Ending Homelessness in San Diego, One Life at a Time

Father Joe’s Villages

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WELCOME TO FATHER JOE’S VILLAGES

Established in 1950 to serve San Diegans experiencing homelessness and poverty, Father Joe’s Villages has grown to include a comprehensive campus and facilities that house over 2,500 people every night.

Father Joe's Villages is the largest non-profit and the only comprehensive homeless service provider in San Diego County, helping to meet the needs of people of all ages and offering temporary and permanent housing for homeless individuals and families.

The group’s founder, Father Joe Carroll, served the San Diego community for more than three decades before his passing in 2021. It is currently led by President and CEO Deacon Jim Vargas.

OUR CREED

Compassion
Concern for others and a desire to assist.

Respect
An act of giving particular attention or special regard.

Empathy
Understanding, an awareness of and sensitivity to the feelings of others.

Empowerment
Helping others to help themselves.

Dignity
Counting all people worthy of our esteem.
OUR GOALS

Fueled by public and private funds, Father Joe’s Villages has more than 70 years experience empowering people, enhancing lives, and building a better community using Four Pillars of Care:

MEETING BASIC NEEDS
Volunteers and staff serve hot, nourishing meals 365 days a year so people can focus less on hunger and more on building a brighter future. The organization also provides housing services and support to get people off the streets for good.

INVESTING IN CHILDREN
Therapeutic child care program includes behavioral health support and after-school homework help, plus parenting classes for moms and dads.

MAKING HEALTH A PRIORITY
Treating diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, COPD and other acute and chronic conditions. Helping people quit alcohol and substances (including heroin and other opioids). Providing dental and behavioral health care.

STRENGTHENING SELF-SUFFICIENCY
Helping our neighbors achieve independence again with job training, education and job search assistance.
OUR PROGRAMS

FATHER JOE’S VILLAGES is the largest homeless services provider in Southern California. We provide neighbors with the care and resources they need to prosper on their journey out of homelessness.

MEETING BASIC NEEDS

SHELTER & HOUSING PROGRAMS

Bridge & Interim Shelters provide a safe living environment, three hot meals a day, laundry facilities, storage, hygiene supplies, mail, conflict management, and 24-hour Residential and Security support.

Supportive Housing offers long-term housing and support for disabled people in need of regular support to maintain housing long-term.

Rapid Rehousing provides short-term rental assistance and supportive services to help achieve housing stability and income security.

Affordable Housing provides affordable rent to people overcoming homelessness and experiencing poverty.

Turning the Key Initiative
An innovative solution to create over 2,000 self-sustaining, affordable, and supportive housing units in San Diego by developing under-utilized spaces through a combination of private and public funds.

FOOD SERVICES

Food Services provides warm, nutritious meals three times a day to unsheltered neighbors and those living in our shelters.

THE SAN DIEGO DAY CENTER

The Day Center provides a safe space for those living on the streets, along with restrooms, laundry, storage, showers, a computer lab, a mailing address, and case management.

OUTREACH TEAM

The team connects people living on the streets to needed resources such as shelter and other housing options, food, healthcare, and other services.

SOAR

Expeditied supplemental Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income outreach, application, access, and recovery.
INVESTING IN CHILDREN

THERAPEUTIC CHILDCARE SERVICES
Behavioral health staff works closely with classroom teachers to develop personalized therapeutic plans for children and parents.

CHILDCARE
State-licensed infant, toddler, and preschool childcare helps kids build essential skills and lets parents know their child is safe while looking for housing and employment.

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Family Literacy program creates a fun and supportive environment to improve literacy.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Weekday educational, recreational, and enrichment activities for school-aged children.

SAINT MARGARET OF CORTONA HARBOR
The program serves new mothers of children 6 months or younger or expecting mothers between the ages of 18 to 24 and their children.

MAKING HEALTH A PRIORITY

MEDICAL/PRIMARY CARE
Provide triage, acute care visits, assessment, preventative services, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic conditions. Services include labs and medications to address issues that often lie at the core of their homelessness.

DENTAL CLINIC
On-site teeth cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals, extractions, and partial to complete restorative dentures.

PSYCHIATRY SERVICES
Addresses patients’ unique psychiatric needs, like PTSD, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and other mental health issues.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Clinicians provide assessments and therapy for individuals, couples, families, and groups.

STREET HEALTH
Street Health program professionals travel out to the streets to provide expert care directly to people experiencing homelessness, including treating wounds, infections, chronic disease, and other conditions.
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
Registered and Certified AOD Counselors and Interns offer Substance Use Disorder Treatment. They support clients through individual counseling, group therapy, and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).

RECOVERATIVE CARE PROGRAM & HOPWA
Shelter program with a focus on health stabilization, and housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.

STRENGTHENING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Job development
The training is provided by Employment and Education Specialists who work with local employers to connect clients with available jobs.

Employment Classes
Courses include resume writing and interview skills classes that help clients successfully apply for jobs, while computer basics classes help clients broaden their skill set to prepare for the modern job market.

EDUCATION & TRAINING
Skills & Training Enhancement Programs (STEPS)
Practical on-the-job training and certification for careers in highly-employable industries. Courses include Custodian/Housekeeper, Warehouse Worker, Barista & Café Associate, Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant, Commercial Food Services, Culinary Arts Program (by invitation only), Peer Support Specialist, REstart Property Management. Licenses & Certificates include CPR-First Aid, Food Handler Card (SD County only), Forklift Operator, Licensed Home Care Aide, Licensed Security Guard, and Facilities & Maintenance.

Culinary Arts Program (CAP)
The Culinary Arts Program includes culinary training, prep cooking, and dishwashing.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT
Chaplaincy Services
Catholic and Inter-denominational services, Bible studies, memorials, meditation opportunities, support groups, wellness activities, and other events.

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (FEP)
The Family Empowerment Program is an intensive sober living program dedicated to helping families achieve higher wages in employment and stability in long-term housing.
FATHER JOE’S VILLAGE STAFF AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS

Deacon Jim Vargas
President and CEO
More than 40 years of broad management and human resources experience at companies like The Copley Press, Inc. and Citicorp/Citibank.

Ruth Bruland
Chief Program Officer
Worked for Father Joe’s Villages since 2002. In this capacity is responsible for all of the Village’s programming.

Rocio Hammershaimb
Chief Administrative Officer
Over 25 years of leadership experience focusing on operations management, process improvement, and human capital development.

Megan Partch
Chief Health Officer
Worked in the field of mental health and substance use disorder treatment for nearly 20 years.

Jesse Casement
Division Director of Client Services
MA in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation with 20 years of leadership experience working with underserved homeless populations. Championed the view that shelters should welcome pets along with their humans.

Joshua Bohannan
Sr. Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs
Strong policy expertise in addiction, mental health, and vulnerable populations including veterans, transitional-age youth, and people living with substance use disorder.

Members of the media can also be connected directly with Father Joe’s Villages clients who have experienced homelessness and benefited from our programs.
RESOURCES

Father Joe’s Villages Website:
my.neighbor.org/

Comprehensive Care and Services:
my.neighbor.org/our-solutions/

High resolution photos of Father Joe’s Villages:
my.neighbor.org/aboutus/media-center/

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