



NOVEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

**COVID-19 UPDATE
OF OUR SERVICES**

With COVID-19 still affecting San Diego County, our Basic Dignity Coalition meetings and Fresh Start Showers program will continue to be halted until further notice. We will monitor the situation to determine a safe re-opening date in the future.

We will continue to operate our Street Boutique and Legal Clinics virtually while our Transitional Storage Center and Street Cafe remain open for in-person services with regular business hours.

**Save the Date:
2020 Giving Tuesday Action Week**



#THINKDIGNITY

on

#GIVINGTUESDAY

As we celebrated our 14th anniversary of our founding, we reflected on this past year of unparalleled challenges and barriers that we all faced as a country and world. Despite the constant flux and uncertainties, what we took from this reflection was the motivation and determination to continue creating positive change in our communities to advance basic dignity for San Diegans, especially those who are experiencing homelessness.

With the international movement of Giving Tuesday just around the corner, **we encourage you all to stand with us as Dignity Defenders and be the source of positivity and hope in our communities through our Giving Tuesday Action Week (Nov. 24 - Dec. 1).** We will be releasing more details in a few weeks, so please save the dates on your calendar and keep an eye out for our Giving Tuesday newsletter and social media posts!

University of San Diego's Changemaker Challenge

— Judges for Think Dignity Submissions —

Changemaker Challenge 2020



V. Dozier
Assistant Professor,
Education Librarian



Juliet Zimmer
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Julia Campagna
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Trey McDonald
Director of Sustainability



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Associate Professor,
Reference Librarian



Sienna George
Social Impact Strategist,
Oliver Russell

Merlynn Watanabe (pictured on bottom left) served as a judge to represent Think Dignity at the University of San Diego's 2020 Changemaker Challenge. (Photo courtesy of [University of San Diego's Changemaker Challenge](#))

We are incredibly appreciative of the opportunity to have supported the University of San Diego's (USD) 2020 Changemaker Challenge as a partner and judge! The annual competition encouraged USD students, faculty, and staff to develop innovative ideas and solutions that addressed homelessness in San Diego. We had the honor of developing prompts with [PATH San Diego](#) that highlighted some of the challenges that homeless individuals currently face and judging the video submissions. The top 10 finalists received monetary awards based off of the number of votes received from the final public voting stage.

We are proud to share that, out of 59 total submissions, 39 videos aimed to address our prompts on providing safe and equitable access to storage, showers, and menstrual hygiene products. Six of those videos made it as finalists, and they collectively received over 20,191 public votes out of 21,465 votes! **In addition, we have selected two of the projects to pilot in the spring through our partnership with USD's Changemaker Hub!** We are excited to support the efforts of USD's students as they continue making waves of change in San Diego through their innovative work!

To learn more about the Changemaker Challenge, click below!

[2020 USD Changemaker
Challenge](#)

Survival Supply Distribution: Winter 2020

WINTER SURVIVAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

Early December 2020
(exact date TBD)

Needed items for care packages: *(We need 300 of each item)*

- No-rinse shampoo caps
- No-rinse bathing cloths
- Travel-sized shampoo
- Travel-sized soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- Travel-sized lotion
- Winter gloves
- Rain ponchos
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Backpacks
- Flashlights w/batteries

We are about a month away from our Winter Survival Supply Distribution this year and are in need of items to create our new care packages for homeless San Diegans! Each care package will consist of travel-sized hygiene items, unisex winter clothing items, and other essential supplies in backpacks/duffel bags, which will then be delivered directly to unsheltered individuals by our staff and volunteers during the second week of December 2020.

If you are interested in supporting our Winter Survival Supply Distribution as a donor and/or volunteer (we have limited availability for volunteers at this time), click any of the options below!

**Join us as a
volunteer!**

**Donate items for
our Distribution!**

**Donate with our
Amazon Wishlist!**

Executive Director's Corner



Leilani Farha, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, speaks to residents who are affected by the financialization of housing (Photo courtesy of "PUSH" documentary)

The lack of housing affordability continues to be a pervasive crisis that many cities, including San Diego, experience, but who are the players and what factors contribute to this issue? **Explore these questions with us on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6pm for a virtual screening of the 2019 documentary *PUSH* and a conversation with former UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing **Leilani Farha**, our Executive Director **Mitchelle Woodson**, and co-founder of Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance **Genevieve Jones-Wright**.**

Reserve your ticket now for \$6 each (*free ticket options are also available to allow access for all viewers*)! The film screening will also broadcast live from 6:00pm to 7:45pm and **will not have any pause or rewind options**, so please log in at 6:00pm to prevent missing the film.

[Reserve your tickets here](#)

[Watch the trailer here](#)

Other Ways You Can Support

Love our innovative programs?

You can support them through any of these options!

[Donate to our programs](#)

[Forward this to a friend](#)

[Be a sustaining member](#)

[Shop on Amazon Smile](#)

Select "Think Dignity" as your Amazon Smile beneficiary and .5% of your purchases is automatically donated to us at no extra cost!

Impact of Your Support

As a **Sustaining Member**, your commitment helps us ensure the longevity and success of our programs and advocacy efforts.

Your monthly donation can:

\$5/mo.
(\$60/year)

Provides 15 women with brand new undergarments at our Street Boutique

\$10/mo.
(\$120/year)

Provides half a month's supply of water for those living on the streets

\$25/mo.
(\$300/year)

Sponsors a shower and hygiene pack for one person for an entire year

\$60/mo.
(\$720/year)

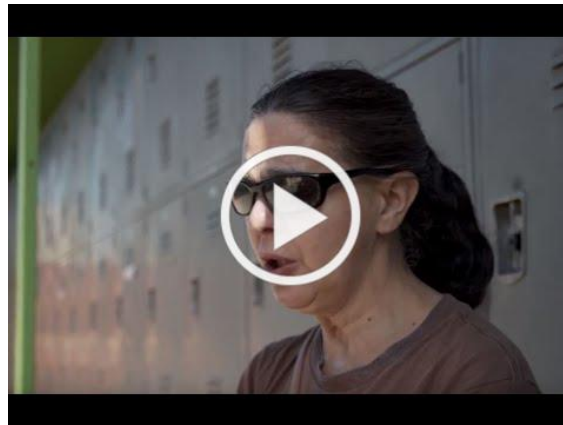
Sponsors one Legal Clinic site to provide access to justice for homeless individuals

\$100/mo.
(\$1,200/year)

Sponsors three lockers at our Transitional Storage Center for an entire year

Every amount counts.

Your generosity can make a great impact in another person's life and transform our communities as shown in our new video below.



Our organization is primarily supported by private donations, **which allow us to advance basic dignity for our unsheltered neighbors.** Thank you!

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