

WHAT'S GOOD!

"Long standing mentor relationships, not those that cease at the close of the program, appear to have significant positive effects on youth. The need for a caring man or woman who will sacrifice their time for each foster child to adulthood is imperative."

In Gratitude

We would like to thank all of our supporters! The individual donations have helped us immensely during these trying times. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to change lives, and more importantly, thank you for believing in us and in our mission!!

Thank You

- ✦ [100 Women Charitable Foundation](#)
- ✦ [All Stars Helping Kids](#)
- ✦ [Bay Area Wilderness Training \(BAWT\)](#)
- ✦ [Comerica](#)
- ✦ [Excite Credit Union](#)
- ✦ [The Links of San Jose](#)
- ✦ [Los Gatos Morning Rotary](#)
- ✦ [Rebuilding Together SV](#)
- ✦ [San Jose Strong](#)
- ✦ [Sports Basement](#)
- ✦ [Supervisor Cindy Chavez, District 2](#)

Thank you so much for your generosity!



Who We Are

Razing the Bar (RTB) provides comprehensive mentorship and housing support services to current and former foster youth, as well as other under-resourced youth populations. The goal of RTB mentorship is to support safe, nurturing living environments that encourage and promote individual growth through personal accountability, age and developmentally appropriate expectations and positive role modeling. We believe that coupling high expectations with increased support systems will afford the targeted youth population the greatest chance of personal success. Our goal is to create permanent, interdependent communities based on common goals, shared experiences and positive, supportive relationships.

We look forward to growing in 2021, securing new properties and welcoming additional youth into our community!



Donate Now!

Getting Outside

RTB incorporates outdoor activities as much as possible for our wellness component. Even with the pandemic, we've tried to find ways to safely get outside. We've been fortunate enough over the last several months to go on a few deep sea fishing trips - and even caught a few fish!

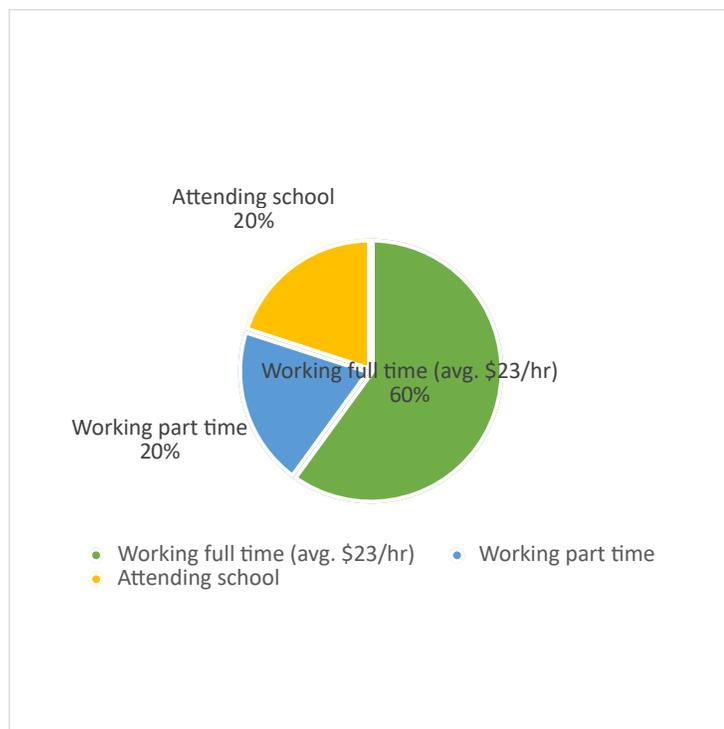


We've also been able to get out and enjoy some hiking! One of our favorite recent discoveries is the Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve, just east of Milpitas. It's been a little overcast the times we've been out there, but rumor has it the views are breathtaking. We hope to catch one soon!



The First Cohort

At the end of 2020 our first cohort utilized their full three year rental subsidy, and remain stably housed. All program participants are currently paying market rate rents, as they transition into less formal support. When asked if RTB was helping them actualize their potential, 100% of the youth reported that we were. 4 out of the 5 youth reported that they know we have their best interests in mind AND they're confident that RTB will continue to offer support, encouragement and mentorship - even after their subsidies are exhausted. The same group also reported that we increased their networks of support. Some of the more tangible things RTB has done - improve their credit, establish bank accounts, ensure they're current with taxes, and introduce them to options based on their career and academic goals.



The graph represents the current activities of our first housed cohort; 2018 - 2020

RTB also provides mentorship and housing support to youth that we do not have the capacity to provide housing for. Although they too have made significant progress, their housing situations have played a role in their ability to maintain progress. RTB will share our findings in our next newsletter.

[Subscribe Now To Receive RTB's Newsletter](#)