



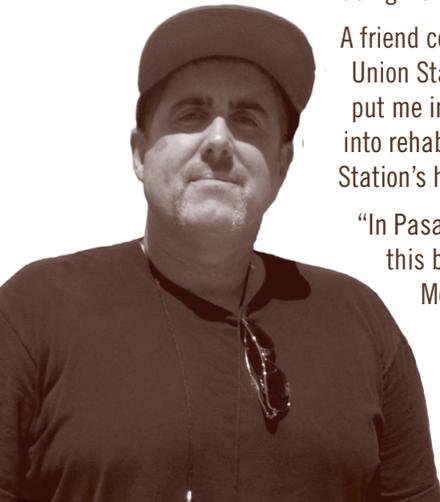
Dear Friends,

As a *Harm Reduction Specialist* for a local non-profit agency, Shawn Morrissey manages a team of case workers who help chronically homeless clients find homes and stay housed.

Morrissey has spent the past 10 years working on the front lines of the effort to end homelessness. Before his current job, he worked at Union Station Homeless Services for four years as a case manager, bringing Pasadena's most vulnerable out of the cold and into our shelter. What his current clients may not realize is that 12 years ago, Morrissey stood in their shoes.

Morrissey remembers the day he arrived at the door of Passageways. It was a week before Christmas 2002, and he was homeless, broke and in heroin withdrawal.

"I was so done and shot out. There was nothing left," he says. "I had never been sober before. I had been using from the time I was 12."



A friend convinced him to seek help at Union Station Homeless Services. "They put me into detox immediately, and then into rehab," he says. "Without Union Station's help, I'd probably be dead by now."

"In Pasadena, Union Station stands as this beacon of hope and help," says Morrissey, who has been sober for 12 years. "I found a home in Pasadena because of Union

Station. Union Station plays a big role in promoting the idea that homeless folks aren't just homeless people, they're our homeless neighbors, and it's our responsibility to take care of our homeless neighbors just like it's our responsibility to take care of our other neighbors."

"It's our responsibility to take care of our homeless neighbors."

- Shawn

"Union Station was the first place [where] I was able to tap into my own value," he says. "Without Union Station's help, I probably wouldn't be doing what I'm doing right now. They gave me the springboard from which I was able to get well enough to begin to find myself and tap into the idea that I can take my experience and bring it to others and make a difference in other people's lives."

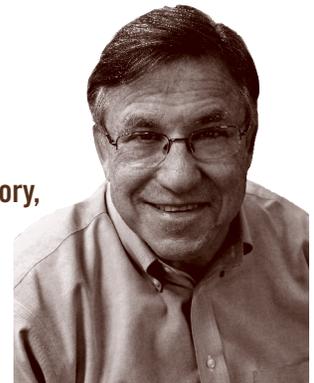
Shawn is an outstanding person and wonderful colleague; we are so proud of him.

It is with your help that Shawn was able to transform his life—and start a cycle of hope. Thank you for giving so generously to our efforts over the years.

Sincerely,

Shawn

Marvin M. Gross, CEO



To read a longer version of this story, and more client success stories, visit www.unionstationhs.org/impact/success

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A Summer to Remember

This summer, the children living at our Family Center and Euclid Villa Apartments were treated to an enriching Summer Camp experience, thanks to our Recreation Leader, Jordan Rettig, and Euclid Villa's Child Care Specialist, Aldonia Bailey. The kids, who ranged in age from 5 to 15 years, went swimming at Villa Park, caught a movie at the local theater, enjoyed bicycling at the Family Center, cooking lessons, arts and crafts, painting, songs, and learning made possible, in part, through the generosity of Pasadena Rotary.



"The activities in [our] Summer Camp were chosen to enhance their motors skills, hand and eye-coordination and visual observation," says Bailey. "We are ending with back to school activities for our pre-K and first graders, and science activities with a kit that was donated to us."

"I know they will remember this wonderful educational and fun experience this summer for a long, long time."

Would you like to donate new school supplies for our Back-to-School drive? Email us at inkind@unionstationhs.org or visit our Wish List at www.unionstationhs.org/wishlist



Volunteer Department Honored With Service Enterprise Certification

We're excited to announce that our Volunteer Department has been certified by CaliforniaVolunteers as a Service Enterprise.

"We are so thrilled to receive this certification, and incredibly grateful to our volunteers and community partners who bring so much compassion and help Union Station Homeless Services meet its bottom line," says Octavia Sisley, Director of Volunteer and Community Programs.

A Service Enterprise is defined as an organization that has shown a strong commitment to leveraging volunteers and their skills to successfully deliver on its social mission.

With this hard-won certification, Union Station Homeless Services becomes one of the first organizations in California to be recognized as a Service Enterprise by CaliforniaVolunteers, the state service commission in California. Research conducted by the TCC Group, a national program and evaluation firm, found that organizations operating as Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organizational effectiveness, and are more adaptable, sustainable and capable of scaling their work.

Union Station Homeless Services has completed an extensive assessment, training/consulting, and certification process that led to this recognition. By achieving this level of excellence and certification, Union Station Homeless Services is now better equipped to leverage the time and talent of volunteers in building our organizational capacity.

"This certification illustrates how our volunteers are an integral part of the Union Station Homeless Services family. Their selfless time and energy have always been critical factors to the overall success of our programs," says Gwen Hourihan, Volunteer Coordinator.

For more information about volunteer opportunities with our organization, please visit unionstationhs.org/help/volunteer. For more information about the CaliforniaVolunteers Service Enterprise Initiative, please visit www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

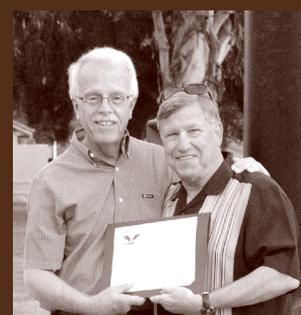
We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Nearly 100 volunteers came out for Union Station's biannual Volunteer Appreciation event. The celebration included an outdoor screening of "Grease," plus movie concessions, homemade goodies, and the Pie 'n Burger truck! Volunteers who contributed over 100 hours of service in 2013 were awarded a Presidential Service Award from the White House. Everyone at Union Station is so grateful for the generous donation of time from all of our volunteers. You all make Union Station what it is today. We thank you!

Interested in volunteering? Visit www.unionstationhs.org/help/volunteer



Florence Madden and Marv Gross



Tom Drino and Marv Gross

Over 40 Years of Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners-in-the-Park

Every year for over 40 years, thousands of community members have gathered for a community celebration of hope and giving during our free holiday Dinners-in-the-Park. Homeless and low-income families, or those with nowhere to go, come together and illustrate the true spirit of the holidays. You can be part of our time-honored tradition by signing up to volunteer at one of our annual Dinner-in-the-Park events to help feed thousands. Volunteer registration for Thanksgiving 2014 will open on Nov. 1st. Registration for Christmas opens Dec. 1st. Check our website to register.

Please note: due to Health Department regulations, we are no longer able to accept cooked turkey or prepared food donations. Store bought pies, kitchen supplies and other items are welcome before Thanksgiving and can be delivered to the 412 S. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena. Thank you for your continued support! Please review our Wish List online at the Dinner-in-the-Park webpage for more ways to give.



To register, for our Dinner-in-the-Park Wish List, or for info about corporate sponsorships, visit http://unionstationhs.org/event/DIP_2014

We are asking our volunteers and community members to partner with Union Station by donating a modest \$10 or whatever you can afford to help underwrite the cost of the event and support our mission. We will also be accepting voluntary donations the day of the event.

ACTS Thrift Store: A Partnership That Keeps on Giving

When we began partnering with ACTS Thrift Store in Pasadena, we had no idea it would prove to be such a fruitful friendship. Our supporters donate used items (clothing, furniture, electronics, housewares, etc) to ACTS in Union Station's name. Next, Union Station receives credit and, in turn, provides vouchers to our clients for job interview outfits and household goods. Over the last three fiscal years, our supporters have donated over \$10,000 worth of goods, and ACTS has in turn provided our clients with that same amount in merchandise! It's a win-win that we hope you'll help us continue.

Donations are accepted at the ACTS Thrift Store, 1382 Locust St., Pasadena, Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Drop-off bins are also available at Union Station's Family Center (825 E. Orange Grove Boulevard) and Adult Center (412 S. Raymond Avenue) from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Visit www.actsthift.org for more information.



Melvin and Dargetta Carlisle, Stewart Hsieh

Leadership Circle Get Together Was a Huge Success

Our Leadership Circle members from the Benefactor Circle (annual contribution of \$2,500+) gathered on July 10th to hear about the future of USHS from our CEO, Marv Gross. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from a formerly homeless alumnus of our program.

To learn more about how to join the Union Station Leadership Circle visit www.unionstationhs.org/help/donate/leadership

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Union Station Homeless Services
presents the 15th Annual

AN EVENING FOR THE STATION

Featuring a Beatles/Bash by MUSE/IQUE

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Noor, Pasadena

Doors open at 6:00 pm / Program begins at 7:15 pm

Join us for a Beatles tribute to help men, women and children rebuild their lives! Performance will feature MUSE/IQUE's Maestra Rachael Worby and other extraordinary artists! Tickets: \$40, includes hors d'oeuvre reception.

Leaving a Legacy: Dr. Marylou Ingram

Dr. Marylou Ingram was a distinguished scholar, exceptional teacher, and a mentor. She was also a caring Pasadena community member with a long history of support for Union Station Homeless Services. She was a Senior Research Scientist and head of Tissue Engineering & In Vitro Systems program at Huntington Medical Research Institutes. Dr. Ingram had a distinguished career in academic medicine and research, including faculty service at the University of Rochester, Caltech, and the University of Miami. She was also at Los Alamos National Laboratory, as a consultant to the National Cancer Institute, the FCA, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and NASA. She was a pioneer in automated cell analysis systems and was founding director of the Institute for Cell Analysis at the University of Miami. Dr. Ingram was born on June 14, 1920, in Ashtabula, Ohio, and received her M.D. degree from the University of Rochester, where she was trained as a hematologist. She passed away on August 12, 2013. Upon her passing, we received a very generous gift from her estate. She was 93 years old. Our gratitude goes out to her for the wonderful legacy she left behind by making a planned gift to Union Station Homeless Services. Just like Mary Lou, you too can make a difference!



Thank you
for
joining us!



Legacy Society BBQ

On Saturday, Sept 6, we hosted a special BBQ to honor the members of our Legacy Society. Dave and Sunhee Mans graciously hosted the event at their home.

All of the guests are part of a compassionate group of individuals who are ensuring that our life-saving programs are available for years to come.

To join our Legacy Society, or to learn more about Planned Giving, visit www.unionstationhs.org/help/donate/planned-giving/ or contact Dana Bean, Director of Development at 626-240-4558 or dbean@unionstationhs.org.

Rubio's
FRESH MEXICAN GRILL

Rubio's

October 17th, 5 pm to closing

216 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 449-3013

20% of bill donated to USHS (dine in, take out, or catering, flyer required)

Please visit www.unionstationhs.org/event/rubios for a printable flyer.

For a full calendar of "dine out" opportunities visit www.unionstationhs.org/events

DINE For USHS

Souplantation.
salads • soups • bakery

Souplantation

September 30th, 5 to 8 pm

201 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 577-4798

15% of bill donated to USHS (dine in only, flyer required)

Please visit www.unionstationhs.org/event/souplantation/ for a printable flyer.



Order Your Holiday Cards Today!

USHS Holiday Cards are the perfect gift! Include a donation with your holiday card purchase, and you'll receive a donation insert that reads: "Today a homeless man, woman or child will not go to bed hungry. A gift of warm, nutritious meals has been made in your honor." All proceeds will benefit Union Station's programs to help rebuild lives.

Visit www.unionstationhs.org to place your order today.

