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Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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Dinner and Dialogue Builds Community and Understanding

As Redwood City 2020's welcoming initiative, [Redwood City Together](#) strives to increase cultural and social awareness, build understanding among community members, and empathy across socio-economic class and racial divides.

We believe that the diversity in our community is valuable.

To facilitate our goal of fostering empathy and

understanding, Redwood City 2020 recently hosted its 3rd annual Community Dinner and Dialogue. At this event, over 100 community members from diverse backgrounds shared their stories and experiences. Participants worked together to brainstorm how they can contribute to fostering a welcoming environment for all in our community and many left with individualized action plans. When surveyed afterwards, an amazing 93% reported that their desire to form relationships with community members from backgrounds different than their own was increased because of the event.

Socios for Success Delivers Rapid Returns

Through Redwood City 2020's [Socios for Success](#) dual-capacity family engagement training program, families and school staff learn tools to increase their interpersonal leadership skills and boost the impact of their current community school projects. Two key principles that guide Socios for Success outreach practices are unifying with a common mission and engaging in mutual service. A recent Socios for Success training program at [Taft Community School](#) has already contributed to some impressive early returns. As part of the program, family and staff socios (partners) at Taft focused their outreach activities on the importance of healthy food for children to be able to learn and succeed in school and emphasized that attending food distributions is a service to the school and the community at large. Utilizing these principles, socios contributed to increasing participation in the school's food distribution program by 12% within the first five weeks of launching Socios for Success on the Taft campus.



Barbara Pierce Recognized for Outstanding



Service and Leadership

Barbara Pierce has been an outstanding leader, ally, and friend of [Redwood City](#) and [Redwood City 2020](#). In her sixteen years of service on the Redwood City City Council as council member, vice mayor, mayor and chairperson of many committees, Barbara collaborated relentlessly to build a great community. Barbara's leadership was foundational to Redwood City 2020 and its initiatives including Redwood City Together, Safe Routes to School, and Community Schools. She served many years as the chairperson of the collaborative's governing board, the Leadership Council. At one point, she even acted as interim executive director for Redwood City 2020! Her service and leadership have been [widely recognized](#).

[Redwood City 2020](#) and [Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services](#) recently hosted a ceremony at Maddux Park to honor Barbara. A mulberry tree was planted, community leaders thanked Barbara for her many contributions, and a plaque was unveiled that reads: In honor of Barbara Pierce Your dedication to "Building a Great Community Together" grows eternally.

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