

Share the Season 2019



Make this Holiday Sparkle!

Dear Friends,

Last year, your overwhelming generosity helped more than 2,847 men, women, and children at St. Joseph Center to have joyful holidays. From the warm turkey dinners (with all the fixings!) to the gifts in December, your support made the holidays special for those who are struggling in our community.

This year, we've re-christened our holiday giving program, "Share the Season." It streamlines the process and gives you more ways than ever to spread the holiday spirit to people in need.

Please fill out a commitment card today and join us on your own, with your business or school, or with your church or temple! Together we can bring smiles to the faces of children from vulnerable families and make the season bright for all!

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President & CEO

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 2020!*

Thank You!



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

St. Joseph Center has been meeting the needs of low-income and homeless individuals and families since 1976. Today, our programs reach more than 10,000 people annually across Los Angeles County. The Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves those in need 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 LA County, with major service centers located on the Westside, in South LA, and in Downtown Los Angeles. St. Joseph Center provides clients with concentrated and coordinated access to a range of services according to the nature of their needs. Our current efforts cover:

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

Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing services assist homeless families and individuals in obtaining and maintaining housing stability.

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.

SUCCESS

Darlene Gaydas was homeless and felt she had nowhere to turn. Then she heard about St. Joseph Center's Homeless Service Center (HSC), where she sought basic client services. HSC signed Darlene up to receive daily hot meals at our Bread & Roses Café. While working with Darlene to build trust and rapport, we soon realized she was in need of additional mental and physical health support.

As a result, we connected her to a team that offers intensive wraparound services that included escorting her to doctor appointments, picking up prescriptions, and visiting her at the shelter. The outcome of these efforts resulted in Darlene moving into her own studio apartment, complete with a rooftop view! With help from SJC, Darlene is finally home.



Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Center

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!



Donation Drive

Organize a drive or collect and donate non-perishable items in bulk for families or individuals to prepare a healthy Thanksgiving meal at home.

Group Participation

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

- Collecting \$25 grocery gift cards
- Donating individual items in bulk (please contact us for a list of items)
- Volunteering to sort and assemble turkey baskets
- Organizing a turkey basket food drive

Contact saydin@stjosephctr.org for more information.

Turkey Baskets

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 mash potatoes, canned gravy or gravy mix, canned yams, green beans, canned fruit, or pumpkin.

Empower With “Express” Baskets

We understand the holidays can be a very busy time! A \$30 donation is a great option that will afford a client, such as a senior or formerly homeless individual, the opportunity to create their own menu this holiday season.

An “Express” Basket will cover the cost of a turkey breast, fresh vegetables, and ingredients for a delicious dessert.

GETTING STARTED

Step 1: Fill out the **Thanksgiving commitment** card and return it to the address stated on the card (including payment, if applicable.)

Step 2: Deliver gift cards, turkey baskets, and bulk items to St. Joseph Center

**Tuesday 11/12 — Thursday 11/15,
9 am to 5 pm**

**Please send in your
commitment card today!**

Holiday 2019 Share the Season

You can make the holidays special for a family or individual in need!

“Express” Sponsorship

The holidays are busy, so leave the shopping to us! Your contribution of **\$25 to support a single person or \$150 to support a family of four** will provide a holiday gift for each child and a holiday meal or a holiday stocking with a meal.

You can “Express” Sponsor by filling out the commitment card and sending a check or by visiting our website at stjosephctr.org and making an Express Sponsorship donation.

Group Participation

You can coordinate a stocking item drive alongside a toy drive with your office, family, child’s classroom or sports team, church or temple, or any other group. If interested, please contact us for additional details and/or to coordinate pick-up and/or delivery arrangements.

Gift Card & Stocking Sponsorship

Our philosophy is “Hope Through Empowerment.” We believe it is important to give our families the freedom to shop for themselves, and to ensure individuals are included in the spirit of the season. In line with this philosophy, our Share the Season program requests a combination of gift cards and physical items.

Please follow instructions below to get started!



GETTING STARTED

Fill out the Share the Season Commitment Card, indicating the number of families or individuals you would like to “Express” Sponsor or Gift Card and/or Stocking Sponsor and return to us by **Dec 3, 2019**.

Family Sponsorship

- Step 1:** Receive your wishlist(s) for families
- Step 2:** Purchase a \$25 retail gift card and a \$25 grocery gift card for each child
- Step 3:** Purchase a \$25 grocery card for each parent / caregiver (maximum of two grocery cards for adults)
- Step 4:** Deliver clearly labeled gift cards to St. Joseph Center no later than **Friday, Dec 6, 2019**

Individual Sponsorship

- Step 1:** Receive shopping list for individuals
- Step 2:** Purchase a \$10 fast food gift card for each individual
- Step 3:** Purchase Holiday Stockings and five or more stocking stuffer items for each one
- Step 4:** Deliver stuffed stockings with clearly labeled fast food gift cards to St. Joseph Center no later than **Friday, Dec 6, 2019**

ST. JOSEPH CENTER **THANKSGIVING** COMMITMENT CARD

Organization/Company _____

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