



*"The calling of God and His
miracle of Neighborhood Christian Center"*



**Neighborhood
Christian Center**

Hugs, Hurdles & Happy Hearts for the Mind, Body & Soul - Since 1981

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NCC's HISTORY TIMELINE

The vision of a christian education was given to Kris & Dr. Clifford Daugherty and shared with Graciela Marques-Hahn.

**JAN
1980**

Neighborhood Christian Preschool and Neighborhood Christian Daycare (K-6th grade).

1984

Temporarily relocated at Santa Clara First Baptist Church (3111 Benton Ave) for 90 days.

**JULY 6
2004**

NCC becomes a certified "Bay Area Green Business" (re-certified in Feb 2016) NCC hosts the first Green Conference with Bev Boss & Amrit Bhuie.

2012

NCC Enrollment reaches 210 families. Oct 2016- NCC celebrates 35 years!

2016

**OCT 4
1981**

The doors opened at the Neighborhood Church campus on 1290 Pomeroy Ave with 1 student, who then recruited 13 families by the end of the day.

2002

NCC care was changed to 2-6 years old and added Kindergarten.

**NOV 4
2004**

Doors open at 887 Pomeroy Ave. at the Peace Lutheran Church campus.

2014

NCC is awarded Acterra Award for Sustainability with Special Commendation

NCC becomes a Bay Area Parent Magazines' Family Favorite winning the Gold medal for "Best Preschool/Child Education Center in the Silicon Valley"

2018

For the first time in 4 decades, NCC on-site students are impacted by the Covid-19 guidelines. Enrolled 3 students of essential workers, while the rest of the students & staff joined our first ever virtual classrooms which was called NVC1 and NVC2. We reached student over 4 continents.

2020

NCC becomes a Bay Area Parent Magazines' Family Favorite winning the Silver medal for "Best Preschool/Child Education Center in the Silicon Valley"

2019

NCC celebrates 40 YEARS on October 4

2021

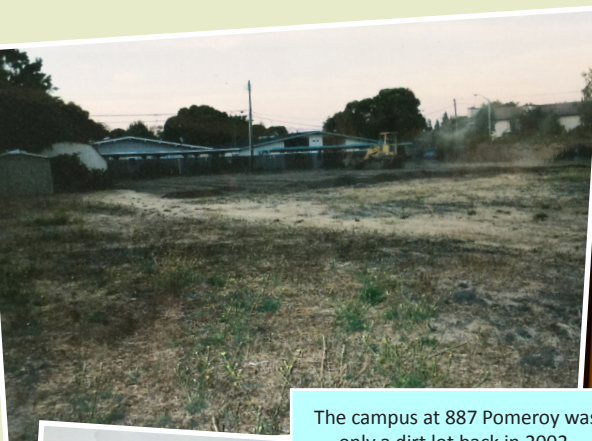


“In the last 4 decades I have learned to listen to children.
That is the greatest lesson ever. They are valid and their
thoughts are valid. They designed this with no architect.

Children designed this.... This is THEIR idea.

And by listening to them, I have learned much about myself.”

– Ms. Graciela



The campus at 887 Pomeroy was only a dirt lot back in 2002. Everything you see today was built from the ground up.



THEN vs. NOW



NCC Remembers...

"Jesus' EKKLESIA was never buildings or even institutions. It was a life-giving people movement whom He charged with bringing goodness, peace and joy to restore a world that was broken. The EKKLESIA IN EDUCATION exists to bring the creative innovation of heaven to the education sector."--<https://www.theeklesia.net/about-us/>

"At NCC, The Ekklesia in Education exists to bring the creative innovation of heaven to the Early Childhood Education Sector at home and world wide."

NCC has been a member school of the Ekklesia in Education since 2019. We are incredibly excited to share with the world what we have been living for over 40 years. As Jesus' Ekklesia, the NCC Staff is living and teaching by example for the children to be His Ekklesia, charged to bring goodness, peace and joy to restore a world that is broken.

For the past 40 plus years, we have served the City of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley, and beyond. Every morning, we open our classroom meeting times with ways we have blessed, and may continue to bless, other people in our homes, school and community. Serving others is a Joy!

Here is how it started:

In 1980, a group of college students and I walked the community in Santa Clara and asked 875 homes how we may serve them. It was an eye opener for us since many of us were never raised in childcare growing up, however, we discovered that the greatest current need was dependable, caring childcare. Whereas one parent used to stay home with children, now both parents have to work outside of the home to make ends meet in the rising Silicon Valley cost of living.

We spent many evenings debating whether children should be staying home or rather go into what was commonly known by "neigh-sayers"



as "kiddie kennels". We organized a debate between students from San Jose Bible College, San Jose State, Stanford University, West Valley College, Ohlone College and De Anza College on one Saturday afternoon in cold February 1981 at the SJBC Tiffin Center. The topic was, "The value of partnership between Childcare, Home and Work." After 5.5 hours of discussion, we concluded that starting NCP & NCDC was going to be a paradigm shift for the community and for our lives.



We wanted our childcare center to be such a special place that children would look forward to coming in the morning and cry when it was time to go home. We wanted to support the hard working parents by providing for the children all they needed in one place: PLAY, Nurture, and Socialization in an environment that challenges their growth in all areas of their milestones. By the time the children went home, they received a fully stimulated experience including tutoring, foreign language exposure and multi cultural appreciation called: Hands Around the World. Other activities included Hands On Art, Hands on Science, Hands on Sports, Hands on Cooking/ Culinaria, Hands On Gardening/ From the Garden to the Kitchen (G2K),...Curriculum structures we developed to enrich each child's environmental experiences. Today we like to think that many of our alumni were so influenced by these experiences that they would become world changers. Many have and continue to do so. Whether it is in sports, Medicine, Philanthropy, Education, Technology, Space, Entertainment, National Services, Aeronautics, Law & Law Enforcement, Government, and Community Services. We noted that the longer the student stayed with us, the more these valuable experiences molded their path to make this world a better place.



All this was accomplished under the umbrella of Jesus Christ. Without Him, this would not have been possible. Our community learned to pray for their home, self, friends and sphere of influence. They learned to walk a personal walk with Jesus and many chose to surrender, submit and step forward to be baptised. Many returned to NCC to take that first step of obedience after accepting Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord: Water Baptism. Some were baptised in the pool, river, creek and ocean. Jennifer Salas, however, chose to be baptised by Ms. Grace in the NCC sandbox before going off to college. She has been followed by over 102 alumni and families. Janessa's grandfather donated a cow trough to use on top of the sand rather than



the makeshift wood and tarp “pool” in the sand. One alumni came to be baptised before he took the life-changing mission to inoculate the entire country of Rwanda. Another dear alumni came to be baptised just weeks before he died.



Over the past 40 years, we have had some very difficult family tragedies. Yet it was during those tragic times that I witnessed this amazing community, affectionately known as “Neighborhood Family”, now “NCC Family”, come together and undergird the struggling family. Though they were far from home, they felt God’s down-home love through the NCC community.

We, the NCC staff, are all blessed and grateful that God has made us; chosen us, and tooled us to listen to the heart of each child at NCC and beyond. It is the Holy Spirit that qualifies us according to the will of God and we are honored to have Jesus manifest Himself in us.

Every morning when I join our faithful Bible reading and prayer intercessor team lead by Pastor Clay, Ms. Grace, Mr. Daoud and Mr. Tabbara, it is evident that God is calling us and hears us as we approach His throne with all humility to pray for our students, staff, their families; our sister schools: NCP, Bright Star and VCS; along with the missions we support here and world wide.

We are thankful for our Executive Team: Agape Schools Inc. Board Members; Founder and Board President: Dr. Clifford E. Daugherty; along with Rebekah Daugherty, our Operations Officer, for their unselfish, caring, faithful leadership to God’s calling with full integrity and steadfastness.

God called and used the various generous donors throughout the 40 years to come along Kris and Clifford Daugherty as they so unselfishly gave their best to Him. There are so many donors listed and even more so unlisted whose donations came to us or our missions in God’s perfect time.*

None so amazing as Armin McGhee and Amy McGhee with McGhee grading to grade this land and design the well installations of the buildings; Brian Brager & Hooman of NTS Technology for installing B4 & B5 and their

ongoing stewardship of this property; Nick and Nadene Salamida, (Valley Concrete) concrete walkways; Altieri Family (Playgrounds Unlimited/Rubber surface, Australian Shades, Playground Equipment); Vavkin Family for drainage system; Patty McDonald for the design and stocking of our Edible yard and Sandbox; Augustine Barrientos Family & Crew (Abis Building Maintenance)-For the installation of the Edible yard and Maintaining our facilities at discounted cost for over 32 years; Brown Family support of the staff and Emergency Fund and beyond; Rock Family for the Emergency Fund; Doublak Family Emergency Fund and beyond; Catherine C. Pugel for Emergency fund; Henry Ngyuen & George Kim for our very first computers, network and security cameras; Marques, Hahn & Palk families and endless others who came alongside to fill in the gaps and bless NCC and especially the staff. One family continues to donate monthly to our Staff Enrichment Fund faithfully for many years, which helps to bless the staff with ongoing training and meals! Thank you Vaughn Family! God takes our donations and multiplies its impact! Beyond what we have imagined.



Over the 40 years NCP & NDC (Ages 2 years through 6th grade) has moved twice and developed into NCC (2years through K until entering First Grade). We started at the Neighborhood Church on 1290 Pomeroy Avenue 10/81. On July 6th, 2004 we were welcomed by the Santa Clara First Baptist Church who graciously allowed us to stay in their facility for 5 months and 5 days which was graciously extended to 90 days--Which is the exact time God needed to complete phase 1 and open NCC on 10/4/2004, where The Peace Lutheran Church welcomed us with all unselfishness and open arms. We thank Jesus for all three Churches and their congregations for their unselfish, kind hearted graciousness to serve the community in Santa Clara with NCC.

Your obedience to God and His Gospel remains true.

God continues to download His Innovation in our students, staff, parents and neighbors.

NCP & NDC pioneered not only revived soccer leagues such as: MLS CLASH & Santa Clara PAL Soccer, but pioneered the South Bay Youth Soccer in Campbell. Many of its players represented the USA as youth ambassadors overseas. Allison Hahn, Connor & Mallory Barr are just some who went on to play college soccer. On the other hand, Tiffany Fraser went one step beyond and helped to co-found USA Street Soccer in Sacramento and beyond to give homeless



children, teens and adults not just an avenue of release, but to compete on global levels to change their lives for the better. BRAVO!!

One of our alumni started a charity to give micro-loans to “the untouchables”. BRAVO!!

Akash Bansal, one of our parents, wanted to help us in our endeavor to go green and started Kinderlime, who changed the way we signed in and out, sent pictures and communicated with parents on a secure app: from paper to electronic! Procare, whom we still use, integrated and bought Kinderlime. Many of our parents pioneered and invented some key components of devices in Silicon Valley.

Justin Fraser, Jessica Fraser, Joanna Madanes, Sharon Cueto, Jason Camacho, to name a few who gave their time to go help others in their hour of need with natural disasters and political and military unrest, along with medical missions in the USA and Globally. Prior to 2020, for Summers we were blessed to welcome back each year alumni in 5th grade and beyond. Some came back repeatedly like: Thomas Freedman, Fidel Grandez Jr., Robinson family, Joanna Williams, Mithya Jayakumar, Alex and Samantha Python to name a few.



One of our Kindergarten Teachers, Mrs. Swarna Gondi, guided her students over a 4.5 year period to help start and guide a large school in India. It all started under a tree and now serves thousands of children. The school is self sufficient and is adopted by a large school in Colorado. BRAVO!!

NCC staff and students have helped to start or support the following schools:

- B1--AIM** (Agape Mission School in SvayPac, Cambodia)
- B2--Hands of Hope in Zimbabwe** (Justin, Jerod & Stephanie Haskins went there to help them become self-sufficient in food and establish NCC donated computer labs)
- B3--Yost Education Project: Sekolah Papua Kasih in Papua Indonesia.** In 2020, the High school was completed, which went online.
- B4--Hope of the Nations in Kigoma, Tanzania.** Over the years we have hosted their first graduates who are now managing various aspects of this incredible organization which equips a people to a strong community through dignity and education.
- B5--CityTeam in San Jose.** Who feed and clothe the poor and disconnected in San Jose.



The following schools we have been privileged to encourage, support through intercession prayers and modeling encouragement:

- Genext School of Leaders in Loakan, Philippines
- Nepal, Japan, Singapore, Peru, Ecuador, Suriname,
- Bright Star Christian Academy, San Jose(link)
- Capstone Christian Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada (link)

I thank God for the privilege of loving and blessing others in His Name. I thank JESUS for His provision for NCC in the most amazing way. One of the greatest blessings is to have raised my children through the NCC Way from birth through 6th grade. Also my first two grandchildren, Ellis and Eila Street, attended Caterpillars & Butterflies with Homeschooling in my backyard during 2020. BLESSED!

May we remain privileged to continue to listen to the hearts of thousands of children and generations to come until God calls us to help start preschool in Heaven!

In the Love of Christ,
Graciela Marques-Hahn
Executive Director & Co-Founder



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**"In no way does this list exhaust the names of all the donors and friends of NCC. We truly are grateful that you answered Gods call to give."
-Ms. Graciela Marques-Hahn**





In 2014, NCC received a *Business Environmental Acterra Award for Sustainability* with Special Commendation and is recognized for their leadership in the three pillars of sustainability: *people, planet and profit.*

What is the Acterra Award?

Founded in 1990, Acterra’s Business Environmental Awards is one of the Bay Area’s oldest and most prestigious environmental recognition programs. The program’s goals include celebrating the accomplishments of businesses with innovative sustainable programs, recognizing leaders in the industry, and providing an educational forum that increases awareness and motivates all companies to adopt sustainable business practices.

Since its inception, the program has recognized over 180 businesses and organizations for exemplary environmental leadership. Recent recipients include: Solazyme, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, Santa Clara University, NASA, Symantec Corporation, City of Palo Alto, Google, Annie’s, and Integral Group.

SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES we have mentored & walked with

- * Bright Star Christian Academy/San Jose
- * Capstone Christian Academy/Las Vegas
- * GeNext School of Leader/Phillipines
- * AIM School in Svay Pac, Cambodia
- * International School in Tokyo & Singapore
- * Sunset Beach Christian School
- * YWAM base in Maui, Kansas City
- * Rural Schools in Jungle of Surinam & Cambodia
- * Kathmandu & East Nepal
- * Hope of the Nations, Kigoma, Tanzania
- * Hands of Hope in Zimbabwe
- * Asante Children’s Choir (from Rwanda immediately after the war)
- * Lebanese Community center
- * Yost Education (Sekolah Papua Kasih) in Papua Indonesia
- * CityTeam
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- * San Jose Valley Concrete
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Little Children...

*"One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them."
- Matthew 19:13*

*"But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."
-Matthew 19:14*

*"In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish."
- Matthew. 18:4*

*"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me."
- Matthew 18:5*

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."
- Mark 10:15*

*"You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."
- Luke 17:21*

*"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom."
- Luke 12:32*

*"The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat!"
- Luke 12:37*

*"Then when they were alone, he turned to the disciples and said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you have seen."
-Luke 10:23*

*"There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him."
-Luke 2:40*

*"Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy."
-Revelation 22:11*