



NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



NEW CASA DE ALEGRIA RENOVATIONS!

The outdoor space at Casa de Alegria is getting a makeover! Though beautiful and a great place for children to run around, the grounds have been under utilized over the years. In an effort to make the space more usable and useful, we have acquired new playground equipment for the children at Casa and have put in new vinyl fencing to separate the play area from the parking area to keep the children safe. We are looking to add a bench or other seating for mothers to sit as they watch their children play. In addition, we will be putting in outdoor dining areas and a community garden. We are working with Arlington Garden in Pasadena to create a community garden with vegetables, fruits, herbs, and plants with an emphasis on plants that are native to the area. We are extremely grateful to Soroptimist International of Glendale who provided grant money to acquire materials and equipment to get this revitalization project started, as well as to the Lutheran Church in the Foothills for additional financial support.



NEW FREE TAX SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

In April, we were thrilled to partner with Kaimore to host our very first Tax Day to offer free tax services to low-income households. Through this service held at Garfield Agape Court, we were able to assist our tenants and other low-income households in doing their taxes for the year, thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers from East West Bank. One of our residents spoke about her experience with the tax service, "I'm glad it was so close to home, and I don't have a lot of financial literacy so as I'm learning those things I can still have support. It was a good experience". The day was a great success, and we are thankful to be able to offer with Kaimore this vital service to our residents and community members.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the new hope that comes with spring and summer. As we move into the next stage of the pandemic and proceed into a changed life, this verse from Song of Solomon 2:11-12 comes to mind, "For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come...". We are overjoyed to see a time of renewal at Beacon Housing. Among so many other blessings, we celebrate the two families that are making their new home at the recently renovated Lowe House, a new vegetable, fruit, herb, and native plant garden to be planted at Casa, and the generosity of our community with grants to help update our facilities and keep our residents safe and secure. The people and organizations in our community continue to inspire us as we search to find new ways to be a resource and a helping hand to those in need. None of this would be possible without your ongoing generosity. So on behalf of all of us at Beacon Housing, thank you for being a shining light. We are beyond blessed to have your support.

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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

ANOTHER YEAR AT LCPC FAITH MISSIONS!

In March, we were invited to attend Faith Missions at the La Canada Presbyterian Church in person this year! Through this experience, we were once again able to share our work with the church members and connect with the other organizations that attended the event. We are so grateful to LCPC for their ongoing support through prayers, outreach opportunities, and financial contribution via their Faith Giving budget. What an honor to be a part of this inspiring event that brings together so many working to change lives and build a better community. It was such a great experience being back in person and being able to interact with everyone face to face again.



THANK YOU TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE FOOTHILLS!

A huge thank you to Lutheran Church of the Foothills, from whom we received a generous donation towards Casa de Alegria's revitalization. We were invited to speak directly to the congregation about our work. We were able to set up a booth to connect with the church members as they walked into the service, and we were able to discuss, on stage, a little bit about our work in affordable housing, transitional housing and our education enrichment programs. This was a wonderful opportunity to share in person about our efforts to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and help those in need find care and shelter. We can not thank the Church enough for inviting us. Below we have linked a video to the Lutheran Church website of our talk with them!

Link to Video: <https://youtu.be/UZu12rB3zHo>

Timestamp of our talk with the church: 10:36- 16:25



EXTENDING A HELPING HAND THROUGH OUR GRANT EXPANSION

Our Helping Hands Program is an on-going grant opportunity originally developed during the pandemic to help low income households who are facing financial difficulties pay their utility bills. Recently, we have expanded the grant to address a wider range of needs we identified in the community, including help with moving costs, utility set up, and car registration for families who are moving into permanent housing from homelessness or transitional housing programs. One grant recipient shares, "I am eternally and incredibly grateful that my boys have space with a roof, a table to eat food on, and a room where they can escape to when needed. However, with this new transition came added expenses from furniture to the most essential of needs, like utilities [and] the cost of transportation to and from school to attend classes on campus and resuming my student teaching hours." Thank you for the donations that have made this grant possible. If you would like to contribute toward the Helping Hands grant fund, go to beaconhousing.org/donate/ and note "Helping Hands" when you donate.



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2021 IMPACT REPORT



SEE YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK: OUR 2021 IMPACT REPORT IS OUT!

We are delighted to bring you our 2021 Impact Report, available through the link below and on our website. In 2021, we were able to directly impact 172 lives through our housing provision and programs! Our work to assist those who are vulnerable to homelessness find housing security would be impossible without all the generous help, prayers and contributions we received throughout the year. On behalf of our community, board and staff, THANK YOU for your continued support!

Impact Report Link: <https://beaconhousing.org/impact-report/>