

Side by Side is Celebrating 130 Years of Serving Bay Area Youth

(January 1, 2025; San Anselmo, CA) Side by Side has reached a remarkable milestone this year—130 years of dedicated youth services. From our beginnings in 1895 as the San Francisco Presbyterian Orphanage in San Anselmo, California, the first orphanage in Marin County, to becoming an agency providing behavioral, mental, and emotional-support services to over 1,800 youth in Alameda, Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties, our journey has been one of growth and commitment.



In 1899, Captain Robert Dollar, a philanthropist and global shipping magnate, donated the funds to acquire 20 acres in San Anselmo. This generous contribution allowed us to build a new home and put down roots-- the foundation that has become Side by Side.

Throughout the years, we have evolved to meet the changing needs of our community. In 2018, we rebranded as Side by Side, reflecting our commitment to walking with young people through their unique journeys. Today, we continue to provide a continuum of care for youth through a range of programs designed to support their growth and well-being. From transitional housing to educational services to community-based counseling and to early intervention programs, we are committed to meeting the diverse needs of the young people we serve.

We invite you to be a part of our future by getting involved in our community initiatives. Whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word, your support makes a difference.

Learn more or to donate, visit: www.SidebySideYouth.org

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