



Dear Friends,

Though word may have already begun to filter out, I want to let you know that I will step down from my position as CEO of Union Station on June 30, 2016.

By then I will have been here for 21 years. Though my passion for our mission, commitment to our clients and affection for our "Union Station Family" is undiminished, I feel that will be a good point at which to move into retirement.

My time at Union Station has been a remarkably rewarding and satisfying period of my professional life. This is due, in very great measure, to the many outstanding and dedicated staff members, talented and compassionate Board members, volunteers and community leaders I've had the honor of working with along the way. Thank you all for being my partners on this journey.

I am not saying goodbye now. There are still five months of work ahead of us. It will be an exciting time, too, filled with new challenges, new programs and new opportunities to help our clients in Pasadena and throughout the San Gabriel Valley achieve decent housing, more stable lives and greater self-fulfillment.

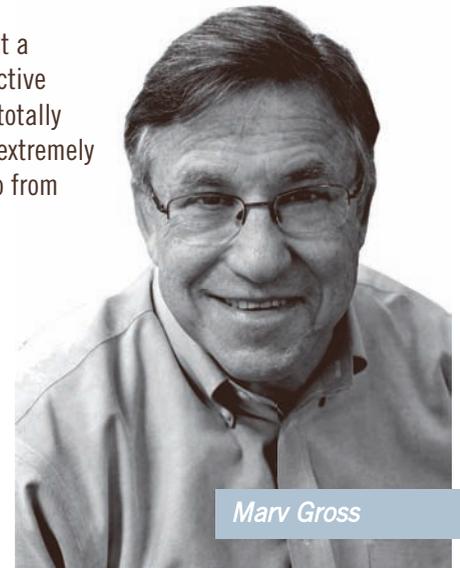
Our Board has established a distinguished CEO Search Committee under the leadership of Vice Chair Terry Krupczak and has retained a highly regarded executive search firm to assist in the search for my successor. I know we all will join in welcoming the successful candidate upon his or her selection.

Over the years, we have built a very strong, caring and effective organization together. I am totally confident that our future is extremely bright and that USHS will go from strength to strength.

With much affection and gratitude,

Marv

Rabbi Marvin Gross, CEO



Marv Gross

A Message from our Board Chair

As you now know, Marv will retire in June 2016 after 21 years of incredible service. Since Marv joined the agency in 1995, we have grown from a single shelter on Raymond Ave to nine programs today — with a new facility scheduled for completion by fall 2016.

Upon learning of Marv's retirement plans, I appointed Board Vice Chair, Terry Krupczak, to lead a **CEO Search Committee** that will manage the search for our next leader. In October, they retained the services of executive search firm of Morris & Berger -- the same firm that brought us Marv 20 years ago.

The firm is working with the committee to identify a candidate with a deep passion for our mission and strong leadership and fundraising capabilities. Union Station's outstanding

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reputation amongst its peers and in the community is attracting extremely qualified candidates pursuing this prestigious opportunity. We are in the process of reviewing the resumes of those individuals that fit the criteria for our CEO position and we anticipate formal interviews of these candidates to start in mid-January 2016. Our goal is to hire our next CEO by May of 2016.

We are also in the process of updating our **Strategic Plan**, to determine the goals and direction for USHS over the next three years (2016–2019). A Strategic Planning Committee consisting of six current Board members is overseeing the process, and a half-day Board retreat to help establish the strategic goals for Union Station will be held in January 2016. Diana Peterson-More, President of the Organizational Effectiveness Group, has been retained to assist the Board in this undertaking.



Elizabeth Trussell

Marv has been a remarkable CEO and we are committed to the finding the right leader to sustain us in the years to come.

New Landlord Liaison Program

With sky-high rents and low vacancy rates, finding a place to live in Pasadena can be a challenge. It's a downright daunting feat for people experiencing homelessness. Rental subsidies like Section 8 are a crucial tool in addressing the housing shortage, but oftentimes, our clients can't find a landlord willing to accept subsidies.

Bill and Brenda Galloway are hoping to change that. As residential property owners, the Galloways not only believe in helping people transition out of homelessness, but they also understand the benefits that property owners can reap from accepting tenants with subsidies.

On December 1st, the Galloways invited other landlords to The Raymond Restaurant

to learn about the benefits of accepting housing vouchers. The event was generously hosted by restaurant owner and USHS Board member Rob Levy. Landlords learned that they too can have tenants who are ready to succeed in housing, have guaranteed rental income, and who are supported by a team of Union Station staff to keep them housed. As a result, four landlords have already signed up to partner with Union Station and the City of Pasadena!

If you are a property owner and would like to partner with Union Station Homeless Services and the City of Pasadena, contact Ryan Izell at 626-240-4554 or rizell@unionstationhs.org today.



Interns at Union Station

Thanks to our partnership with many accredited public and private universities in the Los Angeles area, Union Station enjoys the help and expertise of 32 graduate level interns in the fields of Social Work, Occupational Therapy, and Vocational Counseling. We are proud of our wonderful interns, and appreciate their compassion for our clients.

UNION STATION JUST GOT GREENER!

Thanks to a very generous grant from the **Ahmanson Foundation**, we are now the proud owners of a Chevy Volt. This new electric vehicle -- which will use charge from our solar panels -- will help staff transport our clients to important services and appointments!



Thank you Pasadena Humane Society!

For someone experiencing homelessness, their pet may feel like the only family they have. Thankfully, our friends at the **Pasadena Humane Society** provide shelter for the pets of people living in our shelters! Pet owners can visit their furry friends for daily walks and love, and the Humane Society provides food and vaccines at no cost. A huge thank-you to our partners for helping to keep these families together!



Savor the finer things in life.

MASTERS



OF TASTE

April 3, 2016 | Rose Bowl Stadium

Union Station is proud to announce its newest event

Masters of Taste

a luxury food and beverage festival held on the field of the historic **Rose Bowl**.

On **April 3, 2016**,

guests will walk the field and enjoy unlimited tastings

from 40 top LA restaurants and

25 craft cocktail bars, breweries and wineries.

For sponsorship information, email dbean@unionstationhs.org or call 626-240-4558.

Enjoy *early bird ticket* prices until February 15! Purchase your tickets today at www.mastersoftaste.eventbrite.com



Union Station Homeless Services feeds thousands in need at Annual Dinners-in-the-Park

To show their community spirit and compassion, hundreds of volunteers of all ages gathered together on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day to serve meals and cheer at Union Station Homeless Services' 43rd annual Dinners-in-the-Park.

Union Station Homeless Services served about 5,000 plates of food on Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Meal recipients included adults and families experiencing homelessness and poverty, senior citizens, and those who are alone at the holidays or unable to afford a holiday meal.

In addition to volunteers, the event is made possible thanks to generous corporate partners, including:



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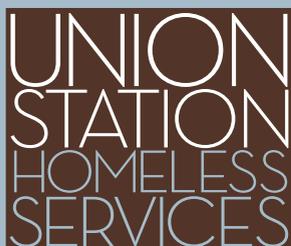
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An Evening for the Station



On October 15, 2015, **Union Station Homeless Services** held its 16th annual **An Evening for the Station**. This year, the comedy-themed event dubbed **Homelessness is No Laughing Matter** brought comedy lovers and community members together for an incredible night of laughter and entertainment for a new twist on our long-running event.

More than 400 guests filled the ArcLight Cinemas Pasadena for a stellar show of comedians from Netflix, HBO, Showtime, Comedy Central, and more! Event producer and emcee, **Ed Salazar**, presented a hilarious line-up featuring **Kumail Nanjiani** (*The Mindy Project*), **Jonah Ray** (*Nerdist*, *The Mindy Project*), **Baron Vaughn** (*Grace and Frankie*), **Matt Peters** (*Orange is the New Black*), **Susan Burke** (*Smashed*), and **Jay Larson** (*Best Bars in America*).

The event raised **\$87,000** in support of **Union Station Homeless Services**.

Alumnus **Horacio** gave a moving testimonial at the event about his experience, sharing that he was “forever thankful for the life-changing work of Union Station and its amazing staff!”

Horacio, who previously worked as an activist and esteemed UC lecturer, lost his housing due to health complications last year. Our staff helped Horacio find housing, and at the time of our event, he was working with our Sources staff and looking for work.

It is with a heavy heart we share that Horacio unexpectedly passed away in December. He was a special person who meant so much to the staff here at Union Station, and he will be missed. We are deeply grateful to have known him.

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