

## Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that COVID has been with us for 10 months, which has meant 10 months of a completely new reality. It's been a stressful time for everyone—and a tragic time for many. It can be hard to be grateful when we're surrounded by so much uncertainty and fear. Yet, I cannot help but reflect on all the things for which I—and Union Station—must be grateful for.

**Community:** to our generous supporters and volunteers who kept us going, gave at greater and higher levels, supported our first ever, virtual Evening for the Station, helped feed thousands by donating turkeys with all the fixin's for our 50th annual Dinner in the Park and gave generously so that we may continue to serve those in need in the face of uncertainty, thank you!

**Leadership:** to my amazing Board of Directors, whose passion, expertise, hard work and generosity keeps the organization going successfully and who are always focused on our mission to help people rebuild their lives and end homelessness, thank you! (A personal thank you for your support—I can't tell you how much that means to me.)

**Staff Leadership:** to my executive team, who have worked tirelessly for months to keep all our staff working and safe, who have been flexible, innovative and creative in these uncertain times, all while making sure we continue to serve our clients with respect and dignity, thank you! (Thank you Adam, Amanda, Dana, Hope, Rafe, Sarah and Shawn. I am so lucky to have you on my team! And thank you Reann—I couldn't do it without you!)

**Staff:** to Union Station staff—the most incredible group of people who work with passion and heart to help those in need and treat them with dignity, thank you! (I am so proud and humbled to work with a group of the most wonderful human beings. You are what keep me going each and every day!)

**Justice:** to our staff, board and supporters who have stepped up and called loudly for justice and racial equity at work and in our

communities, thank you! (Special thanks to all of our Diversity Network staff for helping us all learn about one another—through knowledge comes understanding and justice.)

**LEAP (Lived Expertise Advisory Panel):** to our LEAP folks who lived the experience of homelessness and who bring their knowledge, wisdom, courage and leadership to help Union Station be the best organization it can be, thank you! You inspire us to do more and to do better.

**Project Roomkey and Project Homekey:** to our government funders and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority who helped us safely shelter the most vulnerable in hotels and now begin to house them permanently, and to our staff who worked and continue to work tirelessly to help and support these people, thank you!

**Technology and Connection:** for staying in touch—even when we have to stay distant by seeing everyone in a Zoom square on a screen, but at least we can see one another, thank you! (Shout out to Zoom for being able to work in my sweat pants with my cat on my lap and my husband puttering in the background.)

As I began to write my “thankful list” I worried I wouldn't have enough — instead, I could keep going on with even more things. But I'll end here. Thank you — for all you do to support the work of Union Station Homeless Services, our staff and our clients. Please stay safe and well — and here's hoping for an amazing 2021!

Sincerely,

*Anne Miskey*

**Anne Miskey**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Anne Miskey, Chief Executive Officer**

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REBUILD THEIR LIVES  
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# Introducing Our Newest Board Members

We are proud to announce the election of four new board members. Welcome Jordan Corngold, Dr. Jesse Hong, Cynthia Kirby and Cynthia Kurtz!



**JORDAN CORNGOLD**  
Music Editor (retired)



**DR. JESSE HONG**  
Chief Pharmacist, Ramona  
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**CYNTHIA KIRBY**  
Member, Making Housing &  
Community Happen | Advisor, LEAP



**CYNTHIA KURTZ**  
Advisor, National CORE  
Affordable Housing

To learn more about our Board of Directors, please visit [unionstationhs.org/board](https://unionstationhs.org/board).

## Changing the Narrative Series: Building Better Cities

Monday, January 25th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Don't miss this session with three prominent panelists sharing insights on how we can build better cities with inclusive housing for all, by learning from urban design and city planning successes from across the globe. Anne Miskey will moderate:

**Vinayak Bharne**, award-winning urban design and city planning practitioner, adjunct professor at USC Price School, Director of Design at Moule & Polyzoides Architects and Urbanists and on the Union Station Board of Directors.

**Steve PonTell**, CEO and President of National CORE, one of the nation's largest nonprofit developers of affordable and senior housing.

**Shawn Morrissey**, Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement at Union Station.

Visit [unionstationhs.org/event/CNS3](https://unionstationhs.org/event/CNS3) to register for the Zoom webinar today.

Anne Miskey



Vinayak Bharne



Steve PonTell



Shawn Morrissey



## Anne Miskey Stands Out in Women's Leadership Series

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In recognition of her work at Union Station, Anne Miskey was nominated as Women CEO of the Year at the Los Angeles Business Journal Women's Leadership Series and Awards 2020. To help educate the community about homelessness throughout the Leadership conference, Anne joined a panel of experts to discuss "Leading Through Change." She also challenged others to welcome more housing into their neighborhoods in her bylined article in the Los Angeles Business Journal, "How Do You Relate to Homelessness?"

Watch the first day of LABJ's Women's Leadership Series, including Anne's panel at <https://labusinessjournal.com/wsa2020/panelseries1/>



## An Online Evening of Jazz, Food and Beverages

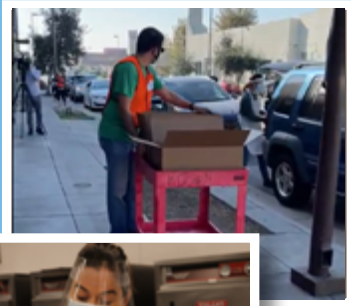
This year, Evening for the Station went virtual with The Raymond 1886 restaurant being transformed into an online event hub. Over 180 people attended via Zoom for a wonderful night of entertainment, delicious food and beverages. The party was hosted by Union Station CEO, Anne Miskey, and featured musical performances from the Katie Thiroux Trio. Guests were also paired with their choice of a wine tasting hosted by Brice Baillie from Obvious Wines, a craft beer tasting hosted by Tom Castro from Arts District Brewing, or fabulous mocktails hosted by mixologist and Head Bartender at The Raymond 1886, Jesus Gomez. Our generous sponsors and community supported the event and silent auction, helping to raise over \$80,000 for our life-saving services.

## Dinner in the Park: A 50-Year Tradition Lives On

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Dinner in the Park and adhere to COVID-19 safety standards, Union Station Homeless Services served Thanksgiving meals in a different way this year.

Instead of one traditional community meal in the park, over 2000 Thanksgiving meals were provided to community members on three different days:

- Thanksgiving "All the Fixings" Meal Supply Boxes were distributed on November 18 for people to cook their dinner at home.
- Prepared Thanksgiving Meals were given out the day before the holiday, on November 25, for reheating at home.
- Private Thanksgiving Day dinners for the residents at the Adult Center, Family Center and Centennial Place.



## A Special Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors

**Feast level:** Citizens Business Bank; **Cornucopia level:** Centerplate and Pasadena Convention Center; **Harvest level:** Pasadena Tournament of Roses and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis; **Autumn level:** Bluebeam, IFS Individual Foodservice, Desarae Jones and, Lonnie and Lorraine Schield; **Friendship level:** LoveGood, Longo Toyota, Kiwanis Club of La Canada, IMEG Corp., Paul Hastings, and Yamaha Guitar Group, Inc.; **Corn sponsor:** Assembly Member Chris Holden and Yamaha Guitar Group, Inc.; **Cranberry Sauce sponsors:** Rene Amy. We are also appreciative of the generosity of so many individual donors.



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## Board Gives Staff a Pasadena Food Hug as a Thank You

As a thank-you to the staff for all their work during this pandemic, Union Station Homeless Services' Board of Directors teamed up with Pasadena Food Hugs to give every team member a \$25 gift card for a meal at a minority-owned Pasadena restaurant. The Board generously raised

the funds themselves to cover the cost of meals for all team members.

"The Board wanted to find a unique and special way to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to the staff for all they have done during these unprecedented times," stated Kevin Trieber, Union Station Homeless Services Board Chair.



## Project Roomkey Transforms to Recovery Housing

Since April, Union Station has been proud to be part of Project Roomkey, providing interim housing at two hotels for nearly 225 highly vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. At each site, we provided residents a safe room, supportive services, meals, and health checks.

Project Roomkey has "demobilized" the Garvey Inn and the residents have already moved to housing or other motels.

The Lincoln Plaza hotel will remain open through the spring and residents are being connected to recovery rehousing. Union Station housing navigators are working with our amazing network of landlords to locate housing opportunities for all.

## Leaving a Legacy: Adelaide Hixon

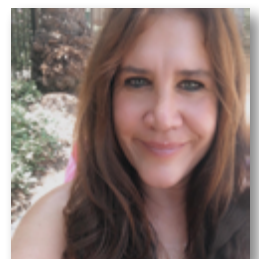
Adelaide Hixon was a powerful, intelligent and loving woman. She was committed to liberal and humanitarian values and believed her wealth required her to assist those in need. After her passing at the age of 101, Union Station received notification of a very generous bequest. We will be forever grateful for Adelaide's commitment to those in need, and for the wonderful legacy she left behind in making a planned gift to Union Station.

Learn more about leaving a legacy at <https://unionstationhs.org/help/donate/planned-giving/>



## In Memoriam: Elena Ledford

It is with a heavy heart that we share news about the passing of beloved Union Station employee, Elena Ledford. As the Manager of Multi Disciplinary Teams, Elena was a cherished member of our Union Station Family. Her sudden and tragic loss has impacted us all. She will always be in our hearts as we extend our deepest sympathies to the Ledford, Galvin and Barbaro families.



## In Memoriam: Diane Garcia Alonzo

Diane Garcia Alonzo, a Care Coordinator with the Housing For Health team, passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer. She was a wonderful human being, a strong and compassionate advocate for her clients, and a dearly loved colleague. She leaves behind her husband and her four children.

