



Father  
Joe's  
Villages

*Preventing & Ending  
Homelessness  
in San Diego,  
One Life at a Time*



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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. The organization 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

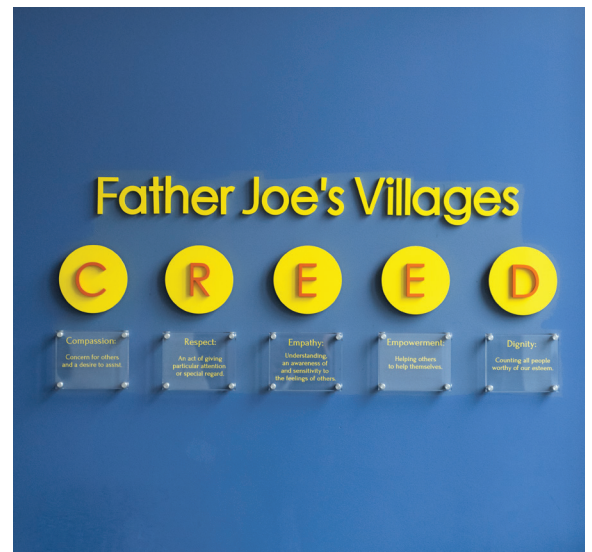
Helping others to help themselves.

### Dignity

Counting all people worthy of our esteem.



Father Joe Carroll (1941-2021)



## OUR GOALS

Fueled by public and private funds, Father Joe's Villages has 75 years of experience empowering people, rebuilding lives, and building a better community using our **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

Our Therapeutic Childcare Program includes behavioral health support and after-school homework help, plus parenting classes for moms and dads.



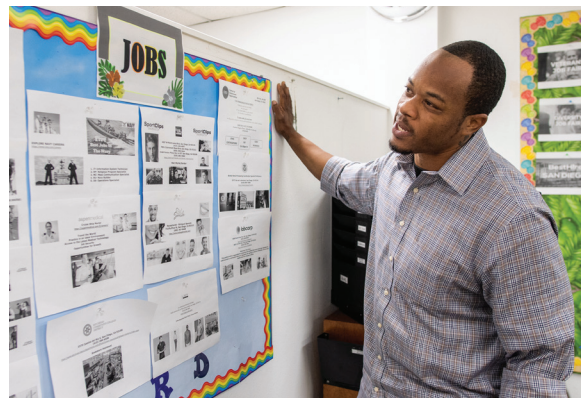
### MAKING HEALTH A PRIORITY

Our healthcare teams treat diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, COPD and other acute and chronic conditions. We help people quit alcohol and substances (including heroin and other opioids) as well as provide dental, mental and behavioral health care.



### STRENGTHENING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

We help 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

Expedited 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 offer Substance Use Disorder Treatment. They support clients through individual counseling, group therapy, and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and our upcoming Detox Program.

## **RECUPERATIVE 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.



**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.



**Joshua Bohannon**

**Chief Strategy Officer**

Strong policy expertise in addiction, mental health, and vulnerable populations including veterans, transitional-age youth, and people living with substance use disorder.



**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.

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](https://my.neighbor.org)

Comprehensive Care and Services:

[my.neighbor.org/our-solutions](https://my.neighbor.org/our-solutions)

High resolution photos of Father Joe's Villages:

[my.neighbor.org/aboutus/media-center](https://my.neighbor.org/aboutus/media-center)

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