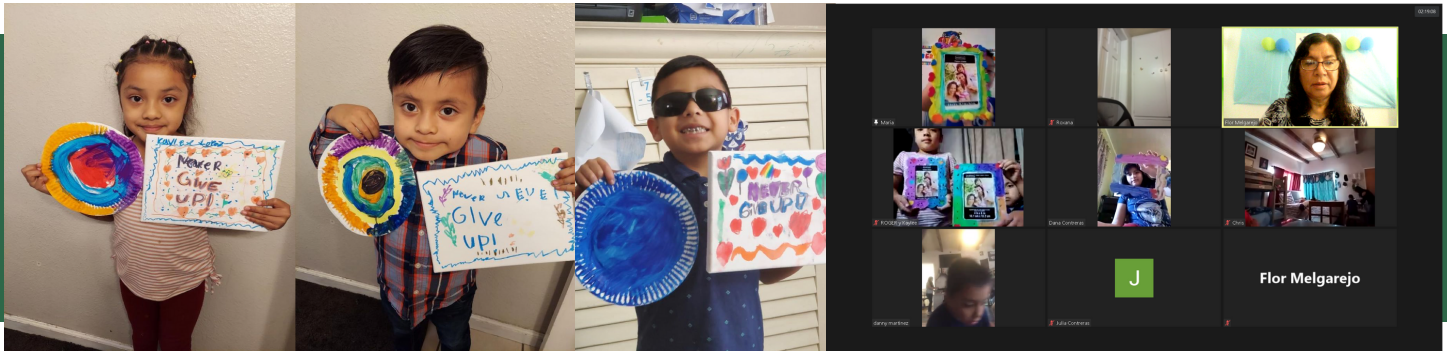




# NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



## A SUCCESSFUL GARFIELD SUMMER!

Garfield Agape Court's Summer Program director, Flor Melgarejo, met the challenge of running the program online this summer with innovation and gratitude. "I want to thank God for the challenge of having the program by Zoom this year." Using Zoom and other online resources, she created an interesting and interactive 3 week program for 10 children ranging from Kindergarten to 5th grade. She began the program by thanking God and telling the children, "You are a gift from God, you are important, God loves you, and gave you a family." Then, using their motto, "learn by playing", they reviewed addition, subtraction, and multiplication using games like Bingo, Dice, Spin the Wheel, True or False, and Mathematical Flower. For reading, they used PowerPoint, SlideShare, and animated storybook videos. The older children read stories to the younger children. They had special guests to teach about music and dance including two young women to teach dances and rhythmic movements; a Mariachi to sing, play his guitar, and teach about the clothes he wears; and a Peruvian folk musician who shared an instrument called a charango. They also did several special crafts for art and had a time where the children shared something they valued, like a pet, encouraging their expressive language and social development skills. The Vacation Bible School theme, "Miracle At Sea", focused on the power of God to calm a storm that frightened His disciples and they talked about how people can depend on God when they have difficulties. Beacon Housing is so grateful for the opportunity to have a summer program and to Flor, our program director, for the love she shares with the participating children and encouraging them to trust God in whatever difficulty they ever had to endure.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY ANGELS!

We are looking for some help to make the holidays extra special for our program participants. This Christmas and Halloween, we are looking for small gift donations to provide a little bit more celebration of the holidays for the children in our programs through donations of small bags of Candy for Halloween and small gifts/school supplies for Christmas. We currently have 14 kids at Casa and 8 in the homework club, and each volunteer "Holiday Angel" will be assigned one (or more!) child for whom you can help make the holidays a little more special. Please email us at [info@beaconhousing.org](mailto:info@beaconhousing.org) if you would like to contribute!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Hello from Beacon Housing! I trust you have all been keeping well. It's been a very busy and productive summer for us, and I want to thank each and every one of you for your unerring support. Within this newsletter, you can read about the relaunch of our summer enrichment program for underserved children and how we are encouraging their learning journey, as well as how we have been expanding our collaboration with local organizations to continue serving those facing homelessness and housing insecurity. You can also learn about new ways to assist our work, including as you do your own Amazon shopping! In the meantime, I hope you will take the time to visit our newly designed website ([beaconhousing.org](http://beaconhousing.org))! As always, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support, prayers, and continued faith in us.

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### Ways You Can Help



Donate money or inkind goods



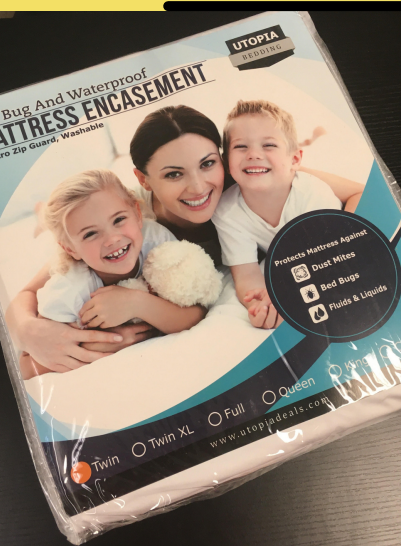
Spread the word to your networks



Volunteer your skills & time with us

## NEW COLLABORATION WITH ACTS

Have you heard about our collaboration with Acts Thrift Store and how it benefits individuals and families in Beacon Housing programs? Beacon Housing is now a partner organization with Acts Thrift store. Donations such as household goods, clothes, toys, and other usable items can be made to Acts Thrift Store directly in exchange for store credit designated to Beacon Housing. Beacon Housing will then distribute the store credit to residents to help them purchase the items they need. This opportunity is helpful because it provides flexibility for our program participants who can choose what they need, and it is convenient for donors. The Acts store offers charitable organizations such as Beacon Housing a new way of gaining support for people in their programs. According to Acts, "Every donation and every purchase goes to a program that Acts supports." Acts staff members will provide donors with a receipt for tax purposes. Please note that due to limited receiving space, Acts does not accept donations in inclement weather. If you wish to donate, you may drop off your donations at either of the two Acts Thrift store locations. There is a pick-up service for large items. More information about ACTS Thrift Store can be found on our website under the [donate page](#).



## SOROPTIMIST CLUB HELPS CASA RESIDENTS SLEEP SOUNDLY

Beacon Housing is deeply grateful to the Soroptimist Club of Glendale for awarding us \$4,200 to support the purchase of new beds for Casa de Alegria, our transitional living facility for moms and children who have fled domestic violence and are rebuilding their lives through education! The funds were used to purchase eight durable wooden bunk beds to replace the existing bed frames, as well as for three pack 'n' plays and three toddler bed rails, in order to provide safe sleeping and playing areas for infants and toddlers. Additionally, 20 mattress protectors were purchased through the grant funding to help preserve the mattresses over the long term, while also reducing potential allergens. The replacement of the beds at Casa de Alegria and the need to ensure hygienic protection of the mattresses have been made especially apparent during the pandemic, as families have had to spend more time than ever in their rooms and even as some classes remain online now for many of the moms. We are so thankful for the support of the Soroptimist Club of Glendale, and look forward to future opportunities to work together.

## NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WORK!

Beacon Housing is excited to offer our supporters new ways to contribute to our work including Amazon Smile, recurring donations via Paypal, donations to Acts Thrift Store and old car donations through Cars 2 Charities. If you use Amazon, Amazon Smile is a great way to donate at no additional cost to you. Information on how to support us through Amazon Smile can be found on our website [AmazonSmile instructions](#). Recurring donations to Beacon Housing may now be made through the [Paypal form](#) on our website. As a non-profit 501C3 organization, Beacon Housing receives a reduced rate for using Paypal so more of your donation dollars go directly to our residents. Additionally, now you can make donations to Acts Thrift Store which benefit our residents - please see more details on this new collaboration here in this newsletter! When you donate, be sure to specify that you are donating for Beacon Housing. Finally, you can now donate an old vehicle for our benefit via Cars 2 Charities. Learn more about how on our [Donate page](#).



## IMPROVED SECURITY AT GARFIELD

Beacon Housing would like to extend our deepest gratitude to San Marino Rotary Club for selecting us as recipient of a 2020-2021 community grant. Their generosity has enabled us to install a much needed new security system at Garfield Agape Court in May 2021. The new cameras are up and running and the residents are deeply appreciative. In the past, some residents had experienced minor security issues such as missing packages. With the new system in place, the situation has substantially improved. We are so grateful to the San Marino Rotary Club for their continued support, and for helping us to increase security to protect our residents.