



# 2017 HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

# ST. JOSEPH CENTER

## A SEASON OF SHARING AND CARING

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMS TO REACH THOUSANDS

Thanks to your support in 2016, more than 800 families received Thanksgiving baskets and more than 2,723 people enjoyed gifts and holiday meals. Last year, families and individuals alike celebrated with one another during this special time of year.



St. Joseph Center meets the basic needs of our clients and empowers them every day of the year through our programs. During the holidays, we invite you to join us by considering your community and the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

We hope that you will participate in St. Joseph Center's Holiday Programs and give of your time, thoughtfulness and generosity!

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

### THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude for your continued support of St. Joseph Center. As contributors, volunteers, advocates and community partners—  
you change lives!

We look forward to hearing from you this holiday season and throughout 2018!

To participate in our Holiday Programs contact:  
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# ST. JOSEPH CENTER

## MISSION

Our mission is to provide working poor families as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.

## BACKGROUND

Since 1976, St. Joseph Center has been meeting the needs of low-income and homeless individuals and families in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, and other communities in Los Angeles County. The Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists more than 7,000 individuals annually without regard for religious affiliation or lack thereof.



## SERVICES

Comprehensive case management, mental health, and integrated social service programs are carried out at multiple sites in Los Angeles County, with most efforts centered on the Westside and in South LA. St. Joseph Center provides clients with concentrated and coordinated access to a range of services according to the nature of their needs. Current services include:

**Outreach & Engagement:** Street-based multidisciplinary teams, walk-in centers, and food assistance service help homeless and low-income men, women, and children access housing and other resources that lead to self-sufficiency.

**Mental Health:** Therapy and other forms of support help clients impacted by mental health issues lead fuller, more independent lives.

**Education & Vocational Training:** Job programs and educational efforts equip adults and children with the knowledge and tools to make progress in the workplace and in life.

**Housing:** Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing services assist homeless families and individuals to obtain and maintain housing stability.

## IMPACT



**Bread and Roses Cafe** prepared more than **25,000\*** hot, nutritious meals for homeless men, women, and children.

**Food Pantry** distributed enough fruit, vegetables, milk, bread and other staple items for families to prepare more than **148,000** meals at home.



Permanently housed **304** homeless men, women, and children.

Case Managed **726** formerly homeless men, women, and children in **465** families to help them retain their stable housing.



Provided life-changing **mental health** services to **255** men, women, and children to improve stability, self-sufficiency, and quality of life.

**247** Veterans and individuals received **VA & Department of Mental Health** benefits through representative payee services.



Graduated **26** women from **Codetalk** (our web technology vocational program), **60%** of whom found jobs working with technology.



Graduated **50** men and women from our **Culinary Training Program**, **76%** of whom found jobs within **90** days of graduation.

\* All figures reflect FY 2015-16

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# THANKSGIVING AT ST. JOSEPH CENTER

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP



### Thanksgiving “Basket”

Donate a reusable bag of **non-perishable** grocery items for a family or individual in need. Include a \$25 grocery gift card for the purchase of a turkey!

Suggested grocery items include stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned gravy or gravy mix, canned yams, and green beans.

Please also add one or more of these canned items: corn, fruit, or pumpkin.

### Express “Baskets”

A \$30 donation is a great option that will afford a senior, veteran and/or other clients the opportunity to choose their meal and save you time during the busy holiday season. An Express “Basket” will cover the cost of a turkey breast, fresh vegetables for casserole dishes and ingredients for a delicious dessert.

### Group Participation

Join with friends, family, co-workers, neighbors or other groups to make a donation. You can do this by:

- Organizing a food drive
- Collecting grocery gift cards
- Donating individual items in bulk



## GETTING STARTED

**Step 1:** Fill out the Thanksgiving Commitment Card found on Page 5 and return to Christine O’Rourke at [corourke@stjosephctr.org](mailto:corourke@stjosephctr.org) by **November 1, 2017**.

**Step 2:** Deliver “baskets” and gift cards to St. Joseph Center **Nov. 6th through Nov. 9th, between 9am and 5pm.**

The **only** date to drop off frozen turkey donations is **November 13, 2017.**

## SAVE THE DATE & PARTICIPATE

### **LA Clippers’ Turkey Distribution Day: TBD**

Limited opportunities are available to join with the Los Angeles Clippers and Ralphs/Food4Less at St. Joseph Center to distribute food and turkeys to our clients. Please note your interest on your Commitment Card or contact [corourke@stjosephctr.org](mailto:corourke@stjosephctr.org) for more information.

### **Organize a drive and/or help sort Thanksgiving donations:**

St. Joseph Center needs volunteers to help sort and organize bulk Thanksgiving donations. In addition, St. Joseph Center always needs food for Thanksgiving baskets such as the items listed above. Contact [corourke@stjosephctr.org](mailto:corourke@stjosephctr.org) for more information.

# HOLIDAY SEASON ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can make the holidays special for a family or individual in need! Participate in St. Joseph Center's Adopt-A-Family Program to ensure that thousands of members of our community have comforting meals and holiday gifts during this season of sharing. Join us by anonymously "adopting" a family or individual. Here's how...

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### Adopt a Family or Individual

Each family and/or individual will fill out a Wishlist for you, the shopper. You will be responsible for purchasing the requested household items and gifts for each child in the family, as well as one \$25 grocery gift card per family member.

### Express Adoptions

- Express Adopt an individual for \$50, which will provide a gift and a holiday meal, or Express Adopt a family of four for \$200, which will provide a household gift, presents for the children, and a holiday meal.
- You can Express Adopt by sending in a check, or by visiting our website.

### Group Participation

You can coordinate a drive of specific items such as blankets, jackets, sweatshirts, toys, or kitchenware, etc. with your office, family, child's classroom or sports team, or any other group you may be involved with. If interested, please contact us for details and to coordinate pick-up and/or delivery arrangements.



## GETTING STARTED

- Step 1:** Fill out the Adopt-A-Family Commitment Card found on Page 5, indicating the number of families or individuals you would like to "adopt" or the size of your Express Adoption and send to Christine O'Rourke by **Dec. 1, 2017**.
- Step 2:** Receive Wishlist(s) for families or individuals, based on your request.
- Step 3:** Purchase a \$25 grocery gift card for each member of the household, and following the Wishlist provided, purchase a \$25-\$35 household gift and a \$15-\$20 gift for each child in the family. **Please make sure to deliver gift cards in a separate envelope.**
- Step 4:** Deliver unwrapped, clearly labeled gifts and grocery/food gift cards to St. Joseph Center no later than **Dec. 7, 2017**. ***\*Please write gift card denomination on each card with a permanent marker.***

## SAVE THE DATE & PARTICIPATE

**Individual Gift Drop-Off Days:** The timeframe for all individual deliveries is **Dec. 4th through Dec. 7th, 9am-5pm only**. We will have extended hours on **Dec. 6th from 9am-7pm**. Come by 204 Hampton Drive in Venice to drop off gifts.

**Group Gift Drop-Off Dates:** The deadline for all group deliveries is **Dec. 7th, 2017**. Please coordinate all delivery or pick up dates with Christine O'Rourke.

**Organize a Holiday Drive:** For more information contact [corourke@stjosephctr.org](mailto:corourke@stjosephctr.org) or 310-396-6468 x326

## ST. JOSEPH CENTER **THANKSGIVING** COMMITMENT CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this card by **Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017**  
with your check\* (if applicable) to:

St. Joseph Center  
Volunteer Services  
204 Hampton Drive  
Venice, CA 90291

Fax: (310) 399-3040 Email: [corourke@stjosephctr.org](mailto:corourke@stjosephctr.org)  
Phone: (310) 396-6468 x326

### **Please check the appropriate boxes to make your Thanksgiving Commitment:**

- I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ non-perishable Thanksgiving "Baskets" with \$25 grocery gift card(s) by noon on **Thursday, Nov. 9th**. (Please deliver frozen turkeys **Monday, Nov. 13 only**.)
- I will contribute \_\_\_\_\_ Express "Baskets" @ \$30 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will coordinate group participation (group listed above).
- I would like to volunteer for the Turkey Distribution Day (limited availability).

**\* Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Center.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Please check the appropriate boxes to make your Adopt-A-Family Commitment:**

- Please send me a Wishlist for \_\_\_\_\_ family(ies) no larger than \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)
- Please send me a Wishlist for \_\_\_\_\_ individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_ veteran(s) \_\_\_\_\_ senior(s)
- I will Express Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ individual(s) for \$50 each, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If you prefer to use a credit card, please visit our website [www.stjosephctr.org](http://www.stjosephctr.org) to make an Express Adoption donation through PayPal.**

- I will coordinate group participation (group listed above).

**\* Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Center.**

**\* Please make sure to separate gift cards from gifts and deliver in a separate envelope.**

- I will Express Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ family(ies) of 4 for \$200 each, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Donations received during the holidays may be used year-round for direct client assistance.*

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