



# NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



## BEACON HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY

Over the past few months, Beacon has been actively engaging with our community in a variety of ways. As a member of the Eaton Fire Collaborative, we are seeking to assist in meeting the housing needs of survivors of the Eaton Fire and support the collective effort of different housing service providers. With the generous support of funders including the Pasadena Community Foundation, CalFire, and FireAid/Community Partners, we have disbursed over 200 emergency cash “Helping Hand” grants to low-income households impacted by the Eaton Fire, and are on track to distribute a total of 300 grants at the end of this current round to meet the ongoing financial needs of fire survivors.

In April, we attended the annual Faith Missions event at LCPC, where we connected with members of the community, shared our available resources. More recently, on June 1st, we hosted a table at the Dena Home Market, followed by another outreach opportunity at the Loma Alta Park Resource Fair on June 7th.

In line with our goal to assist partner organizations to meet their housing needs, we began a new collaboration with Shepherd’s Door, a Pasadena-based 501(c)3, to provide urgent shelter and interim housing, as well as holistic support services, for those fleeing domestic violence through a master lease at one of our properties. We are thankful to be able to support domestic violence survivors on their journey to housing stability.

## UPDATE ON UPCOMING NEW UNITS IN EL SERENO

We are thrilled to report that we have begun Phase 1 construction on some of our properties in El Sereno to ready them for occupancy. We acquired the properties from the California Department of Transportation as an approved Housing Related Entity under the State Route 710 Sales Program. The planned work involves renovating both the existing structures as well as adding a new accessory dwelling unit (ADU) at one of the properties, so as to gently increase density and provide much-needed housing to certified low-to-moderate income households. At the end of this phase, we expect to add six units to our portfolio, substantially expanding our capacity to provide stable and affordable housing to those in need.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am thrilled to share some updates on our work. In May, we released our 2024 Impact Report, reflecting on the progress last year as we impacted 294 lives. Excitingly, we are continuing with our various ongoing construction projects as well as collaborative opportunities with other community organizations - all in an effort to continually meet the urgent needs for housing, particularly in the aftermath of the devastating January LA fires, and contribute to the collective effort to nurture long-term housing security. Thank you for your continued support, insights and prayers - it’s truly what makes this work possible. I hope to see many of you in October at our annual pickleball tournament!

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## Ways You Can Help



Donate money or in-kind goods



Spread the word to your networks



Volunteer your skills & time with us



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Beacon Housing's Summer Program officially ended in the first week of July, and a fun time was had by all! We kicked off the first week with an inspiring visit from LA-based artist Kristen Huizar, who joined us to share her creative journey, teaching students how she uses fabric and thread to create her artwork. She encouraged our students to embrace their creativity and guided them in making their own stitched art pieces. We also later welcomed Laurence Jackson, an interior designer and entrepreneur, who spoke about his experience building his own design business. He offered valuable insight into creativity, persistence, and pursuing your passions. In addition to our guest speakers, the students enjoyed two educational field trips. On their trip to the LA Zoo, they encountered animals from around the world and saw the habitats they live in. At their trip to Descanso Gardens, they learned about plant life, ecosystems, and the many insects and animals that thrive in garden environments. The program wrapped with a week of vacation bible school and an end of the program party. We are so thankful to everyone who made this year, once again, a roaring success and learning experience for all!



## NEW RENOVATIONS COMPLETED AT GARFIELD

Garfield has gone under some exciting renovations as part of our ongoing capital improvement efforts, including updated walkways and stairways and new landscaping. The Pasadena Community Foundation generously provided a capital grant towards the repairs of the walkways and stairways after years of wear and tear. This is a necessary undertaking not only for visual and aesthetic improvement, but also to safeguard tenant safety and comfort. Through our architect, we also worked with the Pasadena Job Center to help transform the front of the building with new paint job, landscaping, and new gutter and irrigation design. The project not only saw the renewal and beautification of our exterior, but also provided a platform for putting in place long-term sustainable practices, such as the planting of drought tolerant, California native plants and the switch to drip irrigation to minimize water consumption.



## UPCOMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

**July 30-September 4:** 8/20 Founder's Day Fundraiser for \$8,200 towards our Education Programs. Please visit: [beaconhousing.org/donate](https://beaconhousing.org/donate) to support the campaign.

**August 18:** Garfield After-School Program Begins

**October 12:** Annual Charity Pickleball Tournament. For more information, please visit: [beaconhousing.org/charity-pickleball-tournament/](https://beaconhousing.org/charity-pickleball-tournament/)