

**ST. MARK'S Square**  
**Impact Report**  
**2024**



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



# 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.



# Welcome Message



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

During a time of remarkable growth for our treasured St. Mark's Square, our entire team would like to take this opportunity to share our excitement about the impact we've made together over the last year. This report celebrates our milestones as we live out our mission and chart our vision for realizing a unique intergenerational community in the heart of San Francisco.

Our continued progress on our affordable housing developments and the expansion of our intergenerational services and community programming are a testament to your unwavering commitment and generosity. It was a busy year: from working on the preservation of our cornerstone senior community, Martin Luther Tower, to receiving full entitlements on our Ella Rohlffs Place senior development, to launching our predevelopment activities on our family housing parcel. Now all the pieces of our dynamic intergenerational campus are in sight. Additionally, in a year of increased impact through our key community engagement programs and signature events, we are particularly honored to have received recognition as a high-quality non-profit organization as well as earning a national merit certification for our intergenerational services model. In the fall we welcomed Pastor Dan Buringrud as both the lead pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and as a St. Mark's Square Trustee. We are filled with anticipation for the growth and opportunities that await us.

Through these steadfast efforts of advocacy on behalf of our most vulnerable San Franciscans, St. Mark's Square continues to build upon our 64 years of community outreach and our commitment to challenging systemic barriers towards social justice. We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, Board members, volunteers, and all donors of life energy, knowledge, and financial resources. Each one of you makes a valuable difference.

As we look ahead to our 65th year and consider our ever-changing national and local community landscapes, we are encouraged to commit to our work like never before and to expand our impact. We truly believe that together, we can achieve even greater things, and we invite all of you to continue being a part of the St. Mark's Square journey.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Cheng, Board President  
Jeff Kohler, Executive Director

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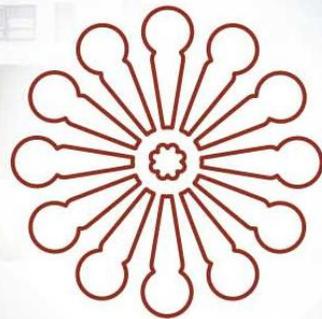
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# Where We Are Going

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



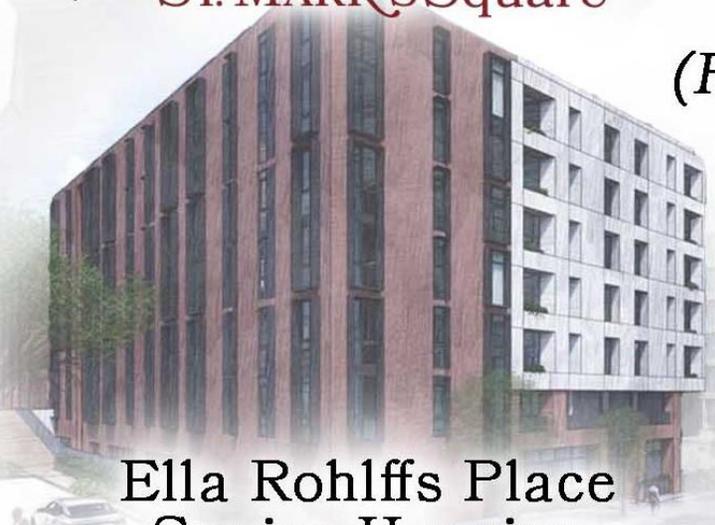
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Family Housing  
131 Units  
*(New Production)*



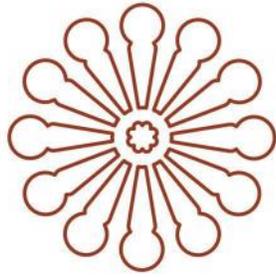
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Martin Luther  
Senior Tower  
121 Units  
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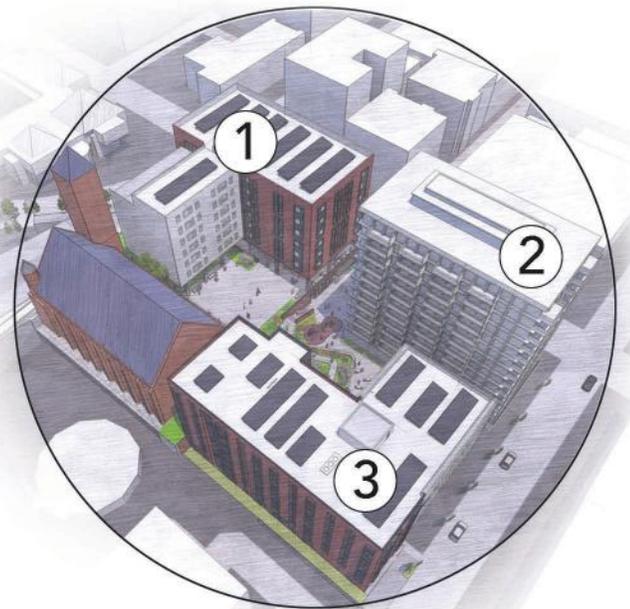


Ella Rohlffs Place  
Senior Housing  
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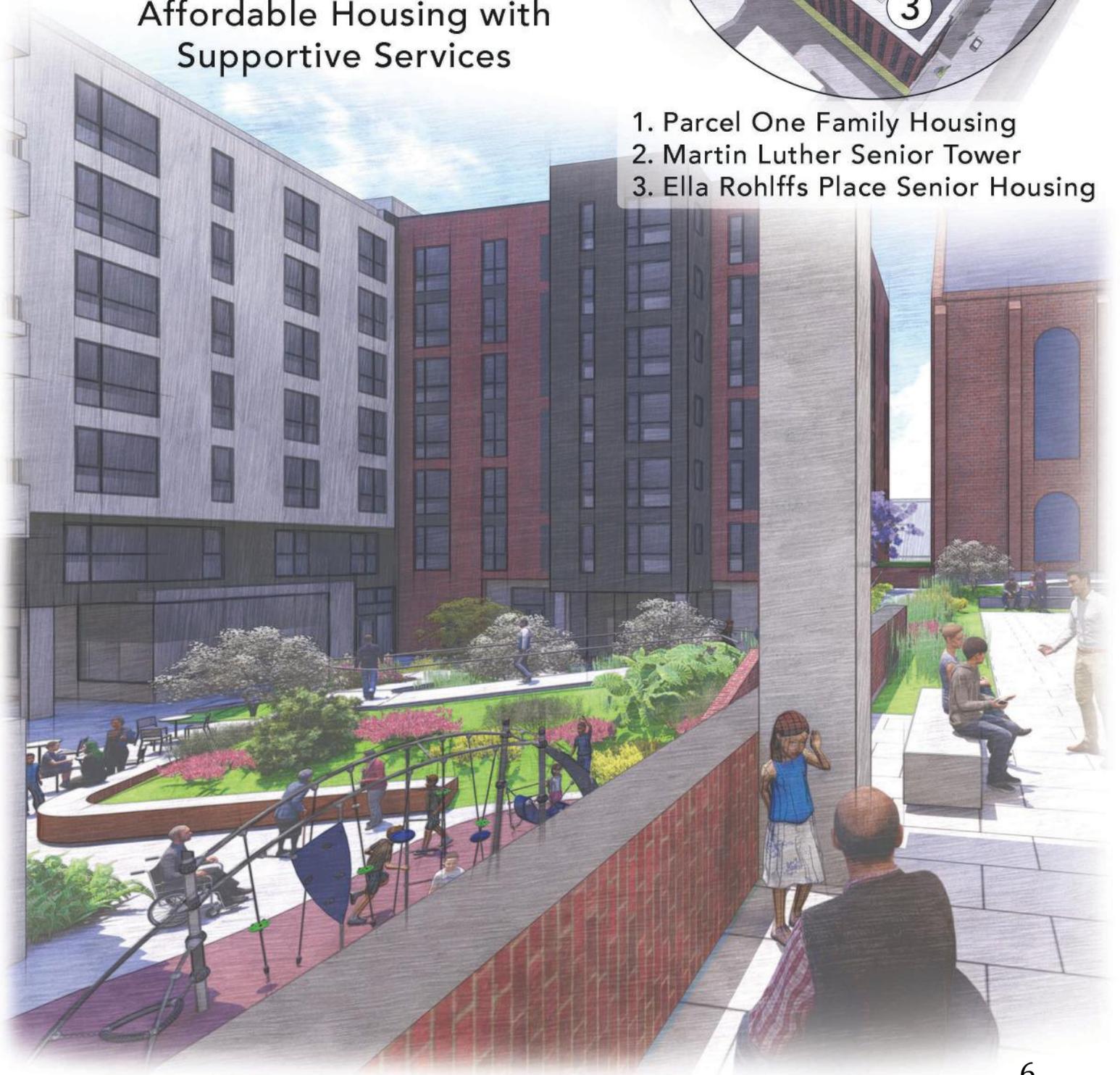


## ST. MARK'S Square

Expanding to 345+ Units of  
Affordable Housing with  
Supportive Services



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





# Ella Rohlffs Place Senior Housing

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



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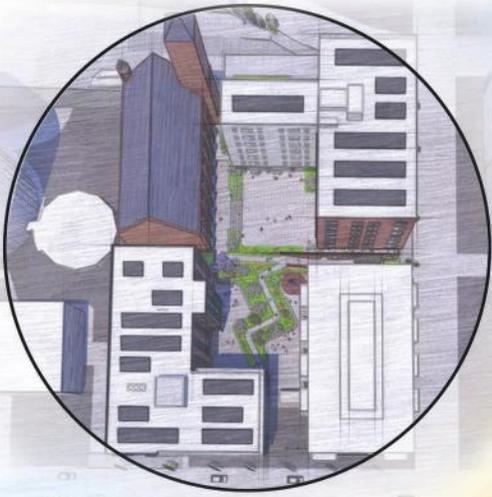
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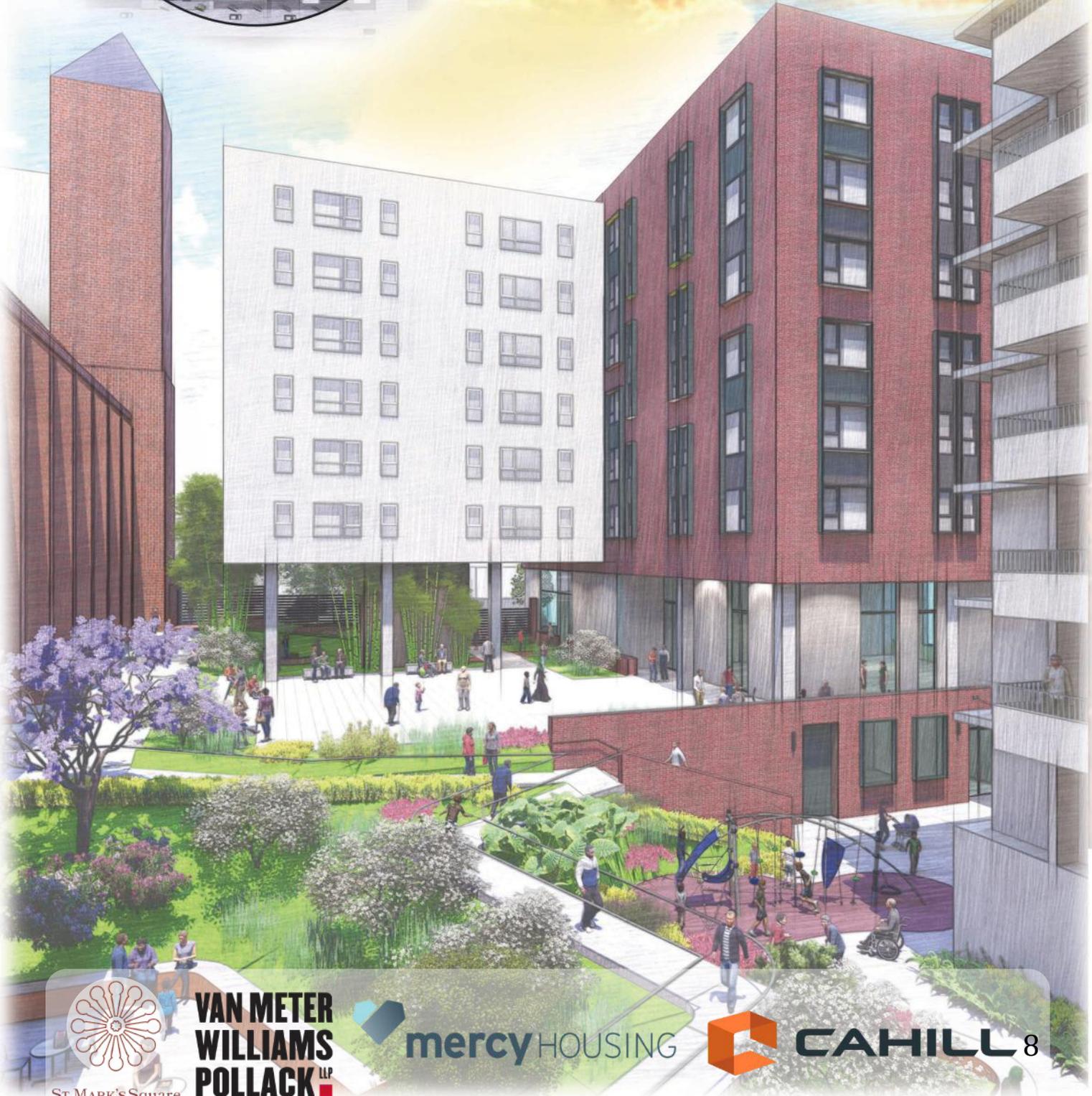
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# Martin Luther Senior Tower

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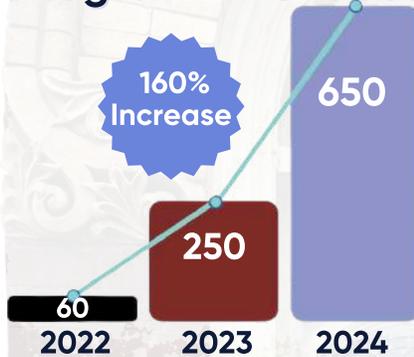


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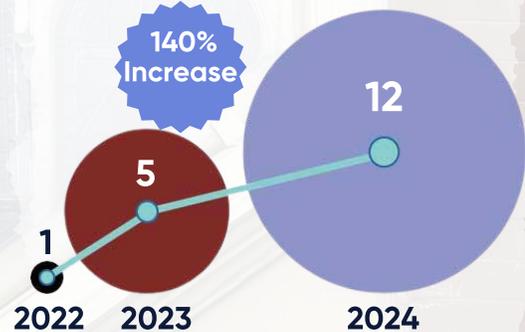
# Community Engagement: A Year of Growth

In 2024, we reached new milestones in community engagement by hosting a diverse range of events and strengthening ongoing partnerships. Through each initiative, St. Mark's Square continued to create inclusive and meaningful spaces that bring people together and celebrate our community's rich diversity.

## Program Attendees



## Events Per Year



**50+**  
Partnerships  
in 2024

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



## Annual Traditions

- December 1st Interfaith Holiday Kick Off (3rd year)
- Circus on the Square (2nd year)



## Notable Events

- AAPI Heritage Festival
- Black History Month Series
- Pride Month Documentary
- Indigenous Peoples Month- Xiuhtochtli Danza Azteca
- DCG Strategies Ministry of Housing Workshop Series





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2nd Annual

# Circus on the Square

St. Mark's Square's signature event, featuring Circus Bella, unites neighborhood families, senior residents, and local youth in a lively celebration.

Featuring awe-inspiring performances – from a strongman bending iron to an acrobat's graceful twists – plus live music and vibrant face painting, the event fosters intergenerational connection. Rooted in St. Mark's mission to promote health, happiness, and community for seniors, this joyful gathering exemplifies the organization's dedication to enriching lives through shared experiences and lasting bonds.





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Featuring:

**CIRCUS  
BELLA**

# 2nd Annual Circus on the Square



# Intergenerational Group with Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

At St. Mark's Square, our intergenerational program brings youth and seniors together for enriching activities – from art workshops to storytelling circles. These connections foster mutual understanding, reduce isolation, and create lasting friendships. Both generations benefit, sharing wisdom, laughter, and meaningful experiences that strengthen the fabric of our community.



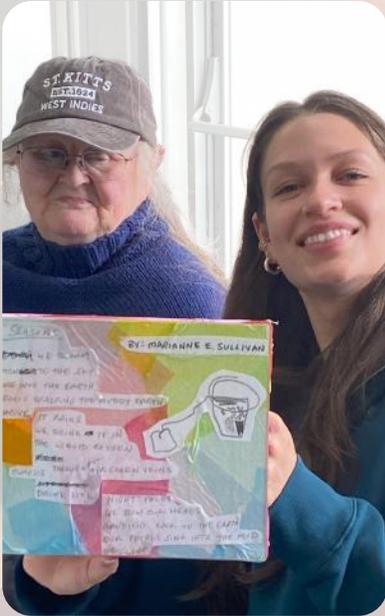
“ Having the students here gives us a big boost in morale! Thank you for making it possible. ”  
- MLT Resident



“ Visiting the residents at St. Marks has been a true joy. From getting to know them and the opportunity to learn about their backgrounds, it has been a great experience. I feel connected with the residents and feel they enjoy hearing me speak Cantonese to them, as I do with my own grandparents. ”

-Deron, Student

# Intergenerational Group with Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory



“ The program has made a beautiful impact on our lives and on the spirit of the community. ”  
- MLT Resident



“ When I first started coming to St. Marks, I never thought I'd form such strong friendships with the residents. I was able to meet so many amazing people and meet new friends who I loved spending time. What's so much more amazing is that I would have never met them, much less been friends with them if not through St. Marks Intergenerational Program. ”  
-Sara, Student





# generations united®

Because we're stronger together

## Program of Merit: ST. MARK'S Square

Being named a *Program of Merit* by *Generations United* is a prestigious recognition that highlights our commitment to fostering connections across age groups.

Generations United is a leading national organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth, and older adults through intergenerational collaboration.

Their endorsement validates that our programs and approach successfully bring diverse generations together, promoting shared learning, mutual support, and stronger community bonds.



[www.GU.Org](http://www.GU.Org)

# We've Reached Candid Gold Status!

We are excited to announce that St. Mark's Square has achieved Candid Gold status! This prestigious recognition highlights our commitment to transparency and accountability in our operations. By achieving this status, we are able to showcase our dedication to open and responsible financial practices, ensuring our community and partners can trust us as stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Gold  
Transparency  
2025

**Candid.**

This accomplishment reflects our ongoing efforts to uphold the highest standards of transparency, making it easier for our supporters to access the information they need. We invite you to explore our financials and learn more about the impact of your support by viewing our 990 forms, which are easily accessible via the QR code below.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a transparent, thriving community.



[www.GuideStar.Org](http://www.GuideStar.Org)





# Support St. Mark's Square

**Donate**



**Participate**

## **Support St. Mark's Square**

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

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



## **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

## **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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## With Gratitude

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Your generous support and dedication allow us to continue our mission of building community and transforming lives. Thank you for being part of our journey.

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