

Dear Friends,

After ending an unhealthy relationship, Tezitzalai opted to move back into her mother's house in Pasadena with her two young kids. At first, things were fine for them there. "I rolled with the punches, I got a job, I started working again," she says, "but I was still at my mother's house." As friction developed between them, Tezitzalai decided she had no choice but to move out and find a place of her own.

It was then that Tezitzalai realized she not only had nowhere to go, but she also hadn't been able to develop certain life skills, such as managing money. "I didn't have the responsibility of ever paying a bill," Tezitzalai admits.

Out of options and with two young children to care for, she found herself at a crossroads.

"I had the choice of either Union Station or going back to that unhealthy relationship," Tezitzalai shrugs. "And that's when I came to the Family Center."

Tezitzalai is starting to develop those skills she was missing. "I thought I knew how to work, I thought I knew how to save money," she insists. "And now that's what I'm learning here."

Tezitzalai is proud to be making excellent use of Union Station's client banking program, having saved \$1,000 for the first time in her life!



Tezitzalai and her children

She's working hard to find permanent housing, but Tezitzalai is grateful for Union Station's Family Center. "There's so much support here!" she says emphatically. That support is something she wants to pay forward. "I want to be a success story, whether I'm here a month, or two, or longer. Union Station is promoting that confidence in me." Tezitzalai's dream is now to be a motivational speaker, helping those who've been in her position.

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"I'm finally on my own, and it's such a scary feeling!" Tezitzalai covers her mouth, gasping momentarily. "But they say that great opportunity is gained through adversity. That's how I feel right now." And then she pauses, smiling. "I'm getting ready to fly."

With generous, continual support from volunteers and donors like you, Tezitzalai and many others have been given another chance. Thank you for all that you do to make real change in people's lives!

With thanks and respect,

John Brauer, CEO

To read more client stories, visit unionstationhs.org/clients.



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REBUILD THEIR LIVES
AND END HOMELESSNESS

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Welcome, New Board Members!

We're happy to announce 10 additions to our board of directors! Each new member brings valuable expertise and insight to Union Station. The new arrivals come on the heels of several departures—farewell to Terry Krupczak, Charles Thuss, Linda Jahnke, and Vickie Taylor!



Brittany Duke-Noblin is an associate attorney with Palermo, Barbaro, Chinen & Pitzer. She focuses on issues of elder abuse, trust and estate litigation, conservatorships, and guardianships. She also volunteers with Girls on the Run.



Jan Sanders recently retired from her role as the director of libraries and information services for the City of Pasadena after a remarkable 45-year career in libraries.



Jay Goldstone is a managing director at MUFG Union Bank. Prior to joining the bank, he had a 37-year career working for various counties and cities throughout California, including 10 years as the director of finance for the City of Pasadena.



Arnold Siegel is an emeritus Loyola Law School professor. A long-time Union Station supporter, he has previously served on the board (including a term as board chair).



Eric (Tony) Gronroos founded his own accounting practice, which he merged to create HKG LLP. The company specializes in tax consulting, mergers and acquisitions, and estate planning. He often speaks at educational seminars and events.



Jesse Torres serves as California Small Business Advocate and deputy director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. He has extensive experience in business development, fundraising and alumni relations.



Jack Keleshian is a wealth management professional with 25 years of experience. He is currently responsible for the private client services office of Bank of the West in Pasadena and surrounding areas.



Kevin Trieber, ESOP Solutions executive and senior vice president of Bank of America, leads a national practice of 30 professionals. Kevin has been with the bank for more than 20 years.



Greg Prout has been in real estate sales for over 36 years. He has been associated with Union Station since 1995, working as a member of our Volunteer Committee and also, for the last eight years, as a mock interviewer for Sources.



Pam Wald is a pediatrician and health-care consultant. She recently retired from Kaiser Permanente after 35 years of pediatric practice and a variety of leadership roles. She has been an active supporter of Union Station for many years.

To see Union Station Homeless Services' full board of directors, visit unionstationhs.org/board.

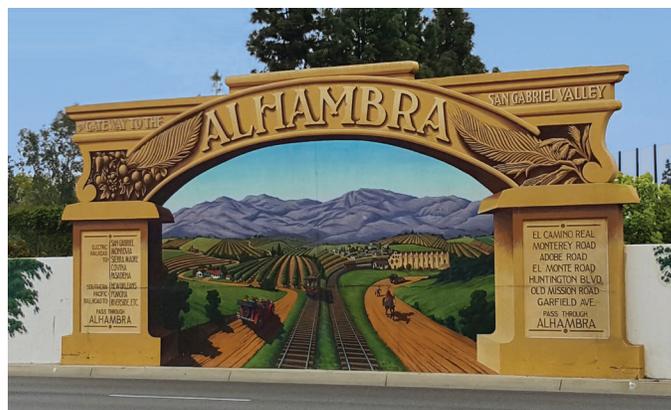
New Partnership With Alhambra

Union Station is now working closely with the City of Alhambra to provide street outreach, case management and housing assistance to residents experiencing homelessness there.

Union Station's Amber Follett, the outreach worker assigned to the area, explained her approach to working with homeless individuals at an Alhambra City Council meeting in February (from *Alhambra Source*): "What I'm trying to do is build a relationship with them. "I get to know them, I get to know their stories, their backgrounds, their needs, their wants as human beings, and try to match them with the appropriate services."

Alhambra's January 24th homeless count saw 74 people participating and either driving or walking through the city's 26 census tracts. Preliminary numbers from the count show 13 individuals over the age of 24 and one person between the ages of 18 and 24 currently

experiencing homelessness. Alexis Boothby, Union Station's CES coordinator, expressed optimism about ending homelessness in the area, saying, "I think it's a very manageable number."



MASTERS OF TASTE SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Don't miss the **2nd annual Masters of Taste** on May 7th, 2017 on the field of the iconic Rose Bowl!

Walk the 50-yard line as you sample unlimited tastings from top restaurants and chefs, and sip handcrafted cocktails, California wine and local craft beer.

All proceeds benefit Union Station! Tickets and event details are available at MastersofTasteLA.com. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Dana at dbean@unionstationhs.org.

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Spireworks
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March Home 2017

On Saturday, June 10th, Union Station will host **March Home: Ending Homelessness One Step at a Time**, a walk through Pasadena to raise awareness and funds for our life-changing programs.

Join us on the start-line at Pasadena's iconic Centennial Square in front of City Hall and walk the organized route through Pasadena, past some of Union Station's permanent supportive housing programs. The event will culminate at City Hall and feature a finish-line festival with guest speakers, music, food trucks and more!

March Home is a family-friendly event! Participants are encouraged to sign up as individuals or teams and prizes will be rewarded for our top fundraisers. Be an agent for change! Sign up to walk today and help us end homelessness in our community.

To learn more, visit unionstationhs.org/MarchHome.



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Open House at Marv's Place

On Wednesday, February 15th, city officials, business leaders and community members joined us for an open house of Marv's Place, Union Station's newest program for families.

Featuring 19 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families, Marv's Place offers all the amenities of a modern apartment complex in a beautiful Mediterranean architectural style.

Attendees met with our CEO, John Brauer, for a tour of the building and an opportunity to learn more about Union Station's vital work.



Advisory Council Meeting Recap

Union Station's Advisory Council is composed of former board members, community leaders and long-time supporters that have built and sustained Union Station Homeless Services over the years.

In March, the group gathered at the home of Rob Floe, Advisory Council Chair, to hear exciting program updates from CEO John Brauer and CPO Ryan Izell. We had a few victories to share, including the fact that Pasadena saw the largest percentage reduction in homelessness in the entire nation from 2009 to 2016, with a decrease of 54%!

Leaving a Legacy

If you wish you could do more to help end homelessness in our community, look no further than Union Station's Legacy Society.



By including Union Station Homeless Services in your will, you can ensure that our work will continue into the future. To learn about planned giving and our Legacy Society, visit unionstationhs.org/legacy or call Dana Bean at **626-240-4558** today!

Host a Fundraiser!

Would you like to hold an event to raise funds for Union Station Homeless Services? Whether it's a wine tasting, barbecue, recital, or something totally different, we'd love to give you all the tools needed for a great event!

Please email Dana Bean at dbean@unionstationhs.org or give her a call at **626-240-4558** to discuss the details.