Dear TNDC Supporter,


As part of our 35th anniversary year observation, TNDC is compiling our history to date. You can now read a copy of our magazine-style document on our web site which will be posted in expanded form as an e-book later in the year.

TNDC is now a nationally recognized leader in equitable development, neighborhood preservation, and homeless housing.

And, we continue to be just as driven by solutions now as we were 35 years ago. To us, there is no greater measure than that — and frankly just as salient as it was at our founding back in 1981.

Thank you for 35 years of making a difference! Here’s to many more years of impact ahead.

Donald S. Falk, CEO

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New Senior Housing Named for Longtime San Francisco Supervisor

Slotted for completion in summer 2016, the Willie B. Kennedy Apartments is a new 98 unit, five story affordable senior housing development located at the corner of Turk and Webster streets in the Western Addition. The Project is being constructed alongside the Rosa Parks Senior Apartments, a building we acquired in 2016 from the San Francisco Housing Authority as a RAD project. Formerly known as Rosa Parks II, the building has 32 studios and 65 one-bedroom units for senior households earning less than 50% Average Median Income, with 20 units set aside for formerly homeless seniors. The Project also provides a variety of community spaces designed to accommodate a range of programs and needs for residents, including a large community room with a learning kitchen, a laundry room, two outdoor courtyard spaces, bike storage, and a resident lounge area.

This resident building was named for Willie B. Kennedy who was a longtime San Francisco supervisor who championed minority- and women-owned businesses and Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood improvements. Appointed in 1981, she was the third African American woman on the board, and served for 15 years. Among her lawmaking accomplishments were co-authoring the city’s law that allotted a share of city contracts for women- and minority-owned businesses and legislation that prohibited the city from doing business with apartheid-era South Africa.

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WILLIE B. KENNEDY APARTMENTS

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As we look back over the past 35 years of TNDC’s work and impact in our community, we feel grateful and proud of the courage and foresight of our founders and the many dedicated staff, board, and community members who have propelled us to accomplish so much. TNDC was founded in 1981 to achieve two ambitious and intertwined goals: to protect them from the gentrification of the Tenderloin and to provide permanent, affordable housing. By 1988, TNDC’s portfolio included eight buildings, for a total of 450 units.

Entering the 1990s as a struggling, emerging organization, TNDC began an important evolution with the hiring, in 1993, of Brother Kelly Cullen as executive director. His philosophy was that the organization should buy as much property as quickly as possible, to remove it from the speculative market. TNDC was not afraid of risk—the work had to be done. As TNDC grew, and with the help of newly hired management staff, the property management function provided increased income and stability, thus allowing it to significantly expand the scope of its tenant services and community organizing departments.

TNDC recognized the critical importance of integrating housing with services and community organizing. The first time she spoke publicly was at City Hall in support of Prop. A, which secured funds to build critically needed homes for low and middle-income San Franciscans. Debra said that next, “I got super fired up about canvassing and registered a total of 199 voters during the campaign—more than anyone else. I used my voice—and it worked!” In Debra’s words, “If we don’t empower ourselves, things won’t change. I want to stay informed and know what’s going on.”

Our Community Leaders like Debra Copes, who are participants of TNDC’s Tenderloin Leadership Academy, play a key role in getting voters registered and educated on current initiatives affecting them. Debra has been a TNDC resident for over ten years and prior to that, had been homeless or living with friends. At 58 years old, she manages several chronic health conditions, and is inspired to invest her time and energy into making a difference in her community.

PARTNER PROFILE: Compassionate Chefs Café

Compassionate Chefs Café is a San Francisco-based non-profit organization with one goal: To help children locally and globally. To do so, they provide funding to TNDC’s Tenderloin After-School Program (TASP) and Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad, India to uplift the lives of the children and provide them with important resources to become members of the global village. 100% of funds raised through Compassionate Chefs is given to the children, and since its founding in 2007, the organization has donated $64,000 to TASP.

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Compassionate Chefs Café (CCC) was created by Chef Ranjan Dey, who is also the man behind the first New Delhi Restaurant in San Francisco, which is named one of the finest Indian Restaurants in the US by New York Times. Chef Ranjan is also one of TNDC’s longest running commercial tenants. Chef Ranjan has a strong spirit of giving. As he puts it, “Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who’ll never know.”

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