We envision compassionate, inclusive, and equitable communities where all individuals have the opportunity to thrive.
2018–19 was an eventful and exciting year for PathPoint! The highlights included assisting 194 people to obtain jobs, launching the Transitions Employment Program and two new Project SEARCH sites, starting a PathPoint Leadership Program, obtaining the highest rating possible in a three-year accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), operating in a financially sustainable manner, raising employee wages as a result of successfully advocating for rate increases at the state level, and most importantly supporting 2,868 amazing people across five counties and multiple program areas to live the lives they choose. On behalf of our Board of Directors and nearly 500 staff members, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Harry Bruell, President & CEO

As a young adult with schizophrenia, Tyler is overcoming stigma to pursue his dream of becoming a peer counselor for people with substance use disorders. With the support of PathPoint’s Behavioral Health services, Tyler is enrolled in a post-secondary program at the local city college and is on track to earn his two-year certification.
PathPoint and UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center celebrated the 10th graduating class from its Project SEARCH work-immersion program for young adults with developmental disabilities. Since 2009, the program has graduated 91 interns who learned transferrable job skills while working at various hospital department rotations for a year.

Chevron’s pilot program to hire individuals with disabilities has resulted in 10 job placements to date at their convenience stores in five service stations around the Central Coast. PathPoint identifies candidates and provides ongoing job coaching. We also help educate Chevron managers on best practices for working with people with disabilities. For their efforts, Chevron was acknowledged as a leading, inclusive employer in the Santa Maria area!

With the support of PathPoint’s Youth Networked Services (YNS), Kaylyn enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant program at her local college. PathPoint also provided her with tuition assistance, transportation resources, school clothes, and training courses in Career Exploration and Financial Literacy. After completing the program and obtaining her license, Kaylyn secured a job at a healthcare center for seniors.

Brian is a proud graduate of the 2018–19 PathPoint Project SEARCH program at Dignity Health Mercy Hospitals in Bakersfield. After completing the year-long transition-to-work program, he was hired to work in the hospital’s Environmental Services Department. In addition to competitive employment, he also achieved his goal of moving into his own apartment. His colleagues—staff, nurses, and doctors—all speak highly of him and he even earned an Employee of the Month Award!
Raymond, chairman of a self-advocacy group called People’s First San Luis Obispo, is an experienced spokesperson for people with disabilities. He helped pass a state law in 2007 that allows people who are unable to physically sign their name to use a signature stamp on election ballots. He was recently interviewed on the local news about new accessible voting machines and downtown street design improvements.

PathPoint’s Independent Living Services in Santa Barbara helped Terri increase her independence and individual expression. She enjoys the feeling of community with staff and peers, and appreciates the freedom to live the life she chooses. PathPoint encourages her to try new things, self-advocate, and express her feelings. Terri loves listening to the Doobie Brothers and contributing to Healthy Living Events with her cooking skills.

PathPoint supports people in living the life they choose.

2,868 individuals supported in 2018-19