



Saint Vincent's Day Home

A VITAL PART OF THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY

SINCE 1911

90 Years Young and Going Stronger than Ever

Saint Vincent's Celebrates 90 Years of Service to the Oakland Community

In 1863 when original owner Charles Haven was assessed for land and improvements on the real estate at 1086 8th Street, he owned a cow and some furniture valued at \$300. In those days, the community surrounding our grand Queen Anne was outside convenient walking distance from early downtown. The trans-continental railroad had not yet arrived, nor had civic institutions and activities. The garden suburb was considered best suited for “gentleman urban farming.”

Through the 1870s, 80s and 90s, residential development gradually extended to this district. And by 1911, when the Sisters of the Holy Family opened Saint Vincent's Day Home, the neighborhood was changing again. Saint Vincent's was one of several day nurseries operating in West Oakland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when many women went off to work in the nearby food-processing factories.

The next dramatic change came in the 1960s, when the neighborhood was transformed by urban renewal. Almost everything around the Day Home was demolished to make way for the Acorn Low Income Housing Project. But the Queen Anne and the Day Home survived, having already withstood several evolutions of the surrounding community and its own structure.

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It's a double anniversary!

Corinne M. Mohrmann celebrates 25 years of service to Saint Vincent's children and families.

See inside.

Saint Vincent's Day Home and Our Grand Queen Anne

Historic name	Charles D. and Laura Haven House
Building description	Queen Anne house incorporating a very early (c. 1864) Italianate vernacular farmhouse
1863 (est)	Original construction date
1892	The house is moved 50 feet to conform to the new urban street grid and updated architecturally by adding a corner tower and bays at a cost of \$1,596
1911	Purchased by the Sisters of the Holy Family and opened as Saint Vincent's Day Home
1924	Two-story addition is designed and built by church architect J.J. Powers
1976	Major expansion includes new school building and accessory school structures designed by architect Sanford Hirshen
2001	Construction in progress on four new classrooms, family literacy center; and ramps, lifts, and elevators for ADA accessibility designed by architect Michael Pyatok

Historical data from the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey, September 5, 1992.

From the Director



Dear Friends,

Milestones. How quickly they catch up with you and what a wonderful chance they offer for reflection. On June 1, 25 years ago, I came to Saint Vincent's hoping to implement my Master Thesis project: an expansion and renovation project. And here we are, a quarter century later, continuing to ensure that the Day Home remains responsive to the needs of today. These have been very exciting years, growth-filled and not without challenge. But it is the challenges that have made the Day Home the beacon it is today.

When we poured the foundation for the new classrooms and Family Literacy Center recently, the project superintendent, Bruce Sealund, asked if I might like to put my handprints into the foundation. It sounded like fun, so I did. As I knelt there with my hands in cement, I began to reflect upon how my role here at the Day Home has been to establish a firm foundation upon which this agency will continue to serve the families of today and those far into the future. It is an awesome reward for such a simple soul.

Over the years, I have loved getting to know and helping to make a difference in the lives of nearly 5,000 families. Working side-by-side with wonderful co-workers, dedicated donors and steadfast volunteers has been an enriching experience. Each of you has helped fashion the person I am becoming. I say, "becoming" because I am still learning from each of you and reaching for that person I am destined to be.

I embrace each of you as my "family of friends" whom I am privileged to work for and with to ensure that every child has an opportunity to succeed, to literally chart a course toward a future bright with promise. Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, challenges us to "leave no child behind." Saint Vincent's Day Home has a long tradition of investing in tomorrow. We recognize that while our children may comprise only one-fourth of our population today, they are 100% of our future.

For 90 years we have worked together to make sure no child will be left behind. As we say: "as long as there is a Saint Vincent's, there will always be a place for a child to call home." Thank you for helping me, and all of us at the Day Home, to keep this dream alive.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne M. Mohrmann". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Corinne M. Mohrmann
Executive Director

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New construction brings opportunities to more children

During our 90 years of service, much has changed. Today, in addition to our hallmark childcare, we offer a range of programs and services designed to enhance the well-being of the children and their families. For example, a speech pathologist and a music specialist visit weekly. The West Oakland Health Center has conducted parent meetings at the Day Home on health education topics such as tobacco and the effect of drugs during pregnancy.

We also have a Public Health Nurse available at the Prescott Joseph Center for our families without health insurance, which has helped many families immunize their children so they can attend the Day Home. And, when our new Family Literacy Center opens early next year, both children and parents will have access to the resources they need to gain essential literacy and computer skills.

Today the Day Home is once again undergoing a major renovation, this time to upgrade and expand our facility so that we may care for 75 more children—a 40% increase in enrollment at a time when quality child care services are still in great need. Both the Queen Anne and the Day Home have proven they can withstand the test of time. With your continued support we look forward to many more years of service to the community.



Come Celebrate with Us!

Since the Day Home first opened its doors in 1911, its dedicated staff has opened their arms and their hearts to more than 30,000 children. As part of the celebration to kick off our 90th anniversary year, we invite you to join us at the Children's Choice Awards Dinner.

This event will support Saint Vincent's "Building for Our Children's Future" initiative, a building program that will enable 75 more children to benefit from the Saint Vincent's experience in a facility that is completely ADA accessible and enhanced by a full-service family literacy center.

This year's Children's Choice Award will honor Corinne M. Mohrmann, M.A., for her 25 years of service to Saint Vincent's Day Home and its families. Since 1976, Corinne has been the heart, soul, visionary, inspiration and steadfast foundation of Saint Vincent's Day Home. In 2001, she completes her 36th year of service to children, ensuring that each of them embraces their future with an enriched beginning, a love of learning and a confident sense of self. We hope that you will join us to honor her remarkable contribution to Saint Vincent's successful history.

The 2001 Saint Vincent's Day Home Children's Choice Awards Dinner will be presented by Providian Financial and sponsored by Frank Portman Company and The Hanson Family Trust. Media sponsors include Hills Newspapers and KPIX Television. Sponsorships for this special occasion are still available.

Watch your mailbox for your invitation. For more information and/or reservations, please call 510-832-8324.

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Looking for Alums

We hope to invite as many friends as we can find to our 90th Anniversary Dinner and Spring 2002 Open House and Alumni Reunion. If you know of a Day Home alum who may have lost contact with us, please let us know. Call Sister Ann Maureen at 510-832-8324.

25 Years of Program Excellence, 25 Years of Personal Achievement

Educational expertise. Energy. Enthusiasm. Combine these with a heartfelt commitment to children and you have our Executive Director Corinne M. Mohrmann. Corinne joined the Day Home in 1976 as our Program Director. She has been at the helm as our Executive Director since 1980.

How the Day Home has excelled under Corinne's leadership:

- Increased enrollment from 140 to 200 children
- Enriched its programs well beyond child care to include support services for the entire family
- Received a "Perfect 100%" Program Quality Review Rating from the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (three times!)
- Embarked on a capital campaign that will grow the Day Home's contribution to the community once again, enabling us to serve 275 children and their families

How Corinne has excelled:

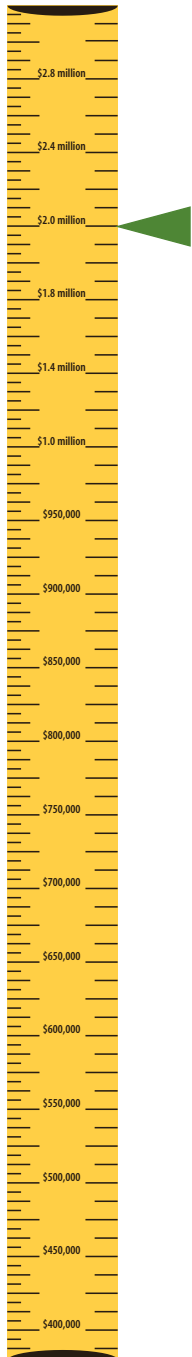
- Received Educator of the Year Award, Alameda County Supervisors, 1996
- Received award for Exceptional Service to Children and Families, Children's Day Homes of San Francisco, 1993
- Appointed to Child Development Division Advisory Commission, 1990
- Received Outstanding Program Award, California Child Development Administrators Assoc., 1989
- Appointed to the Program Quality Review Commission, CDE/Child Development Division, 1989
- Received Outstanding Achievement Award from California Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1986
- Recognized for Outstanding Service to Children and Families, Bay Area Child Development Consortium, 1985

Congratulations Corinne and thanks for an exceptional 25 years!



From the Development Office

Coming home to Saint Vincent's and helping to keep the programs going is just the challenge I was looking for. Getting reacquainted with the Day Home and its many friends has been most welcoming. My current task is to raise the final \$800,000 needed to reach our capital campaign goal. This is certainly challenging, but with the ongoing work of our Board and generous friends, coupled with the training and guidance of Fern Tiger, we believe it is attainable.



As with all projects, unanticipated needs surface, especially when working with a structure that was built in the 1860s. Our campaign goal has increased to \$2.8 million due to regulatory requirements to meet current fire code standards for the entire facility. We realize these are not stumbling blocks, but rather they are efforts to ensure that the Day Home is a safe and special place for all who enter.



Quite often people ask me how I can like my job of fundraising, and their next comment is "I would hate it." Friends, it is all about our mission: *to provide quality child development services to working parents in greatest need, while offering family services in which children are nurtured and educated and their parent(s) assisted in meeting parental obligations.* When you believe in something, nothing is impossible!

Our children, staff and parents are enjoying the daily building progress. Our funders are pleased that construction has begun and that we have already successfully raised 70% of the dollars needed. There is still much work before us. I hope you will join your efforts with mine to ensure that the Day Home will continue to meet the needs of today . . . and tomorrow. Your support and interest helps us continue making a difference!

Sister Ann Maureen

Three Ways to Choose Children!

Wondering what to give those special or hard-to-shop-for people on your gift list? Here are a few ideas:

1. Give a donation to the Day Home honoring a family member, colleague or friend.
2. Celebrate a friend's birthday by writing a "happy 90th birthday" check to the Day Home.
3. Designate the Day Home when you make a pledge to the United Way. You'll need the following information:
Saint Vincent's Day Home, 1086 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607-2697
United Way Donor Option Number: **3480**

Did you know that you can use your Visa or Mastercard to make an online donation to the Day Home? Go to our Web site at www.svdh.org and click on the **Donate Now** button.

Helping to Make a Difference

Meet Carolyn Raffo and George E. McDaniel Jr., two members of our Board of Directors who share their time and talents to help us further the well-being of Oakland’s children.

Carolyn Raffo

Carolyn Raffo, flanked by fellow board members Jen McClure and Wilma Germany, at the Day Home’s Groundbreaking Celebration



Carolyn Raffo, MA, joined our Board in the Summer of 2000. Her good friend Maude Pervere, already on the Board, introduced her to the Day Home. Carolyn reports that she took a tour and “I just fell in love.”

Carolyn says she is impressed with the Day Home staff’s commitment to the children, the overall quality of the program and the difference the Day Home is making in the lives of these children. And she should know, as she has dedicated her entire adult life to educating and developing children.

Carolyn grew up in Los Angeles and then headed north for college. She attended UC Berkeley, where she received her BA in English and her MA in Educational Administration.

Carolyn’s career in education spans 34 years. She spent 10 years as an elementary teacher and another 10 years teaching special education. She recently retired as the Principal of Wildwood Elementary School in Piedmont, CA, after 14 years in that position.

Today Carolyn and her husband share the joys of five daughters and seven grandchildren. Carolyn also enjoys travel, hiking, reading, and cooking. She is currently training to be an art docent at the Oakland Museum. She serves on the Board’s Events and Program Committees.

George E. McDaniel Jr.



“... it runs more like General Motors than I would have thought—which is a good thing.” This is according to George E. McDaniel Jr., commenting on the high-level of professionalism and commitment he has witnessed at the Day Home since joining the Board in the Fall of 1998.

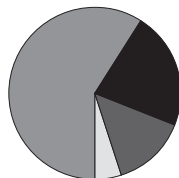
As the CEO of Community Bank of the Bay, George brings more than 25 years of financial and banking experience to the Day Home. Serving on the Finance Committee, he reports that the Board and staff have been good stewards, as the Day Home is in excellent financial condition and operating very responsibly. He further adds that, “... these are important considerations for a banker who has been conditioned to expect high standards in these areas.”

George was originally introduced to the Day Home by family member Merle Miller, who was on staff at the time. She knew of his interest in and commitment to children and thought it would be a good match. Lucky for us, he agreed. Today, George reports that he enjoys working with people—both staff and Board members—who are passionately committed to the Day Home, stating that, “... You can see what can be done when people come together and say it will be done.”

George and his wife the Reverend Diana McDaniel have two grown daughters. George likes to spend his spare time playing with his two grandchildren and reports that “my leisure is my family.”

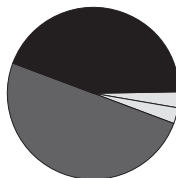
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Revenue: \$2,156,466



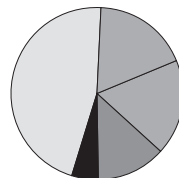
Parent Fees: 5%
Govt. Funding: 59%
Fund Raising: 14%
Grants: 22%

Budget: \$2,156,466



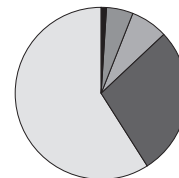
Benefits: 3%
New Equipment: 3%
Programs: 50%
Salaries: 44%

Ethnicity of Staff



African American: 46%
Asian: 18%
Caucasian: 13%
Latino: 18%
Pacific Islander: 5%

Ethnicity of Children



African American: 59%
Asian: 7%
Caucasian: 5%
Latino: 28%
Pacific Islander: 1%



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November 2, 2001 90th Anniversary Dinner and
 Celebration of Executive
 Director Corinne Mohrmann's
 25th Anniversary

Spring 2002 Open House and Alumni
 Reunion*

May 13, 2002 Millennium Golf Tournament

* Date to be determined. Watch for announcement.

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