



NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



CHRISTMAS JOY!

What a merry Christmas for the residents of Casa de Alegria and the students in our Garfield Tutoring club! Thanks to the kind-hearted donations from St. James Episcopal Church, individual members of St. James, and some new and long-time Beacon Housing donors, our Christmas Holiday Angels program was a great success. Your generosity helped provide a gift (from their wish list) and a gift card to each member of the eight families at Casa, a total of 25 recipients! In addition, your contributions provided Target gift cards to each of the eight students in the tutoring club.

One Casa resident shared, "I am almost at a loss for words. As my kids opened gifts this morning I couldn't help but cry. Not only were these quality gifts, but tailored to my kids and their likings. [My daughters] LOVE their new Christmas presents. Things I would not have been able to supply. Thank you. I can't express enough the amount of love we feel. I have a very hard time shopping for myself because I'm always thinking that what little I do have needs to go to the kids. So receiving the clothes for me is amazing! Thank you soooooo much. I don't know how I could ever repay or express thanks outside of my words, but you guys have impacted our lives in such a beautiful and fulfilling way."

Beacon Housing staff, volunteers, the residents of Casa, and families of tutoring club students all give you a very heartfelt thank you and wish you the happiest new year!

*Above are thank you letters from our residents!

SMCC GRANT PROVIDES NEW ROOF AT LOWE!

We at Beacon Housing were delighted and immensely grateful upon receipt of San Marino Community Church's kind and generous community grant! Their generous grant will pay for the total cost to replace the roof at Lowe House, one of our affordable housing facilities, early this year. We wish to convey our deep appreciation of SMCC's amazing support. The people we serve at Lowe House also wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the kind, caring, generous assistance that San Marino Community Church members have contributed to enhance their safety and comfort. May God bless everyone involved in this example of God's request that his people love one another!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well in the new year. We'd like to let you know that Doris Samuelson - strong, generous and ever faithful - peacefully passed away in early December. Doris and her husband, Bob, lived their lives devoted to their Christian faith. They were heavily involved in numerous organizations including Cal Lutheran University, their local YMCA, Lutheran Church in the Foothills, and Beacon Housing, founded by Bob and his brother, Jack. The family had also generously designated Beacon Housing as the recipient organization for contributions made in Doris' memories, and we are grateful for their kindness. As we celebrate Doris's life and thank God for her caring, compassionate, fun-loving, and always helpful spirit, we are comforted that she lives on in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved her. May you have a blessed 2022 filled with hope and love!

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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

LOWE HOUSE RENOVATIONS!

Beacon Housing has been extremely blessed with the opportunity to renovate our affordable housing property in Pasadena, Lowe House. Lowe House consists of a front house and a back house, and the property serves those who faced housing insecurity. With the front house becoming vacant last year and in recognition of a shortage of larger, family-sized affordable housing units in the area, our board and management decided to renovate the units with the goal of serving larger families. We are extremely thrilled to be able to offer these units to very low income families in need of safe and affordable housing. Renovations and updates to the front house have included: new flooring in both the upstairs and downstairs units; new interior and paint for both units; new appliances and closets for the downstairs unit; expansion of the parking lot; repairs to the gutter, sidings, windows, and garage; repairs to interior wood rot and plumbing, exterior paint for the front house. And we are elated to share that the San Marino Community Church Foundation has provided a grant to replace the roof at the front house, which will be forthcoming in the next few months. Beacon Housing and our residents would like to thank you for your support over the years and your help in making amazing projects like this happen.



BEACON HOUSING IS LOOKING FOR ADVOCATES!

We would love to have some volunteers to partner with us and spread the word about our mission, our programs, and the work we are doing.

Advocate activities include:

- Spread the word about Beacon Housing and our programs with those in your networks and communities.
- Connect us with opportunities to share information about our mission and programs with your community, such as having our staff come speak to your group or class.
- Help hold good drives, support our Holiday Angels or Helping Hands Grant program, or spread the information to others who may be interested.
- Help amplify our message on social media. We will provide social media posts and content to help spread the word to your audience to widen the reach of Beacon Housing's programs.

We would love to make connections with anyone that is interested in any of our advocate activities. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested, please send an email to info@beaconhousing.org with the subject line "I want to become a Beacon Housing Advocate". Thank you! Your support is priceless.

A SHORT INTRODUCTION!

We wanted to create a video to help briefly introduce ourselves to our new supporters, or those interested in our work! The video can be found on our youtube channel (BeaconHousing) or on the home page of our website (beaconhousing.org)!



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