

THINK DIGNITY MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Street Cafe: 3 Years of Nutrition Security



Happy 3rd anniversary to our Street Cafe mobile program! Since 2018, our third Mobile Operations of Dignity (MOD) Squad program has offered nutritious meal options, such as sandwiches, protein boxes, and produce, and resources to unsheltered San Diegans, and we have served nearly 5,000 meals throughout San Diego.

We truly appreciate our partners at the [San Diego Food Bank](#), [Feeding San Diego](#), and Starbucks for stocking our menu with nutritious options, as well as our friends at [Leah's Pantry](#) and [Realistic Interpretations](#) for helping us build a human-centered program.

The Street Cafe runs every 2nd and 4th Monday at Mariners Point during lunch hours and adheres to COVID-19 safety guidelines.



DID YOU KNOW?

\$50 can provide 20 homeless San Diegans with 3 nutritious meals each.

Support 20 homeless San Diegans with your one-time \$50 donation

Donate \$50 a month to sponsor 720 nutritious meals in one year



Celebrating Our LISC AmeriCorps Member

National AmeriCorps Week (March 7-13) is a special time for us because we have the honor of highlighting our Volunteer and Resources Coordinator, Christine Lopez, who is currently completing her second term with LISC AmeriCorps.

Since joining our team, first in 2019 as our Public Policy Intern, then in 2020 in her current role, Christine has been integral to the development and expansion of our legal and social services and community engagement efforts.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, she took the lead in creating and overseeing our new initiatives to provide access to essential hygiene supplies and legal resources, going above and beyond to ensure that San Diegans experiencing homelessness were supported during those uncertain times.

Christine is truly the embodiment of the national service spirit of AmeriCorps and our humanistic values, and we are extremely honored to work alongside her in advancing basic dignity to people experiencing homelessness in our communities.

Individuals who menstruate spend up to \$300 per year on menstrual hygiene products alone. For those experiencing homelessness, **this high cost forces many to sacrifice food expenses or create**



HOMELESSNESS FACT

makeshift sanitary products that lead to long-term health issues.

Executive Director's Corner



On February 18th, Think Dignity, along with Pillars of the Community, Uprise Theatre, attorney Coleen Cusack, and community activist Tasha Williamson, hosted an informational webinar to discuss how to navigate through traffic court, the injustices in the system and how to fight for equity in the court system. The conversation highlighted real examples on the damaging effects that tickets can have on individuals' lives, especially those experiencing homelessness, and how to best prepare to challenge these cases.

This webinar also addressed concerns raised when San Diego Superior Courts re-opened traffic and infraction courts for in-person hearings earlier this year, forcing individuals to choose between endangering their health or giving up their constitutional rights with a virtual trial. This means that homeless San Diegans, many of whom do not have the resources to attend a virtual trial, have no choice but to risk their health and welfare.

To view the full webinar recording, click
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