Dear Friends,

It has been my deep honor and pleasure to serve as the Interim CEO of Union Station Homeless Services since January, culminating with the Board’s hiring of a new CEO. I want to express deep gratitude to the staff at Union Station and to the Board, and its chair, Alan Maltun, for their unfailing support. I would also like to congratulate our new board chair, Jim Moore, and the entire executive committee on their election.

I am very pleased to welcome Anne Miskey as the new chief executive officer of Union Station Homeless Services, effective June 11. Anne is a nationally recognized and leading voice on the issue of homelessness. I am confident that her deep passion for homeless services and her exceptional leadership ability will be essential in guiding Union Station in the years to come.

Anne comes to us from the Downtown Women’s Center, where she served as CEO. She also served as a key advocate for the passage of Measure H and Proposition HHH, and served on the LAHSA Ad Hoc Committee on Women’s Homelessness.

Anne has a unique perspective on the intersection of non-profits, government, and communities in addressing vital social issues. She has spoken on several occasions at the White House on the issues of youth and veteran homelessness.

In addition to working with former First Lady Michelle Obama’s Joining Forces Campaign, she has worked with the departments of HUD, Health and Human Services, Veteran Affairs, and the Department of Labor to champion support for vulnerable adults and families.

Prior to her work in the non-profit sector, Anne spent more than a decade as a corporate communications and public affairs professional.

As I prepare to leave Union Station, I recognize I’m not really leaving. I will join you in continuing as a donor and volunteer, as I have done in the past, and as so many of you do.

I have one last request of you all: please join us in helping educate others on the desperate needs of people without a place to call home. Please explain to your friends, families, colleagues, and communities that we cannot push homeless people (and they are people, not “the homeless”) over to the next town... we are all the next town.

People are homeless for varied, often complex, reasons. Thus, helping them get into housing can often also be complex. Please do not accept the often repeated phrase “a lot of these people don’t want to be housed.” Despite their obstacles, most people want a safe place to call home.

Finally, I hope you will all join me in warmly welcoming Anne to the Union Station family. Thank you so much for your support!

Warm Regards,

Howard A. Kahn

Anne Miskey, Incoming CEO

Howard A. Kahn, Interim CEO

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Volunteer Highlight

Stephen, a second grade teacher at Sierra Madre Elementary, has been a Union Station volunteer for more than eight years.

Stephen first got involved with Union Station during Lent. He wanted to not only give something up, but also do something worthwhile. He decided to volunteer and was so impacted by the need that he decided to continue volunteering.

When asked what drove him to continue volunteering and what impacted him the most, Stephen replied, “I never realized how many children were impacted by homelessness! There are stories of families sleeping on the streets, in cars, and motels. If I could only relay one message to people, it would be that anyone can be part of the solution if they so choose!”

Since then, Stephen has volunteered every week in our administrative offices, offering hope to so many individuals and families who call Union Station seeking help.

Thank you Stephen for your commitment to be #partofthesolution!

3 Things To Know About Stephen

1. Stephen has been an elementary school teacher for more than 21 years!
2. He loves traveling and hiking with his husband, and has been all over the world, from Peru to Egypt and Singapore.
3. Stephen has a special connection to Union Station volunteers, staff, and their children. He’s been a teacher to many of their kids!

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, visit: unionstationhs.org/volunteer.

Pasadena Homeless Count

On the night of the 2018 Pasadena Homeless Count, 677 people were experiencing homelessness, 18% more than in 2017. This represents a reversal in the five-year downward trend in homelessness from 2011-16. Despite the uptick, the 27% reduction in chronic homelessness over the past two years is a sign that our response system designed to help those most in need is working.

The sharpest increases were seen among those who are unsheltered and living on the streets, in parks, encampments, vehicles, or other places not meant for human habitation. The count also found that our homeless population is getting older; the number of persons over age 50 is up 65% since 2016.

The impact of the housing crisis is evident. There was a significant increase (36%) in the number of persons who have been homeless for less than 12 months or did not have a disability, including substance use or mental illness. “For this population, high rents and a shortage of housing caused them to fall into homelessness,” according to the report.

To read the full report, visit PasadenaPartnership.org.

Welcome Patricia!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest executive team member, Patricia Mowlavi. Her new responsibilities as our Chief Financial Officer include all finance and accounting operations. With over 20 years of experience in non-profit financial management, we expect Patricia to provide financial guidance and support during this period of extreme growth and expansion.

Prior to joining Union Station, Patricia was the CFO at Gold Coast Health Plan and was the Senior Director of Accounting and Financial Services at L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation’s largest public health plan, which more than doubled its membership to 2 million people during her tenure.

Patricia serves on the Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board and volunteers for Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. She received her Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Washington and Master of Business Administration from California Lutheran University.

To learn more about our team, visit: unionstationhs.org/about/leadership
Nearly 2,500 LA foodies walked the field of the Rose Bowl on May 6th at the third annual Masters of Taste event - benefiting Union Station Homeless Services. This was the largest grossing and highest attended event in Union Station’s history! Over 90 Culinary, Beverage and Sweet Masters provided delicious tastings for guests as they walked the field of the Rose Bowl field and supported Union Station Homeless Services. This event would not be possible without the amazing support from our community, participants and sponsors.

Over $505,000 was raised in support of our life changing services!
Save The Date!

You won’t want to miss this year’s Evening for the Station: A Night of Magic, featuring top magicians and illusionists that are sure to amaze!

Our night of magic unfolds on Thursday, November 1st at The Rose in Pasadena.

Visit us at unionstationhs.org/efts2018 for the most up to date event information!

Help Us Meet Our Need!

This year, we helped hundreds of individuals and families rebuild their lives and find a safe place to call home. On behalf of those we serve, thank you!

However, we must still raise an additional $265,000 by June 30! Please make an urgent year-end donation to help us meet our needs. Don’t wait – Give the most generous gift you can to increase your impact today.

Donate online at unionstationhs.org/donate by June 30th to help us meet our need!

Donor Advised Funds

Did you know that donor advised funds (DAF) are the fastest growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States? That’s because they are a simple, flexible, and tax-advantageous way to give!

To set up your DAF, contact your financial or legal advisor, or visit bit.ly/DAFdirect to learn more.

If you already have a DAF, you can schedule your donations to Union Station Homeless Services through DAF Direct by visiting unionstationhs.org/donate.

Leaving A Legacy: Margaret Lieb

“Peggy” Lieb was a brilliant academic and world traveler. Following her post-doctoral studies at Caltech and in Paris at the Pasteur and Radium Institutes, she taught at Brandeis and then USC. In retirement, she was an active Emerita member of the faculty, and served as a garden docent at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. Peggy passed away in March 2018 at the age of 94. Upon her passing, Union Station received notice of her bequest. We are deeply grateful for Peggy’s generosity and we are humbled to honor her legacy.

To learn more, visit unionstationhs.org/legacy.