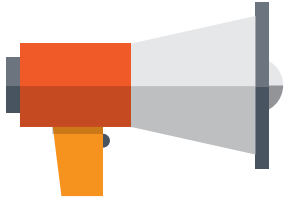


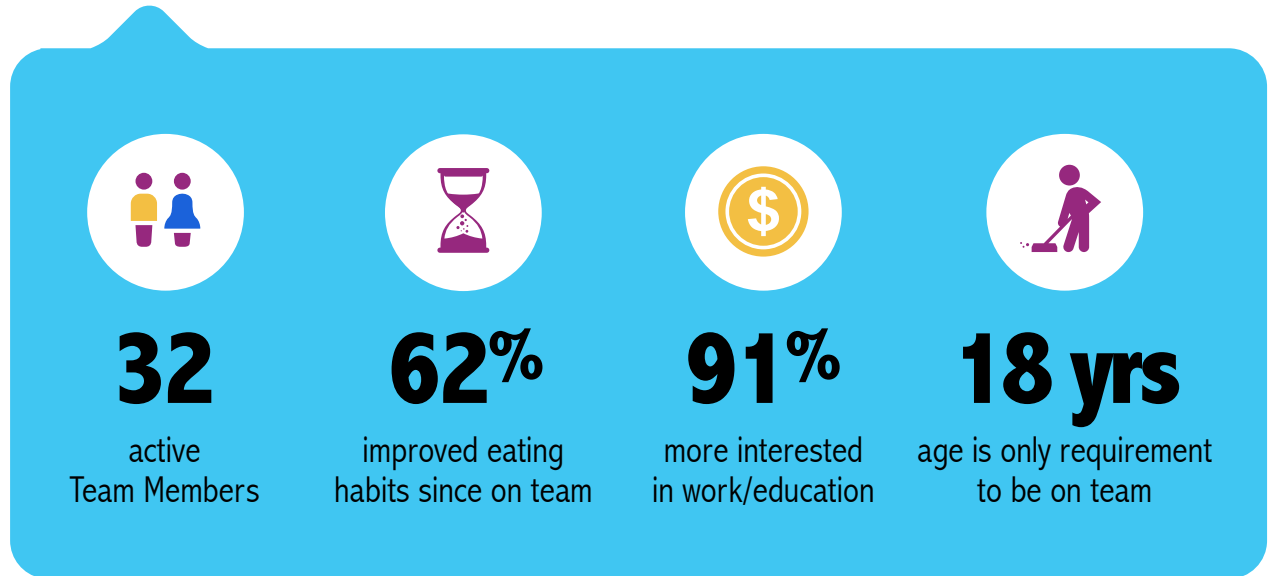
SAN RAFAEL: WE PUT YOUR CHANGE TO WORK.



We are proud of what we do.

Downtown Streets Team is working to end homelessness through the dignity of work. Since 2013, Team Members have been cleaning our streets and doing other special projects. Our staff actively seeks permanent housing and employment opportunities for Team Members. A case manager works with individual Team Members to address obstacles to housing and employment. Team Members can also attend workshops on topics such as resumes and interview skills.

Weekly Success Meetings have been a core part of Downtown Streets Team culture and success. For our current and potential team members, the meetings exemplify our values and vision to end homelessness through the dignity of work. In the meeting we recap the week, make announcements, give out awards and basic needs stipend.



PutYourChangetoWork.org

PUT YOUR
CHANGE
TO WORK

For more information contact Logan McDonnell, Project Manager at (408) 334-4757 | logan@streetsteam.org
Downtown Streets Team is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible in accordance with the law. Tax ID #: 20-5242330

DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM: SAN RAFAEL

Downtown Streets Team mission is to end homelessness through the dignity of work. Having a job restores hope and opens the door to other opportunities. Our goal is to transition Team Members into permanent employment and housing within one year.

BUILDING A TEAM

Most new Team Members hear about our services through peer-to-peer outreach from our existing Team Members or graduates. Our local staff also provides professional outreach. All of our Team Members are volunteers who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

The first step is to attend a weekly success meeting of our Team Members and staff. New Team Members are recruited from success meeting attendees whenever there is a Team opening.

THE ROLES OF TEAM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Team Members are held accountable to complete tasks, show up on time, and work well with others. Each Team is assigned to a specific beautification project. Teams are supervised by Team Leads, who are former Team Members who have shown dedication and leadership skills.

Team Members receive a non-cash stipend to help cover their basic needs. Our local staff provides individual case management and employment services to help Team Members find housing and a job. Our model is structured to be a one-year transitional program into permanent housing and employment.

WHAT TEAM MEMBERS DO FOR SAN RAFAEL

Since 2013, DST Team Members have been visible in their yellow shirts cleaning San Rafael's downtown streets. Team Leads engage with the business community on a daily basis. By checking in with local merchants, our Team Members are able to attend to specific cleanup concerns, perform outreach to prospective Team Members, and discourage loitering, panhandling, and disorderly conduct.

As one of our Team Members has said, "what we're doing is a "win-win-win" scenario: the Team Member wins, the environment wins and the community wins – it doesn't get much better than that."

DST SUCCESS IN SAN RAFAEL

DST has been successful in San Rafael from the beginning. Downtown Streets Team was launched in September 2013 and by November it had already exceeded most of its goals for the first year. DST has been successful in transitioning Team Members from the street to housing and employment: 64 have found jobs and 32 are housed. There are currently 32 active Team Members and more are waiting for an opening.



400 hrs

Team Members work in a week

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Homelessness is a complex issue that is too big for any single agency or organization to address. Downtown Streets Team is committed to a partnership model, working with local businesses, local government agencies, social service agencies and the local community.

ABOUT DST

Downtown Streets Team started as a project of the Palo Alto Business Improvement District. It became a separate 501(c)(3) organization in 2007. Since then, it has expanded to six additional Bay Area cities including San Francisco and San Jose. It launched in San Rafael in September 2013. For more information visit streetsteam.org.

PUT YOUR
CHANGE
TO WORK



PutYourChangetoWork.org

For more information contact Logan McDonnell, Project Manager at (408) 334-4757 | logan@streetsteam.org

Downtown Streets Team is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible in accordance with the law. Tax ID #: 20-5242330