Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center works at the intersection of racial, economic and social justice. We believe that through small business ownership, individuals who face systemic barriers to economic opportunity due to gender, sexual orientation, race, income level, immigration status, or former incarceration can achieve economic mobility, create better futures for themselves and their families, and play pivotal roles in building local economic prosperity.

2018 Highlights

Delivered Award-Winning Programs and Services
Renaissance served over 1,500 English and Spanish speaking individuals who, in turn, launched and grew over 500 sustainable new businesses and created 750 jobs.

Bridging the Technology Divide
Renaissance is partnering with Google, GoDaddy, and Facebook who are providing training workshops and mentors to assist our clients in gaining facility and accessing business technology tools to help them increase their operational efficiencies, improve their visibility, and advance their sales and profits.

Launched Fillmore Women
We started an intensive 12-week program providing training, mentorship, peer support and networking to aspiring women entrepreneurs in the Fillmore/Western Addition community, focusing on residents of public housing facilities.

Celebrated 17 Years in the Bayview
On October 6, Renaissance Bayview celebrated 17 years in the Bayview at its second annual Bayview Business Extravaganza in honor of Mayor Lee.

Expanded Programming in San Jose and Oakland
Renaissance increased our footprint, bringing our mobile model of entrepreneurship training to San Jose and Oakland.

Recognized Entrepreneurs of the Year
Renaissance recognized three Renaissance Entrepreneurs of the Year at our Small Business: Big Impact Annual Gala on November 9, 2018:

Erendira Lara
Tortas GDL
Emerging Entrepreneur

Danielle & Troy Reese
Queen’s Louisiana PoBoy
Angela Cain Memorial

Gillian Shaw
Black Jet Baking Co.
Established Entrepreneur
Renaissance 2017 clients are:

1,500+ individuals
76% women
72% people of color
85% lower income
8% People with disabilities
9% LGBTQ

IMPACT

According to our 2018 Aspen Institute MicroTracker Survey:

ONE YEAR AFTER RECEIVING SERVICES, RENAISSANCE CLIENTS:

START AND GROW SMALL BUSINESSES
95% of business owners remain in business
49% of pre-business clients launch successfully in just one year

ARE EMPOWERED AND CONFIDENT
We believe in the ability and potential of women and minority business owners

BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES THROUGH JOB CREATION
69% of businesses have employees
On average, each business supports 4 jobs
Average employee hourly wage $23.6/hour

TRANSFORM THEIR PASSIONS INTO PROFITS
Through their motivation and determination and Renaissance's business training, resources and ongoing support

INCREASE ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY
Average Business Revenues are $91,685
82% of owners met their income goals
Household incomes increase by 17%

ARE HAPPY WITH RENAISSANCE AND OUR SERVICES
93% of respondents said that Renaissance completely or mostly met their expectations

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