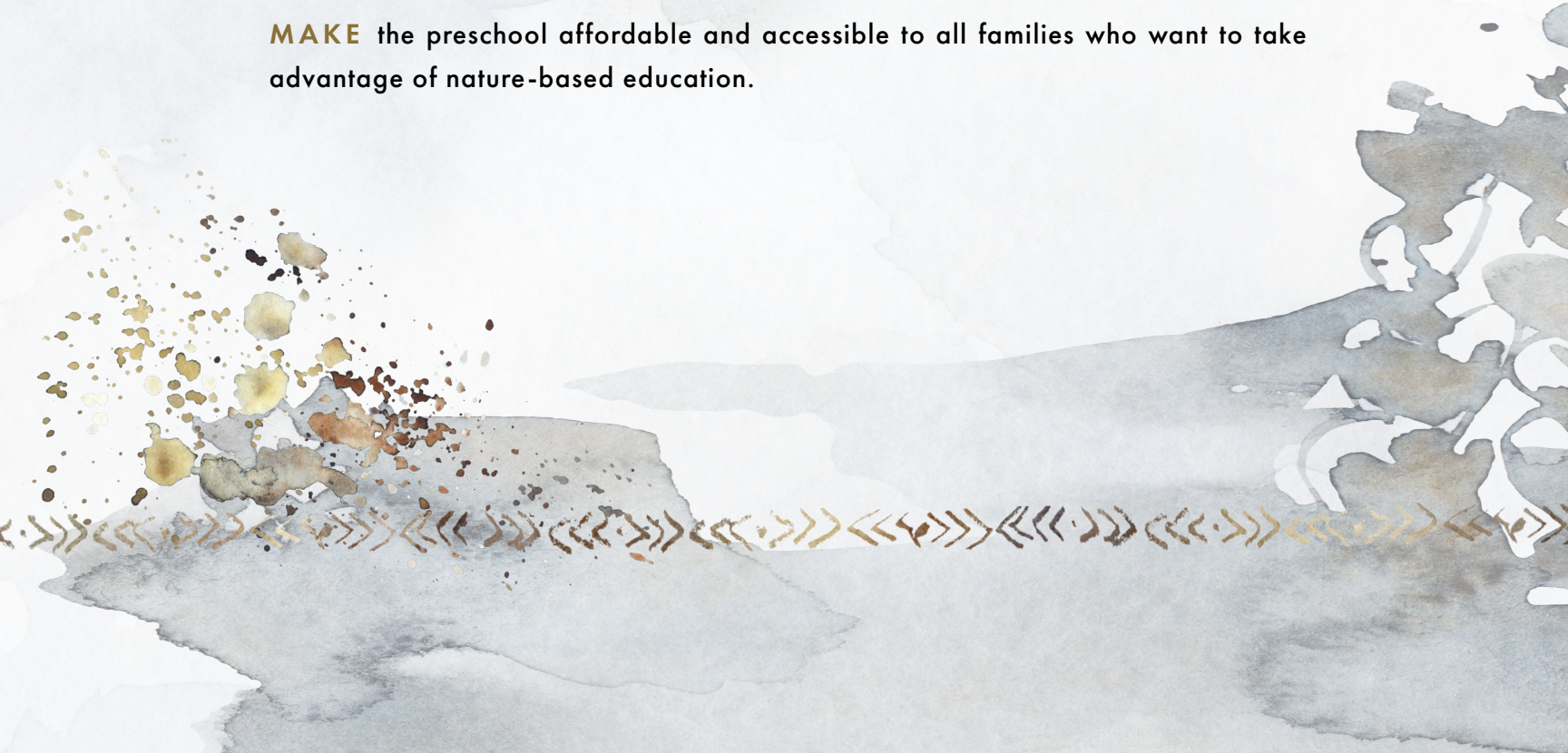


CAMPAIGN IMPACT:

UPDATE trails and gathering spaces at the Main Property and new Shepard Farm with environmentally friendly designs that increase access and create a better experience for guests with disabilities and limited mobility.

EXPAND outreach to underrepresented populations to make our natural spaces and nature-based learning accessible to all in our community.

MAKE the preschool affordable and accessible to all families who want to take advantage of nature-based education.





SUSTAIN OUR PLACES AND SPACES

THIS CAMPAIGN WILL ENSURE THAT OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS ARE UPDATED AND PROPERLY MAINTAINED, OUR NATURAL SPACES ARE PRESERVED AND AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE, AND OUR STAFF CAN MEET DEMANDS FOR PROGRAMMING. WE WILL STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, SHARE THE POWER OF NATURE WITH MORE PEOPLE, AND PROTECT MORE LAND FROM BEING DEVELOPED.





CAMPAIGN IMPACT:


SUSTAIN the tradition of the grounds being free and open for everyone to enjoy.

UPDATE the historic buildings, barns, classrooms, and other spaces at all properties in alignment with environmentally conscious standards.

- Renovate existing buildings at Shepard Farm to create functional classroom and program space.
- Install solar panels at the Main Property to reduce Dodge's carbon footprint and provide a natural way to teach visitors about the benefits of alternative energy and the impacts of climate change.
- Upgrade Farm Kitchens to provide new educational opportunities for adults and older children.

GROW capacity to preserve our most precious asset—the land—with a new restoration specialist who will provide conservation oversight and develop systems to minimize the environmental impact of visitors and other natural challenges across all properties. This is a vitally important position as we increase the number of visitors at all of our locations.

MEET increasing demands for programming for adults and youth from underrepresented communities through the addition of a new naturalist position who will focus on outreach to schools in underserved communities and on a new adult education program.





**EXTEND THE LEGACY OF
OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE**

MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO, OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE HAD THE VISION TO PRESERVE THIS BEAUTIFUL NATURE CENTER IN THE MIDST OF A RAPIDLY EXPANDING URBAN AREA. THIS CAMPAIGN WILL EXTEND HER LEGACY AND ENSURE THAT DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL REMAINS A RELEVANT, ACCESSIBLE SANCTUARY IN THE MIDDLE OF A BUSY METROPOLITAN AREA.





CAMPAIGN IMPACT:

WELCOME an ever-increasing number of children, adults, and families for generations to come.

PROVIDE more resources to support the volunteers whose dedication of time and talent to preservation, programming, and restoration projects contributes to the legacy of this amazing nature center.

SECURE the future of Dodge Nature Center and Preschool by expanding legacy giving opportunities and increasing the endowment.



BE A PART OF NOURISHING
EVERYONE'S NEED FOR NATURE

THIS CAMPAIGN PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE ENDURING VISION AND COMMITMENT OF OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE AND TO PROVIDE TRANSFORMATIONAL SUPPORT TO TODAY'S DODGE NATURE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL.

WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN THAT IS BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE FUTURE OF THE LAND, THE ORGANIZATION, AND THE COMMUNITY.



WAYS
TO
GIVE

ENDOWMENT
\$35 MILLION GOAL

Gifts to the endowment ensure the near- and long-term *stability* of Dodge Nature Center and Preschool.

Contributions to the endowment can be made through a combination of outright and planned gifts.

CAPITAL PROJECTS
\$3 MILLION GOAL

Gifts to capital projects advance the *transformation* of the buildings and grounds on the Main Property and at Shepard Farm. Contributions to capital projects can be made through outright gifts and pledges.

ANNUAL FUND
\$2 MILLION GOAL

Gifts to the annual fund provide *flexibility* to meet new and emerging needs. Thanks to a generous donor, all new and increased gifts to the annual fund will be matched, up to \$1 million. Contributions to the annual fund can be made through outright gifts and pledges.

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OLIVIA IRVINE DODGE



PIONEERED ONE OF THE FIRST NATURE CENTERS IN MINNESOTA, WHICH QUICKLY BECAME A SANCTUARY FOR PEOPLE HOPING TO ESCAPE A RAPIDLY URBANIZING TWIN CITIES AS WELL AS AN INCUBATOR FOR INNOVATIVE, NATURE-BASED EDUCATION PRACTICES.

DODGE NATURE CENTER FACTS

OVER
125
BIRD
SPECIES



Woodpeckers
Cardinals
Goldfinches
Blue Jays
Mourning Doves
Owls
Turkeys
Chickadees
Nuthatches
and more

450,000
Honeybees



8 MILES OF HIKING AND
SNOWSHOEING TRAILS



Over **60,000**
nature experiences

40

Different topics in the
outdoor classrooms



460
ACRES

4
METRO
LOCATIONS

Wetlands
Grasslands
Savanna
Woodlands
and
Working
Farms



200
SYRUP TAPS
EACH YEAR



TRAILS OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC



7
DAYS
A WEEK

WE CARE FOR OUR PLANET

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Annabel Grimm
SUBJECT: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

BACKGROUND

In February 2023, the Board approved the District's participation in the Butte County Local Hazard Mitigation Planning process. District staff have attended multiple collaborative meetings as part of the process and provided input on the District's annex for the 2024 LHMP. The plan exceeds 2000 pages, and can be found at [Butte-County-LHMP-Update Sept-2024-PDF \(buttecounty.net\)](https://www.buttecounty.net/Files/2024%20LHMP%20Update%20Sept%202024.pdf)

The 2019 LHMP did not include input from the District and expires on November 5, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors approve the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.



**RESOLUTION 24-015 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**
Adopting the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (District) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the District; and

WHEREAS the District has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the District from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the District demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, THAT:

In accordance with California Government Code Section 54950 et seq., the District adopts the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to the District may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require District to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will submit this adoption resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on the **INSERT** day of **INSERT** 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

ATTEST:

Michael McGinnis, Chair
Board of Directors

Holli Drobny
Clerk of the Board of Directors



**RESOLUTION 24-016 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

Authorizing A Change In Check Register, Ach Transfers, And Check Signers

WHEREAS, the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) meets on the fourth Thursday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) payroll is scheduled bi-weekly and various vendors are paid at differing times during the month; and

WHEREAS, all signed check registers are required by the County of Butte in an expedient and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, federal and state payroll taxes and CalPERS contributions are to be made electronically through EFTPS; and

WHEREAS, Human Resource Manager Michelle Nevin from the Chico Area Recreation and Park District will be removed as a signer on all checks, check registers, Butte County Auditor-Controller ACH Transfer Notification Form B, and checks drawn on Chico Area Recreation and Park District funds in the County Treasury, and Golden Valley Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) Board of Directors would like to give Board Director Tom Lando, Board Director Michael McGinnis, General Manager Annabel Grimm, and Administrative Director Holli Drobny, the authority to sign all check registers, Butte County Auditor-Controller ACH Transfer Notification Form B, and checks drawn on Chico Area Recreation and Park District funds in the County Treasury and all District bank accounts, in order to pay out debts in an expedient and timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) hereby delegates to Board Director Tom Lando, or Board Director Michael McGinnis, or General Manager Annabel Grimm, or Administrative Director Holli Drobny, the authority to sign all check registers as the original check registers, Butte County Auditor-Controller ACH Transfer Notification Form B, and checks drawn on Chico Area Recreation and Park District funds in the County Treasury and all District bank accounts in order to pay out debts in an expedient and timely manner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District at its regular meeting on December 12, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

ATTEST:

Michael McGinnis, Chair
Board of Directors

Holli Drobny
Clerk of the Board of Directors