

Side by Side Receives \$75,000 Grant from KPMG U.S. Foundation

Multi-Year Grant Empowers Side by Side's Mission to Support Vulnerable Bay Area Youth

[SAN ANSELMO, Calif.] — [Sept. 25, 2025] Side by Side announced today that it has received a three-year, \$75,000 grant from the **KPMG U.S. Foundation**. The organization will use the grant to advance its mission to support young people facing adversity and bridge them to a future with connection, meaning, and opportunity.

For over 130 years, Side by Side has provided a continuum of care for youth. Today, it serves more than 1,800 **young people** across **Alameda, Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties**, offering a wide range of programs—from transitional housing and educational services to community-based counseling and early intervention. Side by Side remains deeply committed to meeting the diverse and evolving needs of the youth it serves.

“At Side by Side, we believe every young person deserves the chance to be seen, supported, and celebrated, said Christine Isana Garcia, PsyD, Side by Side Chief Executive Officer. “This \$75,000 grant offers a lifeline of hope and opportunity for youth facing emotional, academic, and behavioral challenges. It tells youth, “You matter and you belong.”

The KPMG U.S. Foundation awarded the grant as part of its mission to increase access to education. This investment, part of a nationwide initiative this summer awarding \$2 million in grants, reflects a broader commitment to building vibrant and healthy communities that deliver better outcomes for all. By supporting organizations, like Side by Side, that take holistic approaches to address interconnected local challenges, strengthen neighborhood infrastructure, and foster vitality where people live and work, the Foundation helps create lasting, positive impact at the community level.

“At KPMG, we believe in the power of community and the importance of investing in the next generation,” said Chris Cimino, KPMG San Francisco Office Managing Partner. “Through this multi-year grant, we’re proud to support Side by Side’s mission and help create pathways to connection, resilience, and opportunity for young people across our community.”

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If you would like to speak with our CEO or need additional information or images, please email our media contact Katie Rice Jones at krice-jones@sidebysideyouth.org. *Thank you!*