



UCSF Dept. of Psychiatry
Citywide Employment
Vocational Rehabilitation
Program @ ZSFG



UCSF Citywide Employment Program:

- Supported Employment / Job Placement
- First Impressions – 3D Printing & Job Training
- The Growth Project – Horticulture and Landscape Training
- CASC – One-Stop Reentry Services Center
- ***Slice of Life Catering***
- ***Slice of Life Cafe***
- ***Vocational Rehabilitation Program @ ZSFG***

Vocational Rehabilitation Program at ZSFG:

- Slice of Life Catering & Culinary Training
- Slice of Life Café @ 1380 Howard
- Happy Buns Hot Dog Cart
- Buzzin’ Beans Coffee Cart(s)
- Sewing/Quilting – Sensory Modification Blankets and Vests
- Mail Delivery
- Clothing Management and Distribution
- Administrative Assistant Training
- Hospital Inpatient Book & Clothing Carts

Vocational Rehabilitation Program Milestones

2004	Gigi Lapuz started catering and “ <i>Buzzin Beans</i> ” coffee cart within Psych Dept.
2010 to Present	VRP Volunteer program hired +/- 600 individuals w/ severe chronic mental illness
2010 to Present	Hired, trained +/- 200 individuals in paid internships
2010	OT – Sewing program for Sensory Modification Blankets and Vests
2011	Mindy Oppenheim hired
2011 to Present:	Over 3000 Catering Orders Completed
2012	Opened “ Happy Buns ” Hot Dog Cart and <i>Buzzin Beans</i> in Courtyard and Units
2012	ZSFG Foundation & BofA (2 Grants) – furnished training kitchen and client stipends
2012	MHRF & VRP Training Partnership in MHRF Training Kitchen
2014	Clothing Cage Refurnished (+/- 500 clothes distributed per month)
2014	Hired Hugo Calderon as VRP Program Coordinator
2016	Awarded 5-year MHSA Prop 63 Grant – Opened Slice of Life Café @ 1380 Howard
2016	Formalized Slice of Life (SOL) Culinary/Catering Program Curriculum. Began Cohort #1
2017-19	Total 55k Grants from First Republic Bank
2017	Hired Chef Mike Sullivan
2020	Partnered with SF New Deal to Coordinate 10,000 meals per week to SRO’s
2020	SOL cooked 100 meals/5-days per week during shelter in place for vulnerable clients
2020	Citywide staff & VRP Peer’s formed 5 delivery teams to distribute 100 meals per day
2021	Awarded 5-year extension for MHSF BHS Grant
2022	Hired Chef Greg Anfinson as Manager of Slice of Life Café @ 1380 Howard
2024	Moved into refurnished commercial kitchen at the MHRF!!