

INTRODUCTIONS

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HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

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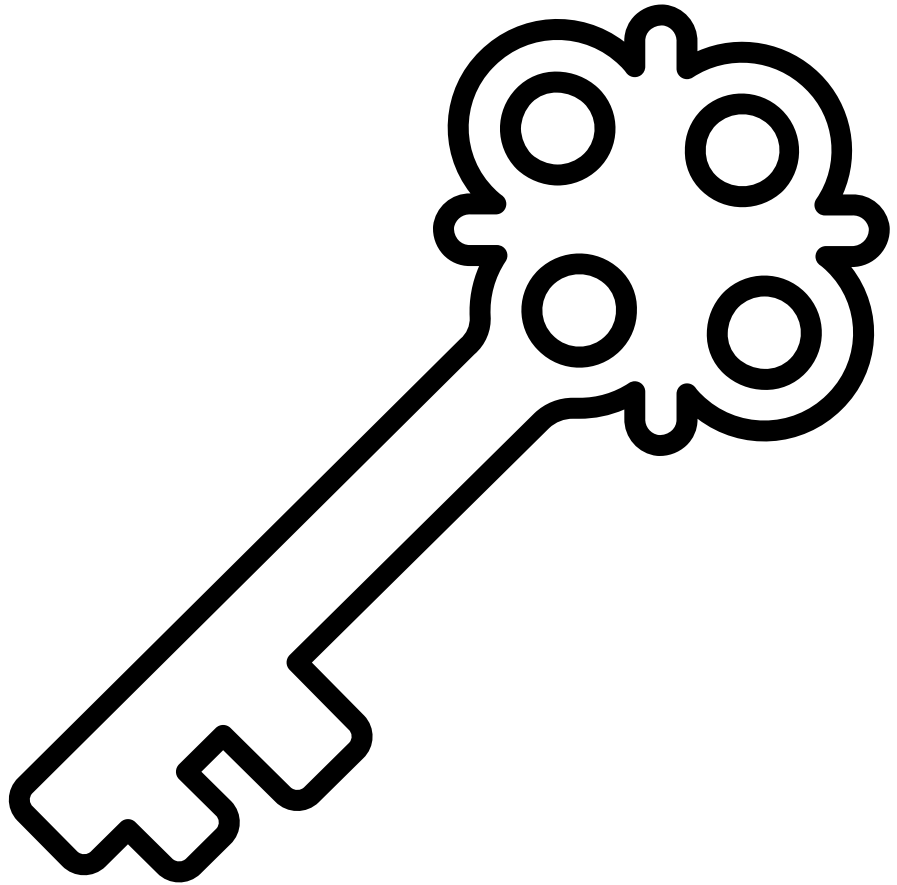
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RECOGNITIONS



OUTSTANDING
LANDLORD

RECOGNITION: OUTSTANDING LANDLORD

Joseline
Medina

Stephanie
Bergin & John
O'Keefe

Tiffany Powell

Verna Cruz

JOSELINE MEDINA, THE JOHN STEWART COMPANY

"Joseline goes above and beyond to best support our clients. Joseline is caring and compassionate."

STEPHANIE BERGIN & JOHN O'KEEFE, JOHN O'KEEFE PROPERTIES

"Their kindness and compassion in an increasingly difficult housing market have had a profound and lasting impact, demonstrating their commitment to making a difference in the lives of these vulnerable families."

TIFFANY POWELL, GLO'S INDEPENDENT LIVING

"Tiffany is a huge help to the unhoused community with not only compassion, but also treating her residents like they belong. To hear 'You belong' at your lowest and most critical state is the first step to believing in yourself."

(5 nominations)

VERNA CRUZ, BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES

"She is the meaning of it takes a Village! She has stepped in a lot of times- she feeds people three meals a day and will also support the partner with doctor visits and trips to the grocery store."



OUTSTANDING
VOLUNTEER

RECOGNITION: OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

Contra Costa
Crisis Center's Call
Center Volunteers

Daniel Aderholt

Doreen Oberg

Liana (Lili)
Baldazo

Maurice Tierney

Nichole Gardner

Sandro Trujillo
and RR Ministries
Team

Sonia Leopold

CONTRA COSTA CRISIS CENTER'S CALL CENTER VOLUNTEERS

"Last fiscal year, our agency took 8,737 homeless resource related calls and connected Contra Costa residents to a total of 73,403 resources across all calls. Without the efforts of our volunteers, those 8,737 individuals experiencing homelessness would not have been connected to vital resources."

DANIEL ADERHOLT (2 NOMINATIONS)

"He has several times discharged himself out of the hospital after having cancer surgery that same day and goes to help our homeless to make sure nobody starves or dies.

[He] and his American River homeless crew's non-profit members just recently handed out over 9,438 meals to our homeless in Antioch, Pittsburg, Concord, Martinez, Oakland and Tracy in the last week alone."

DOREEN OBERG

"I've never met a more dedicated and committed volunteer, working for the betterment of our homeless community and those who serve it. More important that her colleagues would be the 20 or so homeless people who know she will be where she says and when with food, hydration, warm clothes or blankets and whatever else is required for survival that moment."

LIANA (LILI) BALDAZO

"My daughter Liana, 10, has been wanting to purchase and collect blankets to donate to our unhoused neighbors.

While I don't think that showing love and kindness needs a reward, I completed this form because this case has shown me just how innocent and loving our children are and it is up to us to empower that love and kindness so that it may grow as they age. "

MAURICE TIERNEY

"Maurice's portraits of staff help change the narrative about homelessness through bringing forth each person's character in a way that the viewer connects with. When you view his portraits, it's nearly impossible to hold on to constructs which perpetuate negative stereotypes."

NICHOLE GARDNER

"Nichole and her nonprofit org team work directly with those experiencing homelessness, feeding them and often coordinating housing opportunities to get them off the streets."

SANDRO TRUJILLO AND RR MINISTRIES TEAM

"Community members, educators, and service providers recognize the invaluable role the nominee plays in helping families in need. Their commitment to offering food, clothing, advice, and educational support makes a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve, helping them to not only survive but thrive."

SONIA LEOPOLD

"The smile she brought to people's faces when they knew that someone cared about them enough to go to them and give them some help, to simply be thought of and recognized as an individual who has feelings and needs, to be dignified as someone who has worth and value, this is just some of the way Sonia made a positive difference in people's lives. "



OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP

RECOGNITION: OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP

CEP/BARM
Partnership

Clean Start
Partners

Community
Villages Partners

Contra Costa Crisis
Center Partners

El Portal Place
Partners

Housing First
Collaborative

Loaves and
Fishes/BACS Delta
Landing
Partnership

Loaves and
Fishes/Trinity
Center
Partnership #1

Loaves and
Fishes/Trinity
Center
Partnership #2

SHARE
Community
Partnership

CEP/BARM PARTNERSHIP

"CEP and BARM have partnered together to ensure families experiencing homelessness are supported and know that their children will be set up for academic success."

CLEAN START PARTNERS

"Clean Start is a homeless outreach program that provides mobile shower facilities, laundry services, and toiletries for people experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County. It served 559 individuals experiencing homelessness, and one-quarter of guests returned six or more times a year."

COMMUNITY VILLAGES PARTNERS

"Community Villages support individuals experiencing homelessness providing resources and linkage to basic essentials such as food, resources to other agencies or housing partners, facilitate wellness checks...empowering community connections and relationships building."

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CRISIS CENTER PARTNERS

"Our compassionate team of 40 trained staff and 40 award-winning volunteers, many who have themselves faced hardship and are part of the local community, understand firsthand the struggles our callers endure. Last year alone, we received over 70,000 calls through the 988 crisis lifelines and the 211 information & referral helpline."

EL PORTAL PLACE PARTNERS

"This partnership was instrumental in transforming the property from a vacant office building to 54 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless, high utilizers of services in Contra Costa County. El Portal Place demonstrates that through collaboration and innovation, we can bring about lasting change and impactful solutions to homelessness in our community."

HOUSING FIRST COLLABORATIVE

"The partners are Richmond Community Foundation, City of Richmond, SOS Richmond, Labor of Love, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Motel 6, Extended Stay America and CORE. People with lived experience have been hired to help lead this work and engage with the partners daily on specific issues and monthly as a full group to provide feedback on what is working. "

LOAVES AND FISHES/BACS DELTA LANDING PARTNERSHIP

"Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa and Bay Area Community Services partner together at Delta Landing to make sure people who have experienced homelessness and who are now housed in the shelter at Delta Landing receive a hot and nutritious meal and groceries Monday thru Friday."

LOAVES AND FISHES/TRINITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

"Together we provide a safe, welcoming space at Trinity Center with nutritious meals provided by Loaves and Fishes. Meal time offers a real sense of community where hope flourishes and doorways to opportunity can lead to wellness, employment, and housing."

SHARE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

"Providing both food and medical services alongside mobile showers for the unhoused significantly enhances the effectiveness of outreach programs. Individuals are more likely to engage with these services when they are all available in one location, fostering trust and encouraging them to seek additional help."



PHOENIX
RISING

RECOGNITIONS: PHOENIX RISING

Amelia
Juner

Angie Pena

Ashley
Graham

Carlos
Aguilar

Christopher
Williams

Darren
Stallcup

Malika
Mahanna

Teddy
Thollaug

Victoria
Fairchild

AMELIA JUNER

"Amy stepped away from her fears and anxiety, found steady employment, acquired housing, enrolled in classes, graduated from the SPIRIT program and interned for a while with CORE. Her strength to take on her mental and physical health for the purpose of being with her son as he grew up was awesome to watch."

ANGIE PENA

"Angie Pena's journey from living in a homeless encampment to becoming a key leader at SOS Richmond is nothing short of inspiring. Angie Pena is more than a leader—she is a beacon of hope and proof that, with dedication and support, it's possible to create a better future."

ASHLEY GRAHAM

"Ashley has suffered over 20 years of severe homelessness, drug addiction and being a victim of human trafficking. For the past two years she has worked closely with her treatment team and maintained her sobriety while pursuing a higher education at Diablo Valley College."

CARLOS AGUILAR

"They used to be homeless and now he helps our homeless with food and supplies every week as an American River homeless crew member. Carlos helps our homeless every chance he gets in Antioch."

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

"What truly makes Christopher stand out is his ability to mentor others walking the path he once walked. His willingness to share his journey and guide others has made him a pillar of support within SOS."

DARREN STALLCUP

"My house burnt down and I lost everything - I overcame homelessness, mental health and drug addiction. Now I'm sober, selling cars, have my own place and I'm married."

MALIKA MAHANNA

"She shows strength of character by overcoming, severe neglect, physical, and psychological abuse. She persevered while suffering with a mental illness, over overcoming Juvenile hall and chronic homelessness."

TEDDY THOLLAUG

"Teddy Thollaug is a kind and compassionate person who shows incredible strength, courage, and resilience. Their dedication to helping improve our systems and support our community is a regular inspiration for me."

VICTORIA FAIRCHILD

"After I stopped going to jail, I spent five years still in my addiction, living on the streets, pushing a shopping cart, living in homeless encampments. I had no hope. Today I am full of hope, with 11 years clean."

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