

The 50th Anniversary Celebrations Continue!



In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Huckleberry Youth Programs, we are continuing to celebrate the successes of the last 50 years, while also eagerly looking forward to all that is yet to come. Over the next nine months, we plan to bring our donors, clients and community stakeholders along with us on this journey of celebration, commemoration and collaboration. Whether you like to spend your Saturdays relaxing in the park, enjoying live music or exploring one of San Francisco's most historic neighborhoods, Huckleberry has an event for you! If you can't attend one of our events but still want to show us some love, discover other ways you can get involved [here](#).

**Day of Service
Saturday, April 29,
2017, 9:45am-
1:00pm
Golden Gate Park**

Huckleberry Youth Programs is taking it back to where it all began - our own #TBT of sorts - with a Day of Service in Golden Gate Park, the

home of the 1967 Summer of Love Concert and the impetus for the establishment of Huckleberry House. In partnership with [San Francisco Parks & Rec](#) and [SF Travel](#), HYP will be beautifying and barbecuing in the Panhandle of Golden Gate Park. Spearheaded by the students of HYP's Health & Wellness Academy, we will be joined by staff, board members, family and friends from the community. Please follow this [link](#) to learn more and sign up.

DAY OF SERVICE



Huckleberry Still Jams!
Benefit Concert
Saturday, May 20, 2017, 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm
Great American Music Hall

For those of you who have been with us on this journey for the last 50 years, you may remember our 30th Anniversary

Huckleberry Jam, headlined by [Big Brother and the Holding Company](#). Well, we're back.....with our original headliners and a host of other Bay Area artists, including [Rozzi Crane](#), [Krystle Warren](#) and [Call Me Ace](#), for a musical tribute to the young people we served during the Summer of Love and those we continue to support today. Please follow this [link](#) to Eventbrite for more information and for details on how to purchase tickets and sponsorships.

Huckleberry Gets a Face Lift

HYP would like to send out a special thank you to the [Bothin Foundation](#) & new funder [Boris and Vera Bogart Foundation](#) (BVB) for this year's capital grants that are allowing us to spruce up Huckleberry House just in time for the 50th! Huckleberry House will be getting a paint job and brand new furniture. We are grateful to Bothin & BVB for their continued support, and perfect timing!

To see the results of our remodeling project, please join us on Sunday, June 18th for our 50th Anniversary Block Party

and Huckleberry Open House. More details coming soon!



Featured Client Story



Approximately a decade after [Huckleberry House](#) opened its doors, Johanna began running away from home to escape an abusive home environment. "I was separated from my mother when I was two and a half and raised by my abusive father. I started running away when I was about seven or eight and I found living on the street was better than being at home. I had been beaten up and even ate out of a trashcan."

Johanna eventually found solace at Huckleberry House. "I was abused my whole life and when I went to Huckleberry House, it was the end of it. After Huckleberry House I was never abused by my father again. You guys helped me find a better place to live.

At 18, I got my own apartment and just really started enjoying my life."

She credits the services she received at Huckleberry House for giving her a vision of what a normal, peaceful, and stable home environment could be. "I ended up OK because even though my childhood was rough I saw another side of life. Huckleberry House showed me what it was like to live in peace and I liked that - I loved it actually.

I thought that's the life I want and it's the path I chose. I really can't thank you enough."

Now 47, Johanna is celebrating the 20 year anniversary of her own skincare business

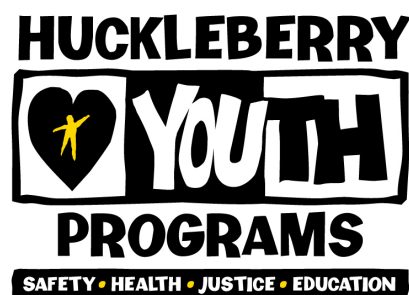
in San Diego and, "loves every single day of my life." She plans on donating profits to organizations like Huckleberry Youth Programs.

Have your own Huckleberry story to tell? We'd love to hear it! Please send your story to Gina at gpan@huckleberryyouth.org

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For 50 years, Huckleberry Youth Programs has partnered with teens and families to overcome adversity. Huckleberry strengthens families and empowers young people with services that promote **safety** in times of crisis, physical and emotional **health** and well-being, social **justice** in communities facing inequality, and **educational** success.

When ALL youth succeed, the entire community is stronger.