## April 2018 Newsletter



**Basic Dignity Coalition Meeting** Thursday, April 5 6-7 pm Moniker Warehouse (705 16th St., San Diego, CA 92101)

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### APRIL MEMBERSHIP MIXER

Come and mingle with fellow Think Dignity members at Florent San Diego (672 Fifth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101) on

Wednesday, April 11th from 6-8pm! Enjoy a fine selection of trendy cocktails and creative dishes in a chic and lively environment while discussing ways we can continue to advance the basic dignity of those living on the streets. We are also very excited to share that Florent will donate \$1 per drink sold with Azuñia matching all donations!



Becoming a Think Dignity member is one of the easiest ways to get involved with homeless advocacy. Your annual membership of only \$25 helps us provide vital programming to our homeless neighbors in San Diego. You can sign up online by clicking <u>here</u> or in-person at our Membership Mixer.





### THANK YOU HANKY PANKY!

We cannot thank Hanky Pankyenough for donating so many brand new bras, underwear, and nighties to our Street Boutique mobile program! This will not only allow us to help out over 100 more homeless individuals in San Diego County, but also advance their basic dignity by providing comfort, cleanliness, and security. We are so excited to distribute our beautiful variety of undergarments to individuals living on the streets, so keep an eye out on our social media accounts for pictures!

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The Street Boutique is aimed at providing homeless individuals access to menstrual and incontinence products, and brand new undergarments, such as bras and underwear. All products are available for free, but guests will have the opportunity to 'shop' for their preferred items.



# ON THE ROAD WITH OUR STREET CAFE!

We have hit the streets with our newest MOD (Mobile Operations of Dignity) Squad program! Our Street Cafe popped up at the North Park Community Park, Chicano Park, and our Transitional Storage Center (TSC) and provided healthy meal options to over 50 individuals living on the streets. We would like to thank Wesley Community Services Center and Sprouts for donating fresh produce and Starbucks meals, as well as our intern, Erica Wright, for creating this program and handling all of the logistics!

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The Street Cafe aims to provide healthy meal options to individuals living on the streets of San Diego County. Following our MOD Squad holistic model, guests will have the opportunity to "shop" for their preferred items and receive detailed information about healthy hot meals they can purchase at local restaurants with their EBT benefits through the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP).



### 2018 CECO GRANT RECIPIENT

We are excited to announce that we have received a \$1,000 grant for 2018 from the San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization (CECO)! This grant, which was awarded to our Street Boutique program, will allow us to purchase and provide more menstrual hygiene and incontinence products to individuals experiencing homelessness. We are very appreciative to CECO for believing in our mission and work, and we cannot wait to support more individuals this year!



# "SPRING FORWARD" FOR OUR MOD SQUAD!

One month down, two more to go! We are still collecting brand new and gently used bras to distribute to homeless individuals throughout the County through our Fresh Start Showers and Street Boutique programs! Many thanks to our supporters who had already sent in their donations!

Donations can be dropped off at our office in North Park (3525 30th St., San Diego, CA 92104), and large donations of 10 or more can be picked up by our staff.

If you have any questions or would like your donation(s) to be picked up, please contact our MOD Squad Programs Coordinator, Kaylin Rosal, at <a href="mailto:kaylin@thinkdignity.org">kaylin@thinkdignity.org</a> or at (619) 839-9143.



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discounts for our annual gala, and a subscription to our monthly e-newsletter.



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS





Tuesday, April 10th (10am - 1pm)
The Temple of Christ Church
726 Grand Ave., Spring Valley, CA 91977

**Date & Location TBD** 

**Wednesday, April 11th** (1-4pm) Crisis House

1034 Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020

Friday, April 13th (2:30 - 5:30pm) - NEW! Friendly Church of God in Christ 1836 Dixie St., Oceanside, CA 92054

Saturday, April 14th (10am-1pm) Thriving Life Church 560 S Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081

Wednesday, April 18th (10am - 1pm) Wesley Community Services Center 5380 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115

Thursday, April 19th (10am - 1pm) Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 345 Anita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911

Friday, April 20th (10am - 1pm) - NEW! The Rock Church - Project Homeless Connect 808 Jackman St., El Cajon, CA 92020

Monday, April 23rd (9am - 12pm) St. Paul's Episcopal Church 2728 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103

Wednesday, April 25th (3:30-5:30pm) Meridian Baptist Church 660 S 3rd St., El Cajon, CA 92019

\*Program dates are subject to change.

Please check our Public Calendar for updated information.

Sincerely, Your friends at Think Dignity

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