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NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



AN UPDATE ON OUR CASA COMMUNITY GARDEN

In August, we collaborated with Arlington Garden in Pasadena to build a community garden for the families at Casa de Alegria. We have been so pleased to see how the garden has flourished since then, and we wanted to share it with you! It is clear the care and dedication the families have put in to keep the garden alive and thriving. We appreciate the support from the Soroptimist Club of Glendale and the Lutheran Church of the Foothills for their funding towards this outdoor revitalization project, and in granting the Casa families a gift that continues to give!

JOIN US AT OUR CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT!

Beacon Housing is delighted to invite you to our first-ever Charity Pickleball Tournament and auction! The event will take place on Saturday, January 21st, 2023 at the YMCA of the Foothills in La Canada. In addition to an afternoon of fun and friendly pickleball competition, we will also have an auction featuring items from Recess Pickleball and natural bodycare products from Earth Melody, among others. Light bites and refreshments will be provided. Our goal is to raise \$20,000, which will fund an entire year of our Academic Enrichment Programs, including an After School Tutoring Club which aids 8-10 students, and a Summer Camp for up to 20 kids. It will also fund 20 Helping Hand grants for move-in costs for those transitioning into permanent housing and emergency financial needs for distressed households. In addition to pickleball players, we are also seeking corporate and individual sponsors for this event. Each sponsor level comes with a package that includes tickets, gifts and recognition of the sponsorship of the event and support of our programs. We would also love to hear from local businesses who might be willing to donate an auction item - Please reach out to hello@beaconhousing.org!

We hope you can join us as a sponsor, player/team, or as a spectator, and please do help us spread the word about this event to your networks and friends. More information about tickets and sponsorship can be found at: tinyurl.com/BHPickleball2023. Early bird ticket discount of 15% is available until Dec 7th with code: EARLYBIRD15, so get yours soon!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe the holidays are upon us. What a wonderful and busy year it has been. We are so grateful for the many safety and living improvement projects at Garfield Agape Court, Lowe House, and Casa de Alegria we were able to complete this year thanks to the generous grants and donations from our amazing local organizations and our treasured individual supporters. You are the heart of Beacon Housing. From the board, myself, and my team, I would like to thank you and God who, through people like you, makes what seems impossible possible. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season ahead!

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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

GRANT SPOTLIGHT: PASADENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Beacon Housing is proud to have been chosen as one of 24 local Pasadena nonprofit recipients of the 2022 Capital Grant from Pasadena Community Foundation! Founded in 1953, the Pasadena Community Foundation is an advocate for local philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the lives of people in the greater Pasadena area. The Foundation helps donors maximize the impact of their charitable contributions — strengthening the community, preserving cultural resources, and assisting those in need. The funds will help improve the existing security at our 100% affordable Garfield Agape Court property in Northwest Pasadena and expand the number of units by converting underutilized spaces at the building into efficiency or studio accessory dwelling units for very low-income households. All of us at Beacon Housing and the residents from the

Garfield Agape Court apartment building are deeply grateful to the Pasadena Community Foundation for helping us undertake this project to ensure the safety of our property and expand our ability to provide affordable housing. This capital improvement project at Garfield Agape Court also received grant support from the Bolton Foundation and the Rotary Club of San Marino.



CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ANGELS

The holidays are approaching and we need your help to make it a special one for our families! Last year was such a success because of YOUR support through our Holiday Angels program, and we are so thankful to all of you who have made a joyful Christmas possible for so many families. The kids and moms were so thrilled to have been given so much generosity from their holiday angels. For this upcoming Christmas, we are asking again for your help to fulfill the wishes of the families in our programs. This year's Holiday Angels will help to provide Christmas gifts for 7 families at Casa, a total number of 25 people, as well as for 10 children in our Afterschool Tutoring Club. If you would like to contribute a gift for the holidays, you can find the wishlist at: tinyurl.com/BHCasaChristmas22 or make a donation at beaconhousing.org/donate (please note "Holiday Angels" on your donation). Thank you!

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ON VENMO!

Beacon Housing is excited to highlight that we are now a verified non-profit on Venmo. Venmo is a safe and efficient way to send money. It allows donation payments to happen in a much easier and faster way. If you are interested in how to donate through Venmo, instructions can be found on our website at beaconhousing.org/donate under "Donate by Venmo". The QR code to the right can be scanned to bring you to our Venmo page, or you can find us by searching our profile @beacnhousing on the Venmo website or app!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4, December 11, 2022: Beacon Housing will be attending the LCPC Christmas Market to share about our work and connect with the community!

January 21, 2023: Beacon Housing's Charity Pickleball Tournament and Auction