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NEWS FROM BEACON HOUSING



Garfield Summer Enrichment Program

This summer, our Summer Enrichment Program gave students a month of learning, exploration, and community. Throughout the program, students participated in engaging activities, welcomed special guest speakers, and enjoyed opportunities to learn about different careers and experiences. One of the highlights of the summer was a field trip to Kids Empire, where students had the chance to play, explore, and enjoy time together outside of the classroom. Students also had the opportunity to hear from several inspiring guest speakers, including Doug Faber, a former Navy pilot, who shared about his experiences and career, and Megan Gonzalez, a children's television show writer, who gave students a glimpse into the world of writing and entertainment. The program wrapped up with the final week of Vacation Bible School and an end-of-year celebration on July 9, where students came together to celebrate a wonderful summer. All of this was possible through our volunteers, staff, donors, parents and more!

A Message From Our Executive Director

Hello Friends,

This summer has been full of meaningful moments at Beacon Housing. From our Garfield Summer Enrichment Program and student micro-internship to the dedication of Maycrest Home, we continue to see our community grow through housing, education, and connection.

We're also grateful for everyone who made our Charity Pickleball Tournament and volunteer events such a success. Your time, generosity, and partnership make this work possible.

As we celebrate Beacon Housing's 30th anniversary, I'm excited to share that our latest Impact Report is out! I invite you to take a look and see what we've accomplished together.

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Micro-Internship with Partnership for Success

This summer, Beacon Housing participated in a micro internship opportunity with Partnership for Success. Through this micro internship, students from Pasadena schools interviewed Beacon Housing staff and residents to find ways that we can better support our community. This helped us to understand the needs and wants that aligned with everyone in our community. Through their findings, they created a list of ideas that outlined events, programs and activities that would help us to better serve those that live in our housing. Through their help we have already started planning future events to help to strengthen the bonds of our residents and organization.





Maycrest Home Dedication

On July 9, Beacon Housing celebrated the dedication of Maycrest Home, our newest completed property providing affordable housing for Eaton Fire survivors. The newly reconstructed duplex includes two homes—a two-bedroom unit and a one-bedroom unit. These homes will offer safe, stable, and long-term housing for families displaced by the Eaton Fire. We are so grateful to our generous partners and everyone who helped make these new homes possible.

Another Successful Pickleball Tournament

To kick off the summer, Beacon Housing held our fourth annual Charity Pickleball Tournament at the YMCA of the Foothills! Our biggest tournament yet, 22 teams gathered to play in a friendly competition for a good cause. This year our goal was to raise funds for our Tenant Support Project, a program dedicated to supporting our tenants in maintaining housing stability. Thank you to all of the players, supporters, volunteers, staff, auction item donors, event sponsors and so many more!

More details on our website: <https://beaconhousing.org/charity-pickleball-tournament/>



Volunteers Events

In May, we held two volunteer events on the same day at our properties Maycrest and Templeton. At Templeton we joined with LA Works to lay the foundation for a transformed backyard for the property. At Maycrest, Christian Assembly worked with us to do the exterior painting of the property. We are so grateful to the volunteers and staff that helped us to transform both of these spaces and prepare them for new tenants!

Lowe's Supports Beacon Housing

We are thrilled to share we've received a Lowe's Community Impact Grant – helping to check off one of our bucket list projects! This project means so much to us as it will support the purchasing of furniture for 19 units across its Pine Street, Templeton, and Maycrest properties. This includes the purchasing and installation of new furniture, such as beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, rugs, and sofas. We can't wait to share our reveal with you.



Upcoming Events, Announcements & Reminders

August 17: Garfield After School Program Begins

August 20: Beacon Housing's 30th Anniversary

Ways You Can Help



Donate money or
in-kind goods



Spread the word to
your networks



Volunteer your
skills & time with us