

# Father Joe's Villages

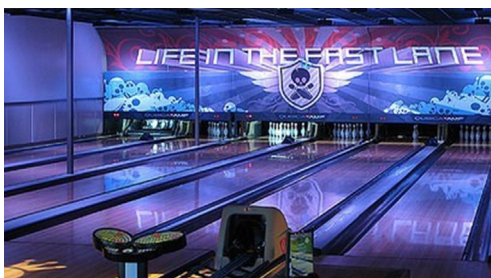
# NEIGHBOR NEWS

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## YOUNG WRITERS SHINE

Six of our amazing teens participated in the Wright Press Young Writers Award Program, sharing original stories and reflections about their lives and dreams. The program gives youth experiencing homelessness a chance to express themselves, build confidence, and see their voices valued. For many participants, it was the first time their writing had been publicly recognized. The program concluded with a formal awards ceremony and presentation where each child was honored for their efforts. Moments like these remind young people that their stories matter, and that their future is filled with possibility.

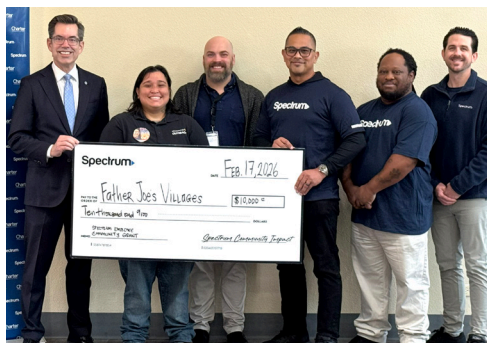


## BOWLING WITH LEGENDS

A dozen children from Father Joe's Villages enjoyed a special evening at East Village Tavern &

## Bowl, thanks to the NFL Alumni of San Diego.

The kids spent the evening bowling, laughing, and connecting with former NFL players who volunteered their time to make the event memorable. For children growing up in challenging circumstances, experiences like these provide something priceless: the chance to simply be kids. Beyond the strikes and spares, the event created moments of joy, fun, and encouragement from community members who care about their future.



## SPECTRUM SUPPORTS NEIGHBORS

Father Joe's Villages received a \$10,000 grant from Spectrum through its Employee Community Grants program. The funding supports Ann's Closet: Warm & Wellness Program, which provides new clothing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Clean, new clothing offers more than comfort, it restores a sense of dignity and helps people feel prepared for job interviews, housing appointments, and other steps toward a brighter future. Spectrum employees

who volunteer locally nominated Father Joe's Villages for the grant, demonstrating how corporate partnerships and community volunteers can come together to make a meaningful difference.

## CHAMPION'S GENEROSITY

Boxing champion Canelo Alvarez recently made a generous clothing donation of over 20,000 items to support individuals visiting the Neil Good Day Center.

The donation provided essential items for neighbors experiencing homelessness who rely on the center for showers, laundry, mail, and other supportive services.

For many, something as simple as clean clothing can make a powerful difference by restoring confidence and helping people take steps toward stability. Acts of generosity from community leaders like Canelo help ensure people facing difficult circumstances receive the dignity and support they deserve.



## LET'S STAY TOGETHER

Father Joe's Villages hosted an open house with My Dog Is My Home, a national nonprofit dedicated to keeping people and their pets together during housing transitions.

The event highlighted the importance of pet-inclusive shelters and services, as well as the powerful bond many of our neighbors share with their animals. For individuals experiencing homelessness, pets often provide companionship, emotional support, and a sense of family.

Through partnerships like this, Father Joe's Villages continues to provide solutions that ensure people never have to choose between safe housing and keeping their beloved pets.



*Join a growing circle of champions coming together to shape a future of peace and possibility for children.*

41<sup>st</sup> Annual

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