



## Dear Friends,

Every day Margaret wakes up, gets her children ready for school, and drives to her full-time job as a nurse at a convalescent hospital and nursing home in Pasadena. Once there, she helps senior citizens with their physical rehabilitation and other health needs. But for a while, she had no home to return to after she finished her day's work. She was unable to juggle the increasing cost of housing her family and providing childcare when she was at work, and she became homeless.

That's when she came to us for help.

Our Family Solutions Center housing specialist, Yvette Rodriguez, worked with Margaret. She found her emergency shelter, and then set to work on the hard part: finding Margaret a new apartment that she would be able to afford. Most importantly, she had to find an apartment with a manager who would accept her with her five children.

That wasn't an easy task.



"When working with families who may have barriers to finding permanent housing such as past evictions, large family size, poor credit history or low income, we often find ourselves having to represent the family," explains Rodriguez.

**We simply couldn't do this kind of impactful work without your contributions to Union Station.**

"We work with landlords and owners by advocating on the family's behalf. We point out the many strengths of the family along with the type of supportive services we provide to the family in order for them to succeed in maintaining their permanent housing. In some cases, we have gone in person and introduced ourselves to show the landlord our commitment to the family. Anything to get a 'yes' for our families," Rodriguez says.

That kind of perseverance paid off for Margaret. Rodriguez was able to locate housing with a landlord who was willing to invest in the future of one local family who deserved a second shot at stability and security.

Today, Margaret and her children are back on steady footing—and she couldn't have done it without you, our staunch and generous supporters.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sincerely,

*Marvin*

Marvin M. Gross, CEO



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**HELPING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
REBUILD THEIR LIVES  
AND END HOMELESSNESS**

## Girl Scout Cadettes Learn Life Lessons During Kids Night In



In April, three Cadettes -- Caroline Lihani, Sydney Pickering and Anna Stone from Girl Scout Troop #2831 at Foothills Middle School in Arcadia—approached our Director of Volunteer and Community Programs, Octavia Sisley.

They wanted to conduct workshops with the children at Euclid Villa as part of their Silver Award, a Scouts service project.

The girls created *Kids Night In*, which focused on healthy friendships, teamwork and cooperation, sharing and caring, and bullying awareness. They hosted four evening workshops at Euclid Villa. But while they were teaching the workshops, they learned quite a bit as well.

“We talked about what it’s like to be homeless, and what the families were trying to accomplish there. They met some of the moms who were studying and working on their schoolwork. They got to hear stories about what the parents and the kids are working towards,” said Caroline’s mother, Molly Lihani.

“It was a tremendous learning experience,” said Lihani. “They want to come back and continue volunteering.”

To learn how you can volunteer, visit [unionstationhs.org/help/volunteer](http://unionstationhs.org/help/volunteer)

## Union Station Goes Solar with Panel Installations at Shelter Sites

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Facilities Manager Mike Berry and Facilities Committee members Bill Irwin, Gary White, Nick Wright, and Matthew Berbee, we will be installing solar photovoltaic systems on the roofs of three facilities. The solar panel installation will help offset our electrical needs with clean energy.

“I am very proud to be a part of this project,” says Berry. “We’re expecting to generate about 205,857 kilowatt hours per year. This will not only benefit Union Station Homeless Services by reducing our electrical expenses by about 50 percent per year, but also contribute to the Pasadena community by reducing our carbon footprint as we accomplish our mission to help men, women, and children rebuild their lives and end homelessness.”

The solar panels will be installed at our Adult Center, Family Center, and administrative office building.

The systems are expected to generate enough electricity to save us approximately \$40,000 a year, with a combined 25-year avoided utility cost of over one million dollars.

The project is moving forward thanks to the City of Pasadena, which approved rebates in the amount of \$527,885.

“We are so grateful that the city’s solar energy rebate program will allow us to install solar panels on some of our largest facilities,” says Marv Gross. “Not only will our solar project provide a tremendously significant savings of our energy costs over the long-term, it is also the right thing to do given the global warming and climate change challenges confronting our planet.”



**The clean, renewable energy generated by the systems is equivalent to preventing 152,496 pounds of coal from being burned, or 15,973 gallons of gasoline from being consumed.**

## Thank You, Hollis Builders

We would like to thank **Hollis Builders**, a female-owned and operated construction company with more than 10 years experience in Southern California. Hollis Builders donated their time and expertise to help Union Station best utilize our current space as the numbers of employees, volunteers and clients continues to grow. Located in Pasadena, they specialize in commercial construction, specialty interiors and construction management. For more information, contact [info@hollisbuilders.com](mailto:info@hollisbuilders.com).

**Would your business like to donate goods or services to Union Station Homeless Services? Give us a call at (626) 240-4550.**

## A Place to Call Home Soirée

It was an exciting night on May 10th at the Langham Huntington. Over 370 guests, a record high for the sixth annual *A Place to Call Home*, gathered to celebrate the evening’s honorees: Gerry Puhara and Russell Ferrante, and Betsey and the late Sid Tyler.

The benefit event was emceed by actor, musician and local community member, John C. Reilly.

Guests had the opportunity to hear from the evening’s honorees as well as a Union Station alumna, Andrea. Andrea shared her story of homelessness to stability and inspired all in attendance. The event raised \$412,000 in support of Union Station.

A special thanks to our Event Chair, Liz Trussell, and the rest of the gala committee. Meeting monthly, the committee spent their time, energy and resources to put on a successful event. This would not have been possible without our volunteers. We are very grateful for their dedication and leadership!

Special thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who donated funds or items to our silent auction. We are so grateful to everyone who participated. Your financial support, donation of time and energy, and in-kind contributions allow Union Station the opportunity to provide our life-changing programs. Thank you!

## We Still Need Your Support!

If you did not get a chance to celebrate with us, you can still support the efforts of Union Station!

This year we are serving more men, women and children than ever before and expanding our service area. Please donate by June 30th so we can meet the needs of our community.

Visit [www.unionstationhs.org/donate](http://www.unionstationhs.org/donate) today!

### UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES

Here are just some of the ways your support transforms lives...



**\$1,000**  
Meals

360 warm, nutritious meals for people experiencing homelessness



**\$500**  
Home Goods

New bedding and toiletries for a family moving into a new apartment



**\$250**  
School

School supplies for homeless children



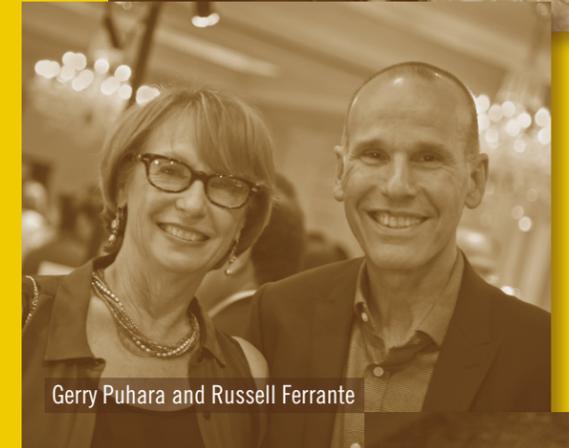
**\$100**  
Career

Career counseling sessions for a formerly homeless job-seeker

Photography by: Bev Widney



Marvin Gross and Betsey Tyler

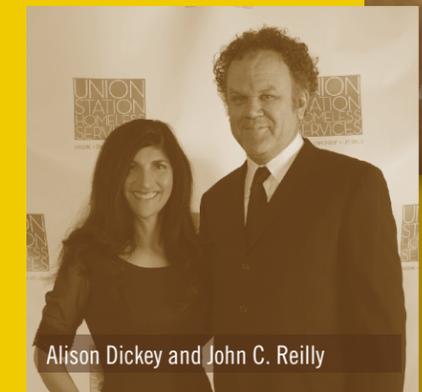


Gerry Puhara and Russell Ferrante

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Andrea



Alison Dickey and John C. Reilly



Marvin Gross, Liz Trussell, Betsey Tyler, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Gerry Puhara, Russell Ferrante, and John C. Reilly

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# City Presents Union Station with 2014 Historic Preservation Award



At an awards ceremony on Thursday, May 22, at the California Institute of Technology, Darrell Cozen of the City of Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission presented a 2014 Historic Preservation Award to Union Station Homeless Services.

“The members of the Historic Preservation commission salute your work on [154 South Euclid Avenue/Euclid Villa], which contributes to Pasadena’s rich architectural heritage as a notable example of preservation,” read the certificate signed by Veronica Boone, Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Union Station’s Chief Program Officer Gregg von Fehme and former Board Member Arnie Seigel accepted the award, which recognized our efforts to preserve historic integrity in the face of recent renovations that greened the 15-unit apartment building and updated heating and cooling systems.

Assemblymember Chris Holden also presented a certificate of recognition to Union Station.

To learn more about our programs at Euclid Villa, visit [www.unionstationhs.org/programs/euclid-villa](http://www.unionstationhs.org/programs/euclid-villa)



Congresswoman

# Judy Chu

*Celebrating*

## Union Station Homeless Services

*Congratulations*

*Gerry Puhara & Russ Ferrante*

*Betsey & Sid Tyler*

Representing California’s 27th District

Did you know that one of the most important ways to  
support Union Station Homeless Services is to make a planned gift?

## UNION STATION | LEGACY SOCIETY

By joining the **Union Station Legacy Society**, you can plan a gift today to help rebuild lives tomorrow. In addition to ensuring that our life-saving programs will be available for years to come, your gift may also benefit you and your family financially by reducing your income and estate tax and increasing your cash flow.

As a Legacy Society member, you will receive an invitation to our complimentary **Legacy Society BBQ this September**, where you’ll meet other supporters who have made a long term commitment to Union Station and our community.

To notify us of your planned gift – or for more information– please visit  
<http://unionstationhs.org/help/donate/planned-giving> or contact **Dana Bean at 626-240-4558**  
or [dbean@unionstationhs.org](mailto:dbean@unionstationhs.org).

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

**Facilities Committee:** Do you have experience in real estate, construction or property management? Contact Mike Berry, Facilities Manager at [mberry@unionstationhs.org](mailto:mberry@unionstationhs.org) to learn more!

**Evening for the Station Committee:** Union Station is hosting its annual music event this fall and we need your help! If you are interested in event planning or music and performance, please contact Amanda Green, Development Manager at [agreen@unionstationhs.org](mailto:agreen@unionstationhs.org).