

Beacon Housing



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!

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Dear Friends,

It's getting close to the holidays again! We love Thanksgiving and Christmas as they give us an opportunity to focus our thoughts on God and our gratitude for His love and support. We pray that you and your family are enjoying His blessings and that 2020 will be a great year for you all!

As you know, every year we have a Christmas party for the families who are currently completing our Transitional Living Program at Casa de Alegría. This year we are so fortunate to be able to hold two parties for the Casa residents, with one being generously hosted by St. James Episcopal Church in South Pasadena! In the new year, we will be planning another gathering where we can invite alumni families who previously completed our program to attend, and we are looking forward to catching up with everyone!

Our graduate families include “Jennifer,” who completed our program a few years ago. When she arrived at Casa, she had just received medical treatment after being taken to the emergency room from severe physical abuse by her husband. The Shelter referred her and her young son to Casa, where she was able to stay for up to 24 months as she enrolled in a higher education program to set her on the career path of her choice. With our support, she registered for American Career College’s Surgical Technician Program. While she liked the training and the work, which provides her financial stability and a means to support her family, she always held the aspiration of becoming a Registered Nurse. Recently, she was told about an American Veterans Association program that would make her eligible for free training to become an RN if she qualified for a VA Night Shift job and held it for one year. *She aced her interview, got the position, and is now working on the VA’s night shift, on her way to qualifying for her free RN training and achieving her goal!* It is a joy to know that hard work paid off for this young woman, who has never given up fighting for her dreams and for a better future for her son!

Like previous years, we have invited Santa to bring a gift for the children living at Casa, so we are excited to see their faces when they open their presents. Some have suffered unimaginable trauma, but the journey of healing for their entire families – made possible by your support – is a daily reminder for us of God’s greatness and the power of hope. Thank you for helping Beacon Housing make a difference in the lives of these children and many others.



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