



ALUMNI SPEAKERS JOSE OROZCO AND KEVIN CLARK

Our heartfelt thanks to all the supporters of our recent 75th Anniversary Fundraising Gala: sponsors, board members, corporate and community partners, staff, and old and new friends of Hanna Center. Your collective efforts raised critical funds that will make a significant difference in furthering Hanna Center programming.

A MESSAGE

CAMERON SAFARLOO, PRESIDENT AND CEO

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, I am reminded of what spring is all about: growth.

In our 75th year in Sonoma, this is not only a time of reflection and celebration of transforming thousands of lives; it's also a year that has begun to realize Hanna's new vision, which was a dream only a few years ago. Our year of 'new beginnings' is seeing all our new programs – built for expanded community impact – gain momentum as awareness continues to spread about the good work that is being done here on behalf of our community.

These pages are packed with deeper dives into what is happening at Hanna, but there are so many more stories to tell. Your contribution has been immensely valuable to the larger story that we are all a part of. Thank you for coming along on this journey with us; we can't wait to share all the good news.

Until next time,



Cameron Safarloo, President and CEO



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FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

HANNA CENTER RECEIVES FUNDING TO OFFER COUNSELING TO STUDENTS IN SONOMA VALLEY

This funding will provide us with the resources to accelerate our vision of growth by providing mental health support that is consistent, reliable, and geared toward fostering independence and resilience in youth.

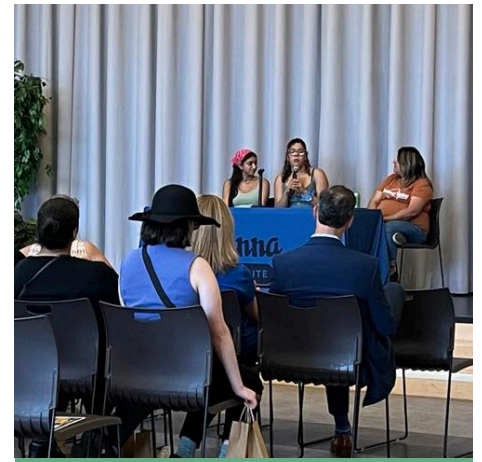
In February, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors awarded Hanna Center \$575,000 to provide mental health counseling to students in Sonoma Valley through the end of 2024.

The contract includes mental health services and group and individual counseling for students. These services are to be provided in collaboration with the Sonoma Valley

Unified School District. This partnership is a key aspect of the initiative, demonstrating a comprehensive approach to student mental health.

The funding also includes a training component for students on issues like body image, eating disorders, peer crisis, and mental health first aid. This resource is one that Hanna Center hopes will be utilized by districts beyond Sonoma Valley through Hanna Institute.

Both Hanna Institute and the Mental Health Hub are instrumental in fulfilling the contract. Hanna Institute will train students through in-person and virtual sessions to accommodate all participants. The Hub will provide clinical staff at various school sites,



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

In partnership with On the Margins, we hosted a youth-led immersive wellness event to kick off a healthy, happy summer.



HANNA INSTITUTE

Launched a Trauma-Responsive Course with Head Start California and is now working with 16 Head Start programs across California.

ensuring that the mental health services are delivered directly to the students.

The money received for the project is part of American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA), which is overseen by the Sonoma County Human Services Department.

HANNA ACADEMY LAUNCHED RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT THROUGH GREATER PARTNERSHIP



Hanna Center's partner Hanna Academy, a co-ed, non-public high school, received approval from the California Department of Education to admit residential students in February.

The Academy's program is designed to provide high levels of care and education. With a student-to-staff ratio of one staff member to six students, they ensure individual attention and support. Together, our comprehensive programming extends beyond school hours and includes recreation and case management, fostering a well-rounded educational experience.

Offering a unique opportunity, the Academy's residential program creates a supportive environment for students to experience dorm

life, health, nutrition, and counseling. They will have a group living experience that fosters peer relationships and provides structured daily living activities.

Counseling and casework services are provided to manage stress, resolve conflicts, heal trauma, and improve interpersonal relationships. Sports and recreation programs are available to foster teamwork and physical fitness.

Hanna Academy is poised to further expand its impact serving students in need of special education services who struggle to succeed in traditional school settings due to behavioral challenges caused by childhood trauma, adversity, and emotional disturbances.



ABOUT HANNA ACADEMY

Hanna Academy provides students with a warm, supportive community committed to their success and individual needs. With a strong emphasis on personalized instruction and curriculum, the Academy fosters an inclusive and supportive culture. Students showcase their critical thinking, literacy, and application skills through a skills-based education approach, meeting academic and vocational standards.

For more information, please visit hannaacademy.org.





CAREER-READINESS

HANNA CENTER'S VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

We provide the tools, connections, encouragement, and everything in-between to help our students and graduates be successful.

"There's a lot to know and a lot to learn for any young person looking for their first job," said Monica Edwards, Hanna Center's Vocational Coordinator. "We help our students find success not only in landing jobs but getting hired in fields that are of real interest to them."

Monica works with Hanna Center alumni and current students through the Vocational Program to help them identify possible career fields they're excited about via an assessment that factors in their interests, experience, and long-term goals. Then, everyone works one-on-one to create a resume, develop cover letters, and practice interviewing skills in person and

on the phone. She also assists younger students in matching up with internships in fields they are interested in exploring.

From Career Technical Education (CTE) classes at Hanna Academy—which is required coursework—to participation in the North Bay Trades Introduction Program (TIP), to vocational training, Hanna has created a funnel of support for students and participants to find success and financial stability in any career path of their choosing.

Whether students have the desire to pursue higher education or jump into the workforce, Hanna is here to give them the tools to succeed.

Connect with Vocational Coordinator Monica Edwards directly at medwards@hannacenter.org or 707.933.2506 ext 506.



CAREER EXPO

Hanna hosted a Career Expo on May 1. Sonoma-area youth ages 14-24 and their families enjoyed the free event, which featured more than 30 exhibitors and all local employers representing a wide variety of career options.

REC CENTER OPENS

A NEW SPACE TO SERVE SONOMA'S TEENS

On Saturday, February 24, the new Hanna Recreation Center celebrated its grand community opening with a free event with food, games, music, and fun! Nearly 100 parents, teens, and family members enjoyed the afternoon, which included use of the recently renovated facilities, a DJ, fresh donuts, and lawn games.

Committed to fostering community, creating a sense of belonging, and providing a space for our community to thrive, Hanna Recreation designed the Recreation Center to meet a need for dedicated youth spaces in Sonoma Valley.

The hall features pool tables, table tennis, foosball, shuffleboard, darts, an arcade, a movie room, and ample lounge spaces for board and card games. Serving ages 13-18, the Hanna Recreation Center aims to provide a safe, welcoming, and fun space for local teens to call their own and connect with each other.

To learn more about Hanna Recreation, reach out to Rec and Camp Manager Joe Petersen at jpetersen@hannacenter.org or 707.309.1294.



HANNA SUMMER CAMPS ARE BACK!

Hanna Center's Recreation Camp will be held every weekday from 8:30am to 5pm from June 10 through July 19. These camps will be full of classic summer fun: arts and crafts, Capture the Flag, swimming in our outdoor pool, lunches in the cafeteria, making new friends, and so much more.

In addition to the all-day recreation camps, we will feature a different morning specialty camp every week, including Culinary, Soccer, Tennis, Lacrosse, Baseball, and Basketball.

Led by some of the best local coaches and staff, our camps are built around a balance of skill development and personal growth, with accessible pricing and the goal of helping achieve a healthier future for all.

FRANCO LUCCHESI

A LEGACY OF GIVING



Franco is a first-generation Italian American; his parents migrated to the United States from Lucca in the late 1940s, settling in San Francisco in 1953. Franco's rich family ancestry includes a story from his great-grandfather, who was left as an orphan at the local church.

"The church had a community service they provided – a sort of 'lazy Susan' that was a circular wheel built into the wall with baskets," says Franco. "Families who could not care for their babies would leave the children in the basket, roll the wheel so the infant would go into the warm interior, and then ring the bell. The nuns would know what that bell meant, and the child would be immediately retrieved. If a last name was not left with the baby, the nuns would give it the name that went with the town. In our case, my great-grandfather was left in Lucca

so the nuns gave him the last name Lucchesi. This is how many of the last names in Italy came to be."

Franco's great-grandfather went on to have a prosperous and happy life and was always thankful for the church, which gave him a new start. A legacy of giving began, and the next generation of the Lucchesi family would continue to financially support organizations that provided services to children.

"My dad was a passionate supporter of Hanna, for as long as I can remember," says Franco.

"I don't know how he came to know of Hanna, but he was always very enthusiastic about donating to the organization." When Franco's father passed

in 2005, he gladly picked up the baton and started giving to Hanna monthly, making him a Guardian Angel donor.

"Unlike info I receive from various other non-profits," he says, "the information I receive from Hanna, I actually enjoy reading. I'm also a big believer in the trades and I love that Hanna has built that component into the school's curriculum. Since I've learned more about their programs, I've given more. I know my money is well-spent."

And even though Franco has not yet visited Hanna's campus, he's happily arranged to give the organization 15 percent of his estate. "Now that I'm retired, I'd like to get more involved at Hanna. I'm looking forward to making the trip out there to see it all in person, sometime soon."



START YOUR LEGACY OF GIVING TODAY

Giving to Hanna Center can come in all shapes and sizes. However you prefer to give, our advancement team is here to help. If you are interested in learning more about our programs or the impact of monthly giving, please reach out:

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