

OC GLIDE Service Day

May 2025

Overview

The UCSF Office of Communications used funds from a Wellness Champion Mini-Grant to create an immersive, two-day experience in partnership with GLIDE to further the mission of UCSF in the community.

Data Snapshot

- 35 participants from the OC
- 2 meals served to hundreds of GLIDE clients
- Countless lessons about UCSF's mission

Resources

List any website resources here



Project Details

We created a meaningful experience for the UCSF Office of Communications (OC) by taking our office out of the campus setting into San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood through an ongoing partnership with GLIDE, a community-based service organization.

The OC first gathered for a lunchtime meal, catered by SF Kebab and paid for by the Wellness Champion Mini-Grant, to discuss the programming for our GLIDE Service Day. Through conversation and connection over a meal, we grew closer as an office and prepared for the hard lessons we'd be learning the next day at GLIDE.

Many from the OC showed up early the following day to serve breakfast to hundreds of GLIDE clients coming in off the street. We then gathered for an opening conversation, did some group bonding and reflection before serving lunch. While some served lunch, others stood in the food line itself.

We also met GLIDE's many heroes throughout the day, including those from the street-based response team and Tenderloin business partners.

Project Challenges

Scheduling a service day for an office as dynamic and in-demand as the OC was challenging, though we were able to navigate the many scheduling and calendar issues to gather an impressive group at GLIDE.

We also needed to navigate the availability of our remote workers. To make it possible for them to join, we scheduled the day during an in-person trip for many of them.

Lessons Learned

Advice or lessons learned through overcoming the challenges listed above



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