



**NEW! COVID-19  
UPDATE OF OUR  
SERVICES**

With COVID-19 cases continuing to occur, 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 are happy to announce that our Street Cafe has officially re-opened! We will continue to operate our Street Boutique and Legal Clinics virtually while our TSC remains open for in-person services with regular business hours.**

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## Street Cafe Returns to the Streets

Our Street Cafe--a pop-up program created in 2018 to address nutrition insecurity amongst unsheltered San Diegans--has returned to the streets! In late August, the program re-opened at Mariner's Point to provide a variety of Starbucks sandwiches, rescued fruits from the San Diego Food Bank, and cold bottles of water to homeless individuals, or "guests."

With new sanitation and physical distancing guidelines implemented, including every staff member and volunteer wearing gloves, masks, and face shields, every guest was able to safely "shop" for their preferred meals and fruits and receive the same high-quality service we provided before.

Our MOD Squad programs staff also distributed reusable cloth masks and resource packets to each guest.

*Our Street Cafe is held every 2nd and*



4th Monday of the month at Mariner's Point in Mission Beach from 12:00 - 1:00pm.

To support our efforts, you can click any of the options below!

Christine Lopez, Think Dignity's Volunteer and Resources Coordinator, prepares to take the next order from guests. (Photo courtesy of Merlynn Watanabe)

[Sign up to volunteer at our Street Cafe!](#)

[Donate a case of bottled water or PPEs](#)

## Masks for Unsheltered San Diegans



Two individuals hold up mask packages they received from our volunteer, Brennan Marsh-Armstrong, who has been distributing our masks in downtown San Diego. (Photo courtesy of Brennan Marsh-Armstrong)

Through our partnerships with local and national retailers, the County of San Diego, community advocates and organizations, and our Dignity Defender volunteers, we have collected over 8,000 disposable and reusable cloth masks and distributed over

## 1,300 masks to unsheltered San Diegans!

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to slowly affect our homeless communities, we recognized the urgent need for masks amongst unsheltered individuals as many in various areas of San Diego County still lack access to clean and reusable masks. With the support of our Dignity Defender volunteers, we have created and distributed mask packages, in which reusable cloth masks are each safely packaged into individual plastic bags with resource packets on how homeless individuals can be counted on the 2020 Census, register to vote, access our virtual Legal Clinics, and find essential services through our [COVID-19 Resource Database](#).

*If you are interested in supporting, [you can e-mail our Volunteer and Resources Coordinator, Christine Lopez](#) to sign up for one or both of these options:*

- **Volunteer as a Mask Distributor!** You can select the region/community for your distribution to unsheltered San Diegans and a convenient time that works for your schedule.
- **Donate masks and/or direct us to mask donors!** With so much uncertainty on the duration of the pandemic, we want to be able to provide masks for the next few months to ensure that our homeless communities stay protected from the virus.

## Providing Basic Hygiene through Dignity Kits



*Our MOD Squad team (L-R: Dalia Hernandez and Christine Lopez) loading Dignity Kits for delivery to our homeless outreach partners.*

Our MOD Squad staff members have continued to prepare and distribute Dignity Kits to provide access to basic hygiene for unsheltered individuals throughout San Diego County.

After thorough research and collaboration with our medical partners and air particle specialists from UCSD, UCLA, CSUN, and USC, we found that mobile shower services are still at high risk of exacerbating coronavirus infection rates amongst the homeless population. We will continue to focus our efforts on our Dignity Kits as basic hygiene access remains as one of our top priorities.

Each kit has hygiene items that require minimal to no water usage, such as rinse-free shampoo caps and bathing cloths that are pre-filled with a shampoo-water or soap-water formula and provides the same cleansing experience as taking a shower.

*We distribute between 250-350 Dignity Kits and menstrual hygiene kits per month, and our*

goal is to provide Dignity Kits for the next 3 months, especially for unsheltered individuals in regions that continue to lack hygiene services. **To support the needs of our homeless neighbors, you can either sponsor a kit for \$25 or donate items through our Amazon Wishlist by clicking the options below.**

**Sponsor one Dignity Kit for  
\$25**

**Donate through our Amazon  
Wishlist**

## Advocacy Highlight: Voter Registration for Homeless Individuals



**Did you know there is a misconception that homeless individuals are ineligible to vote because of their housing status?** A permanent and traditional residence is not a requirement for U.S. citizens and California residents to vote, and [Elections Code § 2027](#) states that homeless individuals "may register to vote as long as they maintain a fixed location where they can receive mail and at which they can be properly assigned to a precinct." Homeless San Diegans can **register online to vote before or on Monday, October 19, 2020.**

With election season underway, it is vital that we continue to empower the voices of our unsheltered neighbors by sharing voter registration information with homeless San Diegans and highlighting facts on our social media and within our networks. If you would like a digital copy of our voter registration facts flyer, you can [e-mail us](#) or share/re-tweet our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) posts!

## 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

*By selecting Think Dignity as your Amazon Smile beneficiary, you can automatically donate .5% of your purchases straight to our programs 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)*

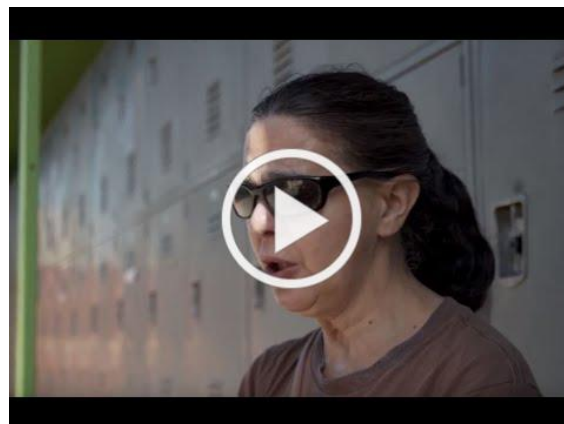
Sponsors one Legal Clinic site to provide access to justice for homeless individuals

**\$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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