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Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc

Transitions: Past, Present, and Future



Settlement House History

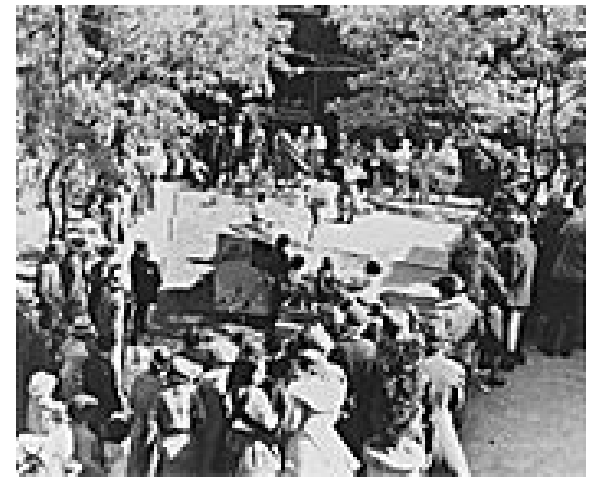
- Between the late 1800's and the end of World War I, massive urban social problems persisted
 - Rapid population growth
 - Economic distress
 - Labor unrest
 - Unemployment
 - Low wages
 - Unfair labor practices/child labor
 - Poor living conditions



Toynebee Hall

Settlement House History, cont'd

- The British social activists believed students and the wealthy should “settle” in poverty stricken neighborhoods to provide services, work for social reform, and to improve the daily quality of life — both populations could learn from one another.
 - Later, the poor, but educated class were encouraged to be part of the “settlement” house movement.
- First Settlement House founded in 1884 in London's East End



Settlement House History, cont'd.

- First American Settlement House, the Neighborhood Guild, founded in 1886, in New York City's Lower East Side



Neighborhood Guild

- Settlement house staff resided in the same buildings in which programs and activities occurred
 - Staff regarded the people who used services as neighbors, not clients

Settlement House History, cont'd.

- Target Population
 - Poor, immigrants, families, women and children
- Services
 - English language classes, afterschool recreation, job clubs, childcare, literacy, citizenship assistance, art and music classes, playgrounds, healthcare and referrals, kindergartens, meals for seniors
- Social Reform Advocates
 - Organized protests against child labor, supported organized labor, worked for better housing conditions, advocated for education and health care access



Jane Adams, Hull House Founder



The Girls' Club of San Francisco

- In the late 1800's Rae and Eva Wolfsohn, from a Jewish-German immigrant family, organized "managers" to establish the Girls' Club located at 7th and Folsom Streets
 - First Settlement House in northern California
 - Managers were women from leading and prominent San Francisco families
- After 1906 earthquake fires destroyed the building, the managers mobilized to build the Capp Street Center
- In 1911, the Capp Street center became the new home for the Girls' Club of San Francisco

The Girls' Club of San Francisco cont'd.

1900-1942



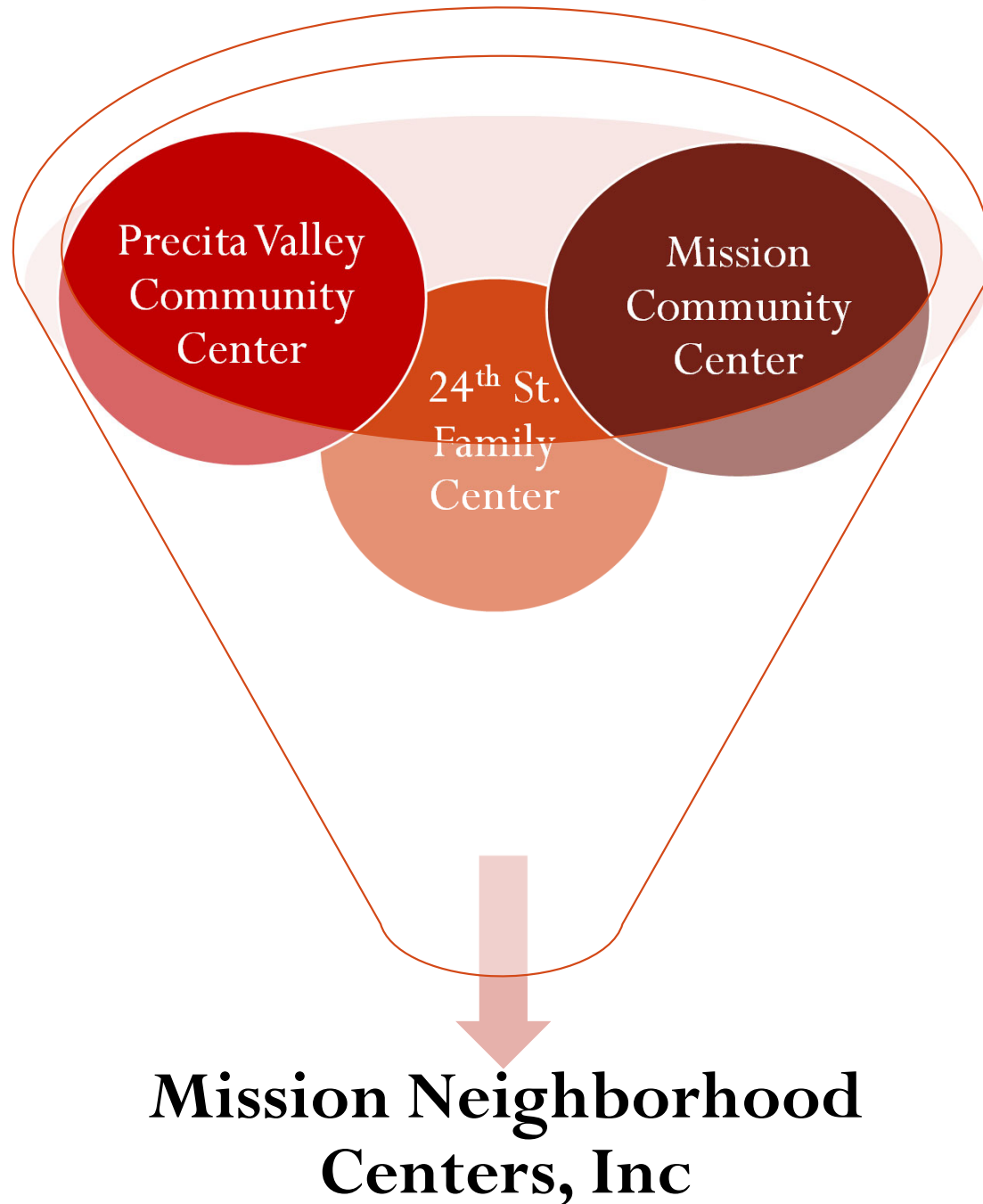
- The Club provided services to girls and their mothers (most poor immigrants or recent California transplants)
 - Cultural activities
 - Life skills
 - Cooking classes
 - Music classes
 - Art classes
 - Recreation
 - Social events

The Girls' Club Becomes Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. 1942-1958

- In 1942, the Community Chest (current day United Way) recommended the Girls' Club provide services to boys
- At the same time, the Community Chest recommended the Club provide expanded services to families
- Hence, *Mission Community Center* was created with the Girls' Club as one of its programs

The Girls' Club Becomes MNC, cont'd.

In 1958, a study commissioned by the Community Chest encouraged the merger of three neighborhood centers





Children Services Division –

**An Early Head Start and
Head Start Grantee**

School Readiness, Dual
Language Classroom
Instruction, Mental
Health/Disability

Intervention Services, Health and
Nutrition Intervention Services, Family
Services/Parent Education Classes, Food
Bank

Youth Services Division –

Afterschool/Safe Haven
Services, Support
Groups, Workshops,
Summer Programs, Field
Trips, Gender Specific
Services and Groups,
GED classes, Alternative
to Detention, Case
Management, Workforce
Development



Senior Services Division –

Yoga/Zumba/Dance
Classes, Health
Screenings, Healthy
Cooking Classes, Food
Bank, Computer
Classes, Congregate
Meals, Sewing / Art
Classes, Choir, Wellness
Field Trips



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