



NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



HOLIDAY ANGELS MAKE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AT CASA

What a blessed and wonderful holiday season we just had this past year! We are deeply grateful to St. James Episcopal Church congregation who has long supported holiday cheer at Casa de Alegria, as well as to the kindhearted donations from some new and long-time Beacon Housing donors who have made our Christmas Holiday Angels program a great success. Each Casa resident received a gift (from their wish list), a total of 25 recipients! In addition, the Angels program provided Target gift cards to each of the nine students in the tutoring club. One Casa resident shared, "Thank you for making my children's Christmas happy. You saved my day!" All of us at Beacon Housing, the residents of Casa, and the families of tutoring club students all send you a heartfelt thank you and wish you blessings in the year ahead!

UPDATE ON OUR PICKLEBALL EVENT

Our Charity Pickleball Event has been moved to March and there's still time to join! Due to illness-related complications, we had to postpone our event, leaving more time for players to join and our auction is still on! The event will take place on Sunday, March 5th, 2023 at the YMCA of the Foothills in La Canada. At the tournament we will have drinks and light bites, so if you don't want to play, you can still come join the event as a spectator! We also wanted to highlight the amazing items that have been donated for the auction - bids are accepted both online and at the event.

Our Auction Items include:

- A Pickleball Set from Recess Pickleball
- Passes to the Magic Castle sponsored by Mark Gibson Magic
- A Family/Couples Photo Session with Vanessa Todd Photographer
- A Skincare Set from Earth Melody Skincare
- A Granola Making Class with Art of Snack

Our Auction Page: beaconhousinginc.betterworld.org/auctions/

Get Tickets Here: tinyurl.com/BHpickleball2023

We hope to see you at the event!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Happy new year, friends! I wish you a wonderful 2023 and hope this newsletter finds you content and healthy. We ended the year amazed by 2022's blessings, made possible by people like you and so many organizations in our community who never fail to inspire us. Please know that your generosity has brought so much joy and hope! I also hope you can join us, in person or via the auction, for our Pickleball Tournament on March 5 for a fun day of friendly competition and community. All proceeds will go towards our helping hand grants and tutoring club program. Again, our heartfelt thanks for 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

FREE TAX SERVICES OFFERED FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

We were thrilled to partner again this year with Kaimore to host another Tax Day event to offer free tax services to low-income households. The event was held at Garfield Agape Court, on Saturday February 4th, and was available to low income households on a first-to-sign up basis. On this day we were able to serve 13 people in doing their taxes. We want to thank Kaimore for sharing their expertise to help provide those in need with free tax services. One of the individuals who participated shared, "Im happy. I'm thankful that you provide this service. It was like a little village, like a team. It was very nice." We look forward to more collaborations in the future with partner organizations such as Kaimore to bring such needed services to our communities.

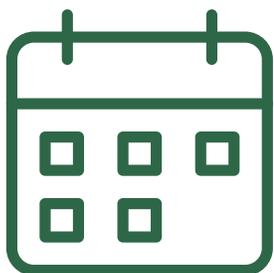


TUTORING CLUB MADE POSSIBLE BY MACY'S GRANT

We are honored to have been selected, for the second year in a row, to receive a grant from Macy's Corporate Giving Program to sponsor the first term of the 2022-2023 school year. The \$4,000 grant helped to provide 131 hours of one-on-one tutoring during the 16-week term and benefited nine students. All of the students we serve are second-language English speakers from low-income backgrounds. Many of the parents do not speak English, and they struggle to find academic help that meets their specific needs. Thank you, Macy's, for your trust and support!

LCPC CHRISTMAS MARKET

A big thank you to La Canada Presbyterian Church for including Beacon Housing in your annual Christmas Market again. The market is a wonderful way to connect with members of the church, spread the word about our work and our mission, and build relationships with other organizations fulfilling the needs of our community. We are blessed to be able to spend time with the wonderful individuals and organizations attending the market. Thank you LCPC for your dedication to supporting those in need in our community and around the world!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3, 2023: Housing Readiness Workshop

March 5, 2023: Beacon Housing's Charity Pickleball Tournament and Auction