



**An Intergenerational Community for
Service, Connection, and Living**



Welcome Message



Dear Valued St. Mark's Square Friends and Supporters,

2025 was a year of growth and connection on The Square, as we continued to strengthen our intergenerational programming while navigating shifts in the federal and state housing landscape.

Highlights of our community engagement work included our cultural education series in partnership with the Racial Equity Team from St. Mark's. We hosted speakers from organizations including Asians Are Strong, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Friends of the Port Chicago National Memorial, and The Presidio Trust, along with musical and dance performances from cultural groups. Circus on The Square featuring Circus Bella was as joyful as always! We love watching The Square come alive with events like these. During the summer months, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Christ Church Lutheran welcomed a Day Camp from Mt. Cross Ministries to The Square, and campers enjoyed an intergenerational ice cream social with residents from Martin Luther Tower. Our spaces continue to host San Francisco Interfaith Council events and the Interfaith Winter Shelter, as well as our broader community of nonprofits.

To both celebrate and communicate our mission and accomplishments with the San Francisco-Bay Area communities, we were full of pride in 2025 as we launched our new St. Mark's Square website: www.stmarkssquare.org

Continuing in our over 60-year housing legacy, St. Mark's Square is proudly dedicated to the preservation and new production of 350 affordable, service-enriched rental apartment homes, including our flagship Martin Luther Tower Senior Housing and the planned Ella Rohlfs Place and St. Mark's Family Housing. St. Mark's Square remains committed to addressing historical displacement in the Western Addition neighborhood, ensuring that our development efforts honor the past while paving the way for a more equitable future.

While Federal, State, and City funding to realize new developments continues to be challenging, our team successfully raised approximately \$800,000 from philanthropic organizations in 2025 to support the needed predevelopment, equity, and resident services programming costs. We also received much-welcomed support for our resident assistance fund, community programming, and onsite food pantry from individual donors, and we express gratitude to all of our supporters.

2026 is off to a solid start as our staff team has stepped up to embrace new and expanded roles and our Board has reshaped its committee makeup to ensure we have engaged volunteers focused on the right strategic priorities. A huge thank you on our behalf to the staff, Board, service providers, nonprofit partners, St. Mark's congregation, and community volunteers who keep our mission alive.

See you on The Square!

Sincerely,
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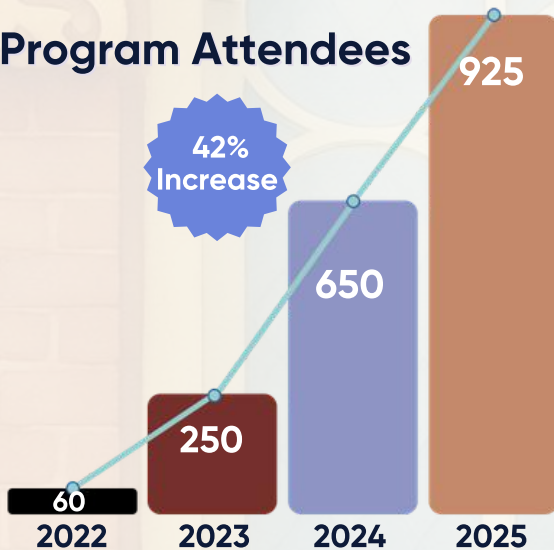


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Community Engagement: Building Joy & Belonging

Community engagement brings energy and connection to life at St. Mark's Square. Throughout the year, residents, neighbors, and community partners gathered for events and programs that spark joy and strengthen relationships. From cultural celebrations and educational forums to outdoor gatherings and shared meals, these moments create opportunities for people of all ages to connect, laugh, learn, and feel a true sense of belonging. Together, these experiences nurture the vibrant community that defines St. Mark's Square.

Program Attendees

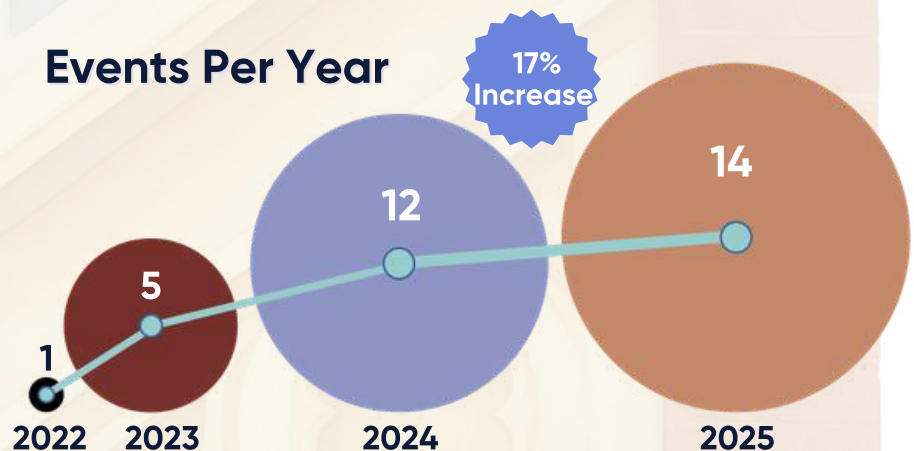


30+ Partnerships in 2025

- Collaboration with SMLC Racial Equity Team
- ExtraFood and SMLC for Food Donations
- Intergenerational Groups with Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep



Events Per Year



Community Engagement: Traditions & Events

Annual Traditions

- Intergenerational Program Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep (2nd yr)
- Circus on the Square (3rd yr)
- Cultural Heritage Months Educational Series (3rd yr)

Scan to Watch



St. Mark's Square
2025 Year in Review



Notable Events

AAPI Heritage Festival

A vibrant community event featuring performances, food, and cultural partners that brought residents and neighbors together in a shared experience of connection and joy

Indigenous Peoples Month Cultural Celebration

A meaningful gathering featuring Xiuhcoatl Danza Azteca and speakers from the Presidio Trust, honoring Indigenous traditions and creating space for reflection, learning, and community connection

Sister Shalita Corn Dog Forum with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

A unique and engaging forum that brought community members together around themes of inclusivity, expression, and shared experience

Visit from Senator Scott Wiener with MLT Residents

An important opportunity for residents to engage directly with local leadership, share their experiences, and strengthen connections between the community and city representatives

Our Vision

St. Mark's envisions a future where people of all ages and backgrounds thrive in a vibrant, intergenerational community rooted in compassion, dignity, and inclusivity. Through innovative, service-enriched housing and holistic support, we aspire to create a model of sustainable, affordable living that fosters connection, well-being, and opportunity for generations to come. By transforming lives and strengthening community bonds, we will continue to set a new standard for housing that nurtures the body, mind, and spirit.



Where We Are Going

An Intergenerational Community dedicated to the preservation and new production of over 345 affordable, service-enriched rental apartment homes.



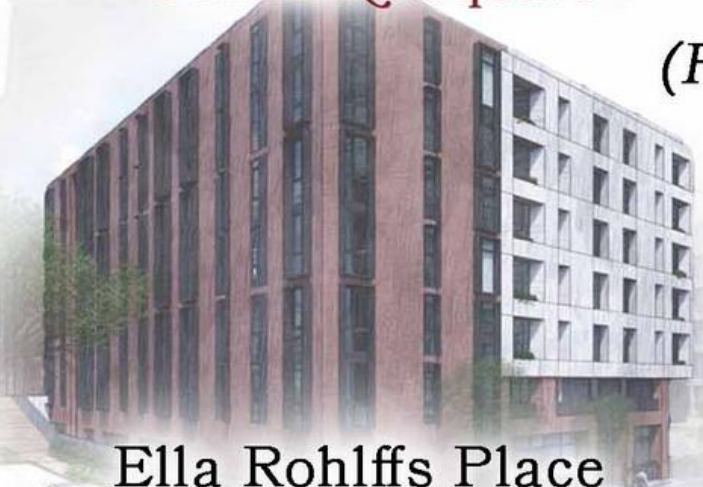
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131 Units
(*New Production*)



ST. MARK'S Square



Martin Luther
Senior Tower
121 Units
(*Preservation*)

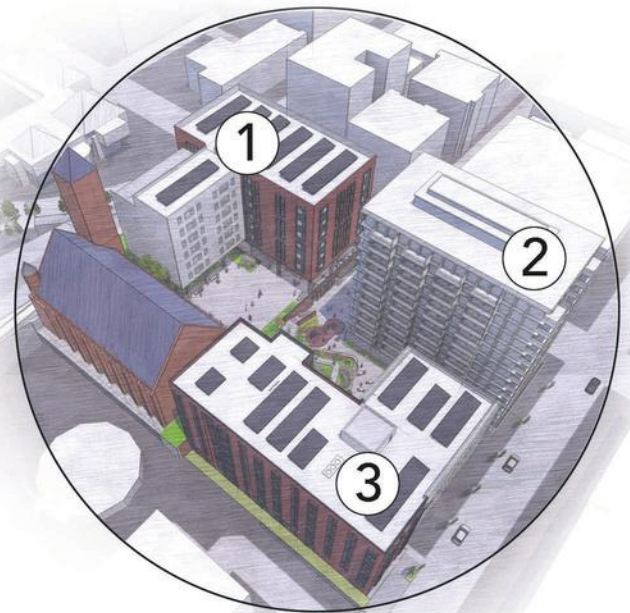


Ella Rohlfs Place
Senior Housing
94 Units
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ST. MARK'S Square

Expanding to 345+ Units of
Affordable Housing with
Supportive Services



- 1. Parcel One Family Housing
- 2. Martin Luther Senior Tower
- 3. Ella Rohlfs Place Senior Housing



Ella Rohlfs Senior Housing
94 units of Low-income Senior Housing
with Supportive Resident Services



St. Mark's Square

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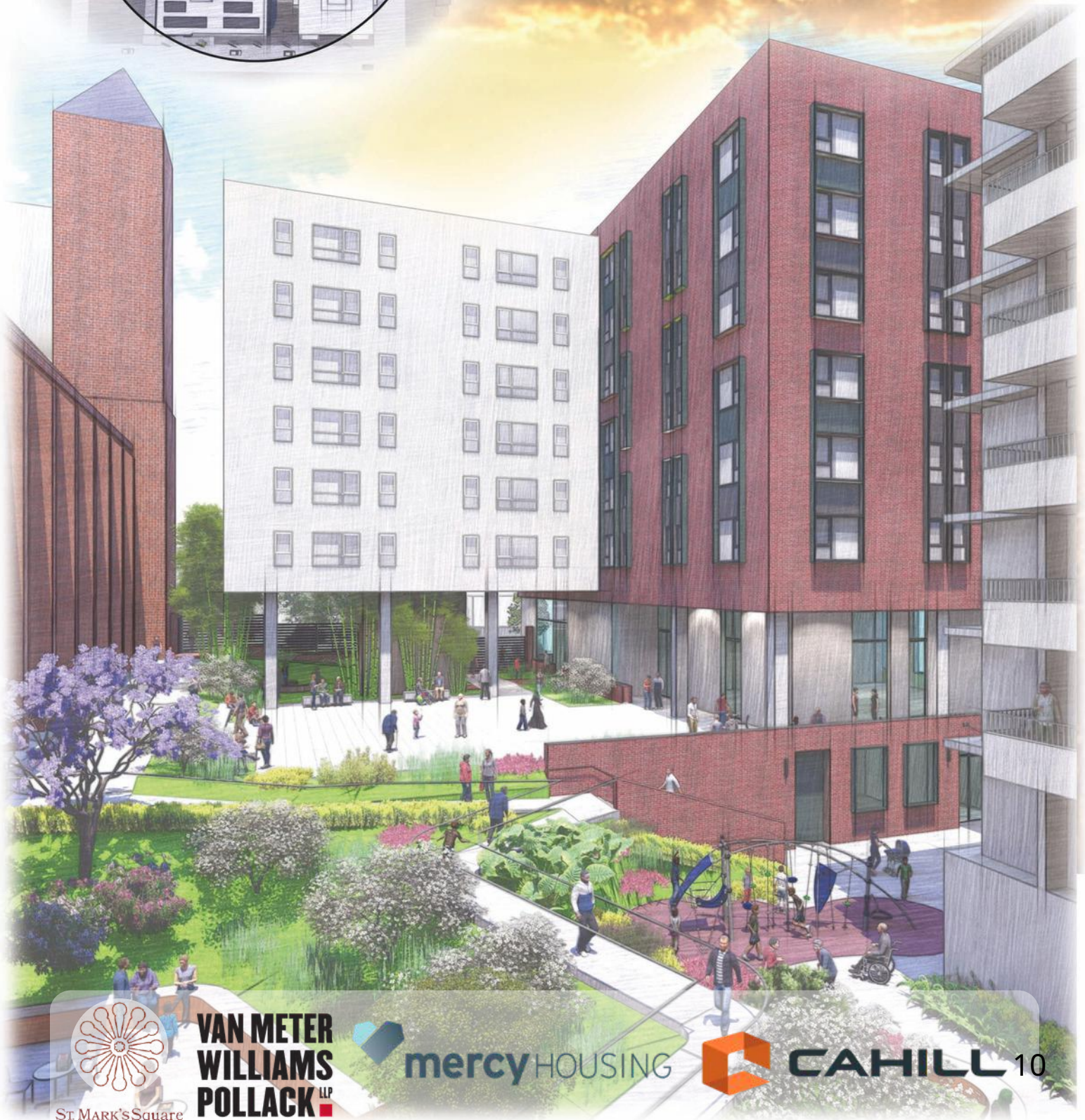


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Martin Luther Senior Tower

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3rd Annual

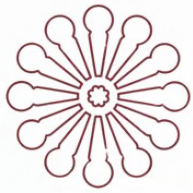
Circus on the Square

The Square came alive once again as St. Mark's Square hosted the 3rd Annual Circus on the Square, welcoming residents, neighbors, and families from across San Francisco for a day filled with energy, laughter, and connection.

Presented with Circus Bella, the event transformed the campus into an open-air celebration where people of all ages gathered to enjoy performances, music, and time together. Children played, neighbors met, and residents shared in the excitement as the space filled with movement and joy.

More than a performance, Circus on the Square has become a tradition that reflects what makes St. Mark's Square unique. It is a place where community is built through shared experiences, where generations come together naturally, and where everyone is invited to be part of something joyful.





ST. MARK'S Square

Featuring:

**CIRCUS
BELLA**

3rd Annual Circus on the Square



Intergenerational Group with Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

At St. Mark's Square, relationships across generations are a central part of community life. In partnership with Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, students and older adults come together throughout the year to connect, share stories, and build meaningful relationships.

Students also provide one-on-one tech support, helping residents navigate phones, tablets, and everyday digital tools. These moments often lead to deeper conversations and lasting connections.

By bringing generations together in a welcoming environment, St. Mark's Square fosters a strong sense of belonging where everyone has something to give and something to gain.



“Helping a resident reconnect with her son on a video call was a moment I'll never forget. She had been feeling frustrated and isolated, and when it finally worked, her face lit up. It reminded me that this work is about more than technology. It's about connection.”
-Sacred Heart Student, Class of 2026



Intergenerational Group with Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

“The students bring so much energy and kindness with them. I always look forward to our time together. It gives me something to look forward to and reminds me that I’m part of something bigger.”
- MLT Resident



“Having the students here makes a real difference. We laugh, we talk, and sometimes they help me with things I couldn’t figure out on my own. It means a lot to feel connected like that.”
- MLT Resident



“Volunteering at St Mark's has been such a pleasure. Learning about the residents and their stories and visiting them bi-weekly allows me to think of my grandparents. Conversing in Cantonese has allowed me to keep up my skills, and I believe they enjoy hearing about what is going on in my life and in high school.”
- Sacred Heart Student, Class of 2026



Because we're stronger together

Program of Merit:
ST. MARK'S Square

In 2025, St. Mark's Square was honored once again to be recognized as a Program of Merit by Generations United, a national leader in advancing intergenerational programs.

This continued recognition reflects the strength and growth of our intergenerational work. In partnership with local schools, students and residents have built meaningful relationships through ongoing gatherings, shared activities, and one-on-one tech support. What began as a program has become an important part of community life on our campus.

Beyond these connections, intergenerational engagement is woven throughout our broader programming. From community events and cultural celebrations to volunteer opportunities and educational forums, people of all ages are coming together in new and meaningful ways.

This recognition affirms our commitment to building a community where connection across generations is not just encouraged, but essential.

We've Reached Candid Platinum Status!

Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

We are proud to share that St. Mark's Square has achieved Candid Platinum status, the highest level of recognition for transparency and accountability.

This distinction reflects our commitment to being open about our work and responsible with the resources entrusted to us. Your support makes everything we do possible, and we believe you deserve clear and accessible information about how your contributions are used.

By maintaining this level of transparency, we aim to build trust and ensure that every investment in St. Mark's Square directly supports our mission and the community we serve.

We invite you to explore our financials and learn more about our work by viewing our 990 forms through the QR code below.



www.GuideStar.Org





Support St. Mark's Square



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Help us build community, provide affordable housing, and create vibrant spaces where all are welcome by going to StMarksSquare.Org/Support-Us

- The Ella Rohlffs Place Development
- Community Engagements, Services and Events
- Pastor Walter E. Bock Residents Assistance Fund
- St. Mark's Gardens
- General Fund

Volunteer with Us:

Volunteers are the backbone of our events and programs and we strive to provide a meaningful experience. We look forward to working with you!
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Attend an Event:

St. Mark's Square hosts a number of activities and events throughout the year. Join the fun and bring family and friends



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