



## 50 Years of Bringing Our Neighbors Home

*"This upcoming year is a special time for Union Station Homeless Services. We are celebrating 50 years of working in the community with volunteers, staff, donors and clients to help house thousands of our neighbors. This is also an opportunity to look forward to a time when all our neighbors have a safe and healthy home and our communities value the humanity and dignity of everyone."*

Since 1973, Union Station has helped our most vulnerable community members rebuild their lives and end homelessness. The vision expressed by the community volunteers who founded our agency still rings true today: everyone deserves a life of dignity and a place to call home.

During our **50th anniversary year**, we are celebrating those who have helped us house thousands of our neighbors. This is

an opportunity to look forward to a time when everyone has a safe and healthy home of their own. Guided by the insights of those with lived experience and the principles of social justice and racial equity, we are working towards creating a society that values all people.

In the upcoming year, **we are planning several events** — including Masters of Taste and Dinner in the Park — to celebrate our past and current clients, donors, volunteers and staff. We hope you can be a part of our year-long celebration. Please check out our website [unionstationhs.org](http://unionstationhs.org) to keep ahead of all the celebrations!

— **Anne Miskey**, President and CEO  
*Union Station Homeless Services*



# MASTERS

## OF TASTE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

@ ROSE BOWL

## Celebrate Our 50th Year at the 50 Yard Line

On **April 2, 2023**, more than 3,000 food and beverage enthusiasts will stroll the 50 yard line of the Rose Bowl for the 6th Annual Masters of Taste. This year, Michael and Kwini Reed of Poppy + Rose and Poppy + Seed are the honored host chefs who will be welcoming guests to enjoy a spectacular array of L.A.'s best Culinary, Beverage and Sweet Masters.

**100% of the proceeds benefit Union Station Homeless Services.**

Go to [mastersoftastela.com](https://mastersoftastela.com) to learn about sponsorship opportunities or to buy your tickets. Please note that last year, we sold out. Don't be disappointed -- buy your tickets early!





## Pasadena Waldorf School 8th Graders are Part of the Solution



Pasadena Waldorf School has been a partner of Union Station since 1998 and this year, the 8th grade class took it upon themselves to do even more.

After hearing a presentation by a Union Station staff in September, the class banded together to raise funds and purchase supplies for hygiene kits. The kits include items such as toothpaste, socks, shampoo, and more. Using the motto "We are part of the solution," the 8th graders took great care to assemble a total of 20 kits for our clients and presented them to Union Station staff in December.

If you would like to follow Pasadena Waldorf School's lead and organize a presentation, in-kind drive, or fundraiser for Union Station, please contact [giving@unionstationhs.org](mailto:giving@unionstationhs.org) or visit [unionstationhs.org/volunteer](http://unionstationhs.org/volunteer).

## Thank You for the Best Dinner in the Park!

Dinner in the Park 2022, presented by SoCalGas, was a huge success. This annual event could not be possible without the generous support and efforts of our amazing staff, volunteers and donors!

This year, we experienced a dire need for frozen turkeys. "Two weeks before Thanksgiving, we had only 7 of the 450 turkeys we needed," reflected David Sensente, Sr. Manager of In-kind Donations, a 20-year employee of Union Station Homeless Services. Then, so many individuals and organizations stepped up to help. Thanks to our generous community and sponsors, including the Kardashian Jenner family, we were able to exceed our financial goal in sponsorships as well as our food donation goals!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors, we were able to serve 4,350 meals with the "All the Fixings" meal supply boxes for those who wanted to cook their own feast, prepared Thanksgiving Meals for reheating, and held private sit-down dinners on Thanksgiving Day for our clients at the Adult Center, Family Center, Casa Luna, Huntington Villas, M Motel, and the Tiny Home Village.



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### Board Spotlight: Becky Cheun

Welcome to our newest Board member, **Becky Cheun**, Senior Vice President, Oak Tree Capital Management. You can see our full Board of Directors at [unionstationhs.org/about/leadership/#board-of-directors](https://unionstationhs.org/about/leadership/#board-of-directors).

## Looking for New Ways to Get Involved?

Sustaining Neighbors bring the gift of housing and safety to neighbors experiencing homelessness throughout the year. With a gift as little as \$5/month, you can rest assured you are the reason why someone else sleeps safer at night and begins to rebuild their life tomorrow. To support Union Station's efforts all year long, please visit [unionstationhs.org/sustaining\\_neighbors/](https://unionstationhs.org/sustaining_neighbors/).



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*"The room at the Project Roomkey motel is a lifesaver as I can go to school, get a good night's sleep, balanced meals and a shower."*

- Diamond, Resident of El Monte Project Home Key



*"There wasn't much hope. But now, I feel good, despite having terminal cancer."*

- Oscar, Former Resident of Baldwin Park Project



*"I get to relax, take a shower and sleep safely. Not worry about how to survive the day. Not worried about wild animals and other people. I am not looked down on by others for being homeless."*

- Henry, Permanent Supportive Housing Apartment



*"The Tiny Village feels safe because I have a roof and a bed. I can sleep during the day and not worry about break-ins. I can now move forward. I can figure this out."*

- Elena, Eagle Rock Tiny Village