

NEIGHBOR NEWS

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NOURISHING NEIGHBORS, TOGETHER

Our Neighbors Feeding Neighbors campaign in October showed the true power of community in action. With a goal of raising \$75,000 to honor our 75th year serving San Diego, we met that goal and raised more than \$100,000 to support Father Joe's Villages Food Services Programs.

During a season when food insecurity was at an all-time high, your generosity helped ensure thousands of nutritious meals reached neighbors in need. Families, seniors, and individuals facing homelessness found comfort and stability through consistent access to food. Each meal served is a reminder that no one should face hunger alone.

As we begin a new year, the impact of this campaign continues to fuel health, hope, and resilience. Thank you for standing with our neighbors and helping meet one of the most basic, yet critical, needs with compassion.

MY DOG IS MY HOME OPEN HOUSE

For many neighbors experiencing homelessness, pets are family, providing comfort, protection, and unconditional love. At the **My Dog Is My Home Open House**, community partners learned firsthand how Father Joe's Villages creates pet-friendly spaces that honor this powerful bond.

Our unique program permits residents to have pets in our shelters and removes barriers to shelter and services by ensuring no one has to choose between safety and their beloved companion.

Guests toured the space, met staff, and learned how this innovative approach helps neighbors stabilize and heal together. **Your support makes it possible to keep families, humans and animals, together on the path to housing and hope.**



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Our young neighbors were treated to a memorable experience as they arrived in style to the DoubleTree Mission Valley on a festive limo bus. The kids were escorted by the San Diego Harley Owners Group (SDHOG), a local biker group, who made the day feel extra special. Inside, children enjoyed games, music, holiday treats, and thoughtful gifts; moments of joy created just for them, including an unforgettable visit from Santa!

For many, it was a rare chance to feel celebrated, carefree, and surrounded by kindness. The event delivered more than holiday fun; it created lasting memories and reminded every child that they are seen, valued, and deeply cared for.

LIGHT, HOPE, AND COMMUNITY

This holiday season, Father Joe's Villages gathered neighbors, supporters, and partners for a joyful **Holiday Village Tree Lighting at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront**. The evening was filled with beautiful lights, warmth, and moments of connection that remind us what the season is truly about, community and compassion.

Thanks to generous donors and partners, the event created a welcoming space where everyone could pause to celebrate.

Your support helped make the holidays brighter and more meaningful for those who needed it most.



LADIES GUILD HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT

The Ladies Guild Holiday Shopping Event brought holiday joy to parents staying in Father Joe's Villages shelters by giving them the opportunity to shop for their children with dignity and choice.

Guided by Ladies Guild members, parents selected gifts they knew would bring smiles to their children's faces, turning what might be a stressful season into one filled with hope and relief.

For many families, this experience restored a sense of normalcy and pride during the holidays. Made possible by our wonderful Ladies Guild and volunteers, the event ensured children felt the magic of the season while parents experienced the joy of providing for their families.



A STEP TOWARD STABILITY

This special graduation day for our neighbors is more than a milestone; it's a turning point. **In December, graduates celebrated completing the Father Joe's Villages Skills & Training Enhancement Programs (STEPs)** having built skills, confidence, and a foundation for long-term stability. We had five Culinary Arts Program graduates as well as a graduate from each of our kitchen, warehouse and retail programs—eight graduates total!



Through education, employment readiness, and supportive services, participants are empowered to move forward with independence and purpose. Each graduate's journey reflects resilience and determination, supported by a community and neighbors who believe in second chances.

As they step into new opportunities, your generosity continues to open doors, transforming hard work into lasting change. Thank you for helping neighbors take meaningful steps toward brighter futures.