

FROM HOMELESS TO HOPE

FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS



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We are pleased to present the first Annual Report of the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH). We hope that this report gives you a sense of the strong foundation laid when our project launched ground operations in January 2016, which created the basis for making this year's achievements possible. We also want to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers and remarkable donors who have made this work possible.

This year held for us, our community and world unimaginable challenges associated with the COVID pandemic. At the height of the lockdown our Outreach Team remained on the street to distribute health and survival supplies to our homeless clients. In conjunction with the Venice Family Clinic, the Outreach Team provided COVID testing and vaccinations, which actions have helped to keep the infection rate of our clients at or below that of the general housed population. We saw rising numbers of homeless people with complicated mental and physical health needs, along with a scarcity of permanent supportive housing and housing vouchers. By adjusting our practices we continued, although at a slower pace, to help move people off of the street into housing of some form.

At a time of economic uncertainty, we were able to meet our Board's mandate to build \$300,000 in reserves (twelve to eighteen months of operating expense) in order to support project sustainability and financial planning. We grew the number of project volunteers and donors upon which PPTFH depends.

We supported ten other neighborhood communities in building their local response to homelessness.

We joined with other organizations and communities in educating and successfully advocating against the Los Angeles City proposal to build homeless housing at Will Rogers State Beach. Although this work strained our capacity and challenged our mission focus, it was also critical to maintaining, achieving, and strengthening our mission.

There is more to celebrate within this report. With gratitude to our volunteers, donors, and supportive community.

Sharon Browning, Co-President

Sharon Kilbride, Co-President

OUR MISSION

To provide leadership and resources to address the destructive consequences of homelessness in Pacific Palisades so that our community is protected, remains safe, and our homeless people receive compassionate, effective services with access to permanent supportive housing



WHO WE ARE

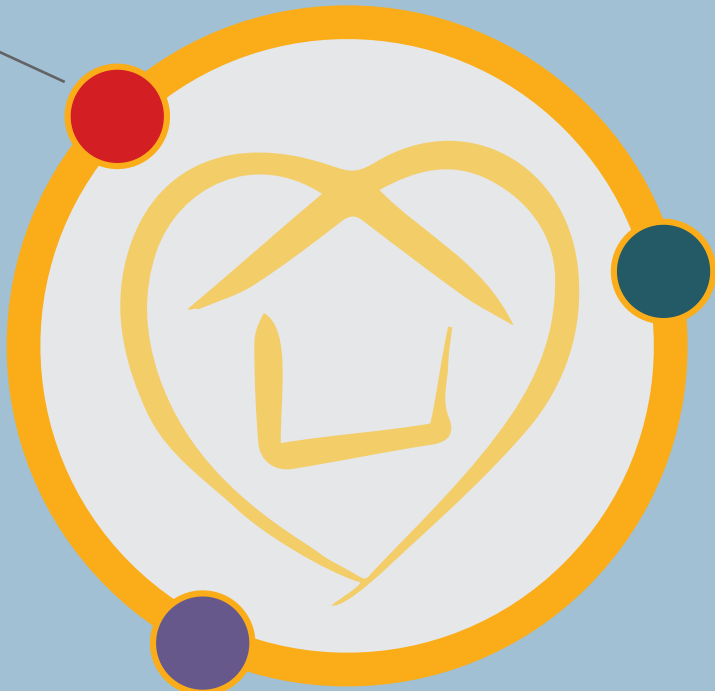
PPPTFH was formed in October 2014 and launched its project in 2016 as an independent group of community volunteers committed to compassionately addressing the serious issues associated with homelessness in Pacific Palisades. Our all-volunteer organization fully funds a professional Outreach Team through The People Concern and works collaboratively with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

OUR THREE APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY CARE:

PPTFH
VOLUNTEER
RESPONSE TEAM,
LAPD, LAFD

THE PEOPLE
CONCERN
OUTREACH
TEAM

COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
AND SUPPORT



WE: CONNECT PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AVAILABLE HOUSING

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- PTFH funds a full-time, professional Outreach Team from The People Concern, which works on our streets to compassionately engage and assess individuals, connecting them with essential services and housing
- Community volunteers provide survival supplies and sack lunches for use by the Outreach Team to facilitate engagement with homeless individuals at the weekly “meet-ups” in the village and at the beach
- Members of the PPTFH Volunteer Response Committee coordinate with the Outreach Team by identifying and referring homeless individuals
- When housing is secured, the Outreach Team provides or facilitates ongoing case management through another agency to maximize successful transition, which leads to our 93% retention rate



WE: PROTECT & MAINTAIN OUR COMMUNITY'S SAFETY

02

- Collaborate with LAPD and LAFD to maintain public safety
- Secure, post, and maintain LA Municipal Code signs restricting access in all high-fire-risk zones
- Fund and participate in cleaning up abandoned homeless encampments



WE: MOBILIZE COMMUNITY-WIDE INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

03

- Conduct bi-monthly community forums for education, exploration, and discussion of local homeless-related issues
- Produce a bi-monthly newsletter informing the community about our work, how community members can become involved, and the resources available to them for interacting with people who are homeless
- Provide service opportunities for community members to contribute leadership skills, funding, survival supplies, and hands-on work to remove and clean up encampments
- Coordinate the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for the Palisades



WE APPRECIATE THE TIME, TALENT AND IN-KIND SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Boy Scouts of America, Corpus Christi Parish, Kehillat Israel, Pacific Palisades Community United Methodist Church, Palisades Lutheran Church, Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, Parish of St. Matthew, Self-Realization Fellowship, Lake Shrine, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS:

19 individuals **MOVED OFF THE STREET** and into some form of housing

9 individuals **MOVED TO PERMANENT HOUSING** and tracked for one year

719 homeless individuals **ENGAGED**

414 ongoing abandoned **ENCAMPMENTS REMOVED** and cleaned

46 evidences of encampment **FIRE REMOVED**

2,000 **LUNCHES PROVIDED** by volunteers for Outreach Team engagement work

4,700+ PPTFH member **VOLUNTEER HOURS** in support of our mission

SINCE 2016, WE HAVE:

- Helped 153 individuals move off of the streets, placing 99 in permanent supportive housing
- According to the 2019 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Annual Count, the number of homeless individuals living on Pacific Palisades streets was reduced by 71%. Due to the pandemic no count was conducted in 2020
- Removed and cleaned 982 abandoned encampments from the brushy hillsides, mountains, and beach
- Conducted 31 community information and dialogue forums

FROM HOPE TO HOME

S.R., 62 years old, had been chronically homeless in and around Santa Monica since the age of 8. The Outreach Team began to engage him in 2019 in Temescal Canyon. While often attending weekly meet-ups, he initially declined assistance beyond lunch and hygiene items. He did share that he struggled with severe depression and eventually agreed to meet with the team's psychiatrist. Meanwhile, the Outreach Team helped him secure an income and vital documents.

In November 2019 S.R. became very ill. With the Outreach Team's advocacy, S.R. was placed in a motel and began weekly psychotherapy. He has journeyed through interim housing, three Project Room Key placements and is now matched to a housing voucher, awaiting a unit in Santa Monica. The Outreach Team's consistent support, as well as collaborative work with the LAHSA staff that oversees Project Room Key, has enabled him to continue psychotherapy, adhere to medication management and learn to successfully regulate his emotions and manage his behaviors. The Outreach Team has been with him every step of his journey.

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THE NUMBERS

REVENUE FROM CONTRIBUTIONS

FUNDING PARTNERS	\$260,000.00
INDIVIDUALS	\$114,038.62
ORGANIZATIONS	\$10,220.00
TOTAL	\$384,258.62

EXPENSES

OUTREACH PROGRAM SERVICES	\$182,927.43
OPERATING	\$6,332.63
FUNDRAISING	\$1,124.07
TOTAL	\$190,384.13

LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kim Clary, Director; Volunteer Committee Chair

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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHOSE GENEROSITY MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE

CHARTER FUNDING PARTNERS

\$50K or more a year for 3 years and have been with PPTFH since its inception

American Legion Post 283
Saint John's Health Center Foundation
LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

FUNDING PARTNERS

\$10K or more a year for 3 years

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California Riviera Home Owners Association
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Gries Family Charitable Fund
Barbara Martin
The Parish of Saint Matthew
The Cynthia L. & William E. Simon Jr. Foundation
Elaine P. Wynn and Family Foundation

FAMILIES

\$3K or more

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