



MEDIA ALERT SAN DIEGO, May 16, 2023

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# May 20: Father Joe's Villages, Supporters Create 'Waves of Possibilities' for Children Experiencing Homelessness at 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Charity Gala

- Signature event will raise funds to keep families together and prevent children from falling into homelessness
- Funds will be used toward therapeutic childcare, pediatric health services and more
- Father Joe's Villages to honor community leaders during gala

## **WHAT**

Father Joe's Villages will host its signature event to raise funds for its child-focused programs on Saturday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

The 38th Annual Children's Charity Gala, presented by Bob and Ellen Svatos, aims to raise critical funds for programs and services aimed at families and children experiencing homelessness in San Diego. Each year, Father Joe's Villages provides hope and life-changing services to more than 450 families and more than 900 children.

At the 2023 Children's Charity Gala, more than 350 people will gather to celebrate the theme of creating "Waves of Possibilities." During the gala, they will enjoy cocktails, dinner, entertainment and dancing.

#### **WHY**

Father Joe's Villages believes every child deserves a happy and healthy life. With Investing in Children as one of its guiding <u>Pillars of Care</u>, the organization is committed to creating waves of possibilities for families and children overcoming homelessness in San Diego.

Researchers show that children who have experienced homelessness are four times more likely to have delayed development, and are twice as likely to repeat a grade in school.





# **VISUALS**

- More than 350 people enjoying for an evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing
- Music entertainment by Republic of Music
- Community leaders recognized for their dedication to end homelessness

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND CONTACT

- Organization: Father Joe's Villages
- Date/time: Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Location: The U.S. Grant (326 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101)
- **Tickets and sponsorship opportunities**: <u>Click here</u> tickets starting at \$350, sponsorships starting at \$4,000
  - o For more information about sponsorship opportunities please contact Emily Davis at emily.davis@neighbor.org or 619-446-2115.
- **To coordinate interviews:** Contact Mike Peterson, <a href="mike@gomixte.com">mike@gomixte.com</a>, 619-732-0789 ext. 645
- Link to use in your story:
  - Father Joe's Villages website
  - o 38th Annual Children's Charity Gala

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As San Diego's largest homeless services provider, Father Joe's Villages ensures that each person can rediscover hope and leave homelessness behind. To address the complex needs of people who are homeless, the organization provides housing for more than 2,500 people each night, along with health care, substance use disorder treatment, job training, therapeutic childcare and more. This mission is made possible only through the efforts of compassionate staff, volunteer work, car donation, and generous public and private charitable contributions. For more information, please visit: https://.my.neighbor.org/.