



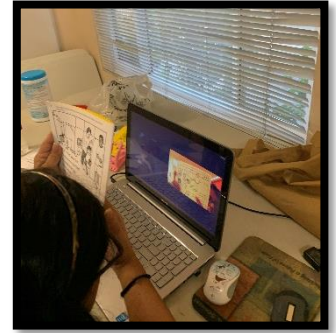
A Message from Our Executive Director:

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well during a truly unbelievable year. Like everyone, we are faced with a deeply uncertain future while mourning the loss of the world we once knew. And many of our residents, who have been trying to rebuild their lives, must work through ever greater obstacles. But through these last months, we are also reminded constantly of the words of John the Apostle: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” John 1:5. Indeed, we are not overcome. Our community – through their ingenuity, strength, and determination – continue to inspire us to find new ways to remain a resource and a helping hand, some of which you can read about here. Especially now, none of this would be possible without your ongoing support. So on behalf of all of us at Beacon Housing, thank you for being a shining light during these dark times to those in need. We are blessed to have your support.

Palin Ngaothepitak
Executive Director

Beacon Housing Launches Virtual Tutoring Club For New School Year to Help Students in Need

With Pasadena Unified schools running online classes due to Covid-19, Beacon Housing has launched our first-ever virtual Garfield Afterschool Tutoring Club to continue our support program for vulnerable students in need of academic assistance. The virtual Tutoring Club is currently assisting 8 students, each of whom meets individually with our lead instructor for 30-minute one-on-one homework help sessions twice a week over Zoom. Prior to the launch, we discussed with families to learn about and address potential equipment needs, and the first week was devoted to getting students comfortable with meeting virtually. While this has been new for all of us, we look forward to learning along with the parents and students and continually adjusting the program as needed to establish a level of comfort and ensure success. We are happy to be able to provide this program for the students during this difficult time and we look forward to an interesting and creative school year!



Major Renovations at Casa de Alegria Under Way!



When Casa de Alegria opened its door, Beacon Housing’s founders spent much effort on creating an ambience that would immediately delight and comfort the families escaping domestic violence. Through the years this effort has remained an important factor in helping the moms feel relaxed, safe and peaceful upon their arrival and throughout their two-year stay. In keeping with that goal this year, with the help of our friends and generous

funders including San Marino Community Church Foundation and the Ahmanson Foundation, we are currently upgrading the property with renovations conditioning, and other security upgrades. We are so grateful for their support!

Casa de Alegria Alumni Spotlight: Xochitl’s Story

One of the greatest joys of the Transitional Living Program at Casa de Alegria is witnessing how a resident turns her tragic situation into a story of hope and resilience. This month we celebrate Xochitl, a young woman who came to Casa with her three children to escape her former husband’s abuse. “I gave him control of my life for 15 years,” she said, “Living at Casa, I have been given unique support and love to help me address the impact of domestic violence and agonizing loss.” Today, after completing her studies, she has found a job at a good hospital and an apartment in a nice neighborhood where she lives with her children. “It’s a new chapter for me,” she shared. “I’m so blessed to have met each and everyone at Casa. They’ve helped me so much, not only emotionally and financially, but also to help me find my inner peace. I had lost faith, and now I believe in myself again. Thank you.” Your drive and perseverance has been an inspiration to us all, Xochitl! Best of luck!

Ways You Can Help:



Donate money, goods, or time



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Volunteer at our next event

About Beacon Housing, Inc.

Beacon Housing is a registered 501(c)(3) U.S. non-profit organization, founded in 1996 by Jack and Bob Samuelson to provide transitional and affordable housing opportunities in a caring community environment. We work with groups in California who are at risk of homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence and their children as well as very low-income families, to rebuild lives from the ground up.