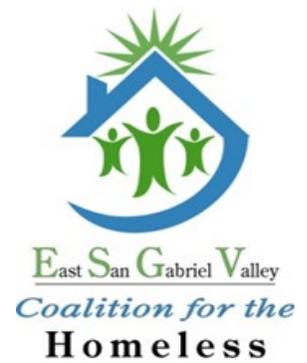


Christmas Season 2018



Dear Friend,

Greetings in this Holy Season.

Mary and Joseph went through hard times for the sake of Jesus and His future mission to rescue us. Their early family life was anything but easy. The holy Infant needed protection from the murderous plans of the corrupt authorities.



Mary, Jesus and Joseph struggled going to Egypt. Today homeless men, women and families struggle through hard times as well. The San Gabriel Valley has the second largest homeless family population in Los Angeles County! 9,000 homeless in the county are living in cars, vans and rvs. Greater numbers are renting out garages as mini-apartments. The demand for stable, affordable housing always exceeds the supply. Many renters are paying 45% to 50% of their income on rent living on the edge of homelessness unable to save for long term goals. Many with only high school education can not afford California minimum wages and are leaving the state. Many must pack and unpack everyday. Children switch schools, say goodbye to friends and teachers. Families survive on food giveaways at churches. Many are excluded from communities due to an attitude of not in my neighborhood (nimbyism). They experience indifference not receiving any assistance from individuals who ignore them insisting that it is someone else's responsibility not theirs. What are the common issues? Depression, PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder), anxiety, autism (refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication) and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), mood disorders, irritability, sleeping difficulty, disruptive behavior. And what are the causes? Trauma. Housing issues. Divorce. Homelessness. Abuse. Harsh economic reality. Since January 1, 2018 to October 2, 2018 663 men, women including infants have passed in Los Angeles County according to the Los Angeles County Coroners office. **This is a life of poverty.**



The East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (ESGVCH) is a non-profit, 501c3 charitable organization with a mission to bring hope and restore dignity to individuals and families who are homeless in the San Gabriel Valley region. Our goal is always to assist people to find permanent housing and assist them to become self-supporting. Toward this end ESGVCH: Provides emergency and transitional shelter programs: Alleviates hunger by providing

food, Assists with basic daily needs: clothing, hygiene, and transportation, Stabilizes individuals and families by making referrals for housing, jobs, education & healthcare, Raises community awareness about issues related to homelessness, Works collaboratively with others to end hunger and homelessness.

Emergency Assistance Center located in Hacienda Heights at St. John Vianney Catholic Church and is where clients come to receive direct aid (up to 600 client visits per month). The EAC Staff sees to the emergency needs of the homeless and those at risk. This could be a hot slice of pizza, a sack lunch, showers, hygiene kits, bus tokens, motel vouchers for families and advocacy for those who need help.



The Coalition operates the **Winter Shelter Program** within volunteer host churches throughout the East San Gabriel Valley from December 1 through March 1st every year. Last year 2017-2018 the ESGVCH sheltered 1,230 clients. It coordinates the thousands of volunteers who provide food, clothing, hygiene kits, soap, and towels for the showers and other supplies. An average of 180 persons are sheltered within a single church every night. The faculty and students of the School of Nursing bring health services to the sheltered clients at the church site on a weekly basis, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This weekly health outreach is staffed by 2 to 3 APU School of Nursing faculty, all of whom are Registered Nurses/Nurse Practitioners, along with 10-12 nursing students from both undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Clients are provided a health assessment, first aid care, and treatment for minor acute health problems. Other organizations partner with East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless: One is the Tzu Chi Foundation who brings a mobile van fully equipped dental chairs, along with a qualified team of licensed dentists to the Winter Shelter at the various church sites. The dental van is customarily at the church-based shelter on Thursday and Friday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m.

The (ESGVCH) Coalition's **Bridge program** helps get homeless families back on their feet with life skills, education, counseling and financial assistance by housing families in motels for a period of one to six months, and transitioning them back to permanent housing. Professional case management assists family members set goals, monitors their progress and connects them with other social service agencies and physical and mental health care providers. A mentoring program with designated Coalition members provides moral and psychological support as well as resources for maintaining a budget and building a mandatory savings account that can be used for permanent housing in an apartment.



Currently the only place the ESGVCH **Emergency Assistance Center** can place these families is in a motel for a few nights which is not a long term solution, but a quick band aid. With increased funding, significant assistance can be given to more families which will give them greater hope and potential for changing their situation. Help our homeless families in need of financial assistance for emergency and long term housing, education and referrals. We can get up to 45 clients Monday through Friday.

The Encore Program provides community-based treatment for addiction recovery (drugs & alcohol). This service is available provided we are funded.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for partnering with the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition

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We received this note from a former client of the ESGVCH: Just wanted to inform you that you will probably never see me again. I'm officially Disabled/Retired and living in Frankfort, KY. I moved here three months ago. I came to visit and decided to stay. This is why...250+sq ft Studio apt for \$475/mo. I only pay for electricity but that bill has been under \$50. Nov's electric bill is \$24! I receive \$1219/mo SS. It's going up in Jan from COLA. I couldn't live in CA on that amount. Anyway, I want to thank you and the Coalition for making my life worth living when it looked like all hope was lost. It only cost \$150 on Greyhound to get here. I didn't have to pay a security deposit or first/last months rent. As my Landlord says, if you can't afford to live in KY, you can't afford to live anywhere.

East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless

2018-2019 Winter Shelter Program



For more info, contact ESGVCH Office:
 (626) 333-7204 or Shelter Line: (626) 252-9060
 ESGVCH Main office: 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd.
 Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 * ESGVCH.ORG

Church Schedule	
Dec. 1 – Dec. 16 Sat Sun Bus Schedule B	Sacred Heart Church 344 W. Workman St. Covina, CA 91723
Dec. 17 – Dec. 30 Mon Sun Bus Schedule B	St. Dorothy's Church 241 S. Valley Center Dr. Glendora, CA 91741
Dec. 31 – Jan. 15 Mon Tues Bus Schedule B	Glenkirk Presbyterian Church 1700 E. Palopinto Glendora, CA 91741
Jan. 16 – Jan 31 Wed Thurs Bus Schedule A	St. John Vianney Church 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
Feb 1 – Feb 17 Fri Sun Bus Schedule B	Holy Name of Mary Church 724 East Bonita Avenue San Dimas, CA 91773
Feb 18 – Mar 3 Mon Sun Bus Schedule A	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1835 Larkvane Road Rowland Hts., CA 91748

Bus Pick-Up Schedule (Charter Bus) Bus Schedule A

Bus #1 **P.M**
 * El Monte.....5:00-5:10
 11647 Garvey Avenue
 Lot across from Victory Motel
 * El Monte 5:20-5:30
 El Monte Metro Station Bay 3
 * Baldwin Park 5:50-6:00
 On Big Dalton behind the Walmart
 Between Merced and the 10 Freeway

Bus #2
 * Covina..... 5:00-5:10
 S/W Corner of Grand and Arrow Hwy
 * West Covina.....5:30-5:40
 444 S. Glendora Ave (sidewalk) At the former Big O Tires
 *La Puente Park.....6:00-6:10
 Meet in the parking lot near the S/E corner of Hacienda Blvd & Temple Ave.

Bus Pick-Up Schedule (Charter Bus) Bus Schedule B

Bus #1 **P.M**
 *El Monte.....5:00-5:10
 11647 Garvey Avenue
 Lot across from Victory Motel
 * El Monte5:20-5:30
 El Monte Metro Station Bay 3
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***Shelter is open nightly from 6:00 pm-7:00 am**

Times may vary due to traffic and weather conditions. Schedule may be adjusted to meet

