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Hands-on Advocacy &
Activism with the Homeless

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Every year, our vision for change is bold and uncompromising. This past year, we stood on the frontlines alongside our homeless neighbors, fighting for a San Diego where everyone has a safe place to lay their heads, demanding courageous leadership and advocating for basic human rights.

While we continue to work towards our vision for San Diego, we are reminded of the importance of all the ways we continue to make a difference. Think Dignity remains centered in our mission to advance basic dignity by providing mobile showers, secure storage, nutritious meals and equitable access to justice. Most powerfully though, we are dedicated to being a safe haven for our homeless community to feel heard, valued and uplifted.

During our past Winter Survival Supply Distribution, I met a young man who had just moved to San Diego to begin a new life. Just the week prior, all of his belongings were stolen. He stumbled upon our distribution hoping to find a pair of dress shoes for the job interviews he had lined up for the week. Fortunately, we had one pair of dress shoes, *exactly* in his size. As I handed them to him, he became overwhelmed with tears and gratitude, sharing that this was the one good thing that had happened to him in a while.

We are reminded that even the little moments provide lasting impacts and continue to move us toward our vision. We believe that change is possible. We know that there is still much more work to do but we remain hopeful. We encourage you to continue to stand with us as Dignity Defenders as we take action to accomplish the extraordinary in 2020.

In Solidarity,

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Executive Director and Managing Attorney

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OUR IMPACT IN 2019

Fresh Start Showers

Mobile program that provides access to basic hygiene services throughout San Diego County

1,114 showers

1,300+ hygiene kits

2,201 resources and referrals

Legal Referral & Advocacy Clinics

Offers free consultations and referrals for homeless individuals experiencing legal issues

105 civil cases

46 criminal cases

Street Boutique

Mobile program that provides brand new undergarments and menstrual hygiene/incontinence products

1,395 menstrual & incontinence products

356 brand new undergarments

HYLAP

The Homeless Youth Legal & Advocacy Project addresses criminal defense issues that hinder youth from positive growth

58 individual clients

Street Cafe

Mobile program that offers nutritious meal options and resources to unsheltered individuals

2,607 nutritious meals

Transitional Storage Center

Offers 400 lockers and bins for homeless individuals to safely store their belongings

567 clients supported

98% of clients who checked out successfully transitioned off the streets

Dignity Defenders

Community members who volunteer to support programs and the advancement of basic dignity for homeless individuals

109 new volunteers supporting programs and advocacy efforts

Survival Supply Distribution

Provides hundreds of essential supplies to homeless individuals during the summer and winter seasons

450 attendees

62 volunteers

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