



Addressing the needs of the collective community by uplifting & serving our Pacific Islander communities.

WHO WE ARE...

Samoan Solutions is a local non profit organization based in San Mateo County, CA serving the San Francisco Bay Area. We are made up of community members looking to do our part to give back to our community. We have worked towards our mission through partnerships, creativity and the support of our generous donors and contributors.

MISSION

It is our mission to enhance the quality of life of Samoan people in the San Francisco Bay Area. We aim to: Build strong relationships; promote awareness and maintain Fa'a Samoa (The Samoan Way), all in hopes of preparing our Samoan community for future success.



VISION

It is our Vision that Samoan Solutions will help to unite the Samoan people by teaching & maintaining Fa'a Samoa & ensure that our Samoan people are aware of the social & human services that they require to be healthy and contributing members of their respective communities.

RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING & SERVICES

Our programs and services are tailored to meet the needs of our Pacific Islander community. We have thoughtfully crafted community initiatives that emphasize teaching, learning, and honoring the Pasifika voice, heritage, and practices.

YOUTH & TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH EMPOWERMENT:

- College & Career Readiness programs:
 - Pasifika Boss Up - Youth Entrepreneurship
 - Graduated our 3rd Summer Cohorts
 - With 28 youth developing & launching their small businesses.
 - Lumana'i Education Gift - Financial support for students 6th - 2nd year college transfers
 - 16 years
 - Raised & awarded over \$23,666
 - Supporting 48 students across the SF Bay Area
 - YEEE! Summer Program
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- Identity & Connection programS:
 - Ta'iala Youth Exchange Program - Completed 2nd Cohort
 - Youth Leadership Development
- Civic Engagement programS
 - Activate Pasefika - Cultivating youth voice & action in our communities.



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ARTS & CULTURE:

- Performing Arts programs:
 - Fagogo Samoan Arts & Culture Program
 - Samoan Arts & Culture School Workshops & Assemblies
 - Siva Samoa Performances
 - Theater Play
 - Arts & Culture Workshop Series
- Identity & Connection:
 - AGANU'U Community Teach-In Series - Creating space for Pacific Islanders to learn & grow in their cultural understanding & practice.
- Education & Practice:
 - FALELALAGA - Indigenous weaving group
 - Curriculum
- Pasifika Pulse:
 - Highlighting Arts & Cultural Practitioners in the community
- Pasifika Artist Exhibits:
 - Creating & hosting Pasifika Artist Exhibits for the community



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HEALTH & WELLNESS:

- 5k Turkey Trot for Charity:
 - Serving roughly 180 attendees a year
 - Community Resource/Wellness Fair
 - Pasifika Marketplace
 - Raised over \$18600 to support our most vulnerable communities
- Community Co-Chair for San Mateo County's Pacific Islander Initiative
 - Reconvene after Covid & in person
 - Suicide prevention & awareness
 - Develop & Implement Strategic plan
 - Develop operating guidelines for PII.
 - Mental Health First Aid Certification Training (Youth & Adult)



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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT:

- Community Empowerment Workshops:
 - Know Your Rights
 - Digital Literacy
- Nesian Night Market - Vendor space highlighting Pacific Islander businesses.
 - Hosting approximately 170-180 vendors per year
 - Live launch pad for Youth Entrepreneurs
 - Welcoming approximately 2,800 attendees in the last 3 seasons.
- Fale Su'isu'i - Sewing workshops, teaching introductory level skills to the community.



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Our programs & services are responsive towards our Pacific islander community needs. We have longstanding programming that have become

PHYSICAL SPACE FOR US BY US:

- Le Maota - Our Community Space
 - The only space open & operating in this way for our Pacific Islander Community in San Mateo County.
 - Open for 2 years & 2 months
 - Home to community all SS programs & events
 - Served over 3,700 individuals since opening
 - Home to 4 different youth Summer programs
 - Houses the ONLY Pasifika Library collection accessible to the general public
 - Host to Pasifika Resident Artist Art Exhibitions

"Having a space to run our own programming feels like HOME. I love Le Maota."



"Whenever I bring my daughter to Le Maota, she always feels safe & has a great time."



WE PRIORITIZE COLLABORATION:

We recognize we can move further together. From the start, we've prioritized collaboration & partnerships as a key strategy in serving our community. Here are some of our community partners & the way(s) we bring collaboration to life for our people:

1. Pacific Islanders Encouraging Fun, Engineering, Science & Technology - (P.I.E.F.E.S.T.)
 - a. Co-creating youth maker workshop curriculum rooted in Pasifika indigenous STEAM practices.
2. Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center - (PCRC)
 - a. Co-hosting Pasifika Pulse - encouraging Pasifika peoples to explore Arts, Media & Entertainment Pathways by highlighting Pasifika Sector Professionals in an intimate setting
 - b. Part of the Pacific Islander Complete Count Committee in both 2010-2020 - Ensuring a complete count of Pacific Islanders in SMC for the US Census
3. San Mateo County Office of Education:
 - a. YEEE! - Development partner & career academy hosts & internship hosts
 - b. Thought partner for programs & initiatives serving Pacific Islander students to improve student outcomes in education.
 - c. Community Empowerment Workshop co-hosts
4. Health Right 360 - Asian American Recovery Services
 - a. Host location for Journey to Empowerment
 - b. Youth outreach & support services for PIONEERS youth program
5. San Mateo County BHRS & ODE:
 - a. Co-Chair for the Pacific Islander Initiative
6. ALL MY USO'S - (AMU)
 - a. Coordinators for AMU's Family Day Carnival area
7. Climate Resilience Communities (CRC):
 - a. Outreach partner for city projects & groups
8. RISE South City
 - a. Outreach partner for FREE tree program & Air Quality Survey projects
9. PasifikaByDesign
 - a. Summer Program Partnership



CITY IMPACT

Although it has been a while since we collaborated closely with the city of South San Francisco, we do have a history of serving right here in SSF.



- 2008 - Samoan Solutions launched in SSF in a garage:).
- 2011 - The South San Francisco Coalition for Safe Neighborhoods - Peace Walk Planning Committee - December 2011
- 2010 - 2012: Launch of the Pacific Parents Group in collaboration with SSFUSD
- 2010 - 2019 Arts & Cultural Workshops & Performing Arts Performances
- 2022 - Current - College & Career Readiness Youth Summer Career Academy offerings for SSFUSD High School & TAY students





PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

Talavou Aumavae

South San Francisco resident & lifelong participant turned member turned Board Member of Samoan Solutions



Aniva Tafilele Moors

South San Francisco resident & Youth Program Facilitator



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WE NEED HELP...

This work happens because of amazing people whom are willing to share . All are welcome to become members of Samoan Solutions. Contact us today so we can connect.

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How you can help:

- Funding/Sponsorship
- Partnership efforts
- Volunteering
- Connections to resources

DONATE TO SAMOAN

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