

THINK DIGNITY

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Basic Dignity Coalition Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 3
6-7 pm
Moniker Warehouse
(705 16th St., San Diego, CA 92101)

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FARWELL FROM ANNE RIOS

I started as Executive Director of Think Dignity not truly knowing the impact that it was going to have on myself and those around me. When I began, the showers hadn't taken off and it was just myself and one other employee that were full time. Now, there are 9 staff, 10 shower sites, a Street Boutique program, a Street Cafe program, and HYLAP (a direct services litigation program).

I could not have done this alone. The implementation of my visions came to fruition only with the help of funders, staff and committed volunteers.

You all showed that you believed in the diversity and unapologetic activism that my voice brings to the table. From the bottom of my heart I thank you. Not only for welcoming me, but for standing with us, for us, and for the people that we stand alongside.

I leave Think Dignity to continue my advocacy – this time on behalf of vulnerable refugees seeking asylum at our country's borders. I am proud to use my role as an attorney to combat racist, unethical and unconstitutional practices that senselessly prohibit people from reaching the same dream that we all are chasing. One of freedom and peace. And while I am sad to say farewell, I am also so excited to see what this next chapter has in store for Think Dignity.

Stay with us. Keep fighting, stay angry, love harder. And keep dancing so we can remember how to celebrate once justice prevails.

In solidarity,
Anne Rios
Executive Director
January 2016-December 2018



INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – EMILY HOWE

Emily Howe joined the Think Dignity Staff in December 2018, as Executive Director and Managing Attorney.

As Executive Director she oversees the day-to-day management of Think Dignity, including the Transitional Storage Center, and is responsible for implementing the strategic plan through fundraising, advocacy, and program development. In her role as Managing Attorney she oversees the Legal Referral and Advocacy Clinic, the Know Your Rights campaign, and direct litigation programs.

In San Diego, Emily has been an advocate for underrepresented and low-income populations. Her work has focused on civil rights' advocacy, human rights, and sustainable, policy solutions for healthy communities.

She is steadfastly dedicated to the mission of inspiring, empowering and organizing to advance basic dignity in our San Diego community.

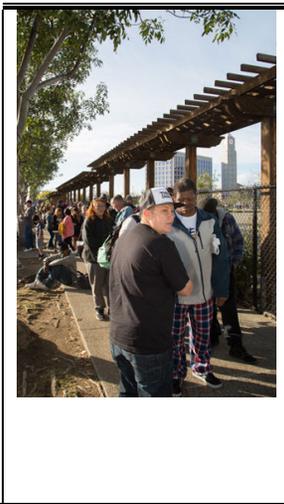


SURVIVAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday December 2nd, 2018 we distributed necessary items to 240 of our unhoused neighbors. Over 120 people volunteered. Thank you so much for your time to make a huge difference. We also want to send a huge thank you to the following donors who collected the items to make this distribution so successful:



Aetna
Concordia Church & School
Emily Bahr
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Amy Grady
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 Erin Simmons
 Conrad Steinbruach
 Stella Socks
 Mitchelle Woodson
 and many more!

Here are some photos from the distribution shot by Dignity Defender Dahna Logan.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT



DIGNITY WITHOUT BORDERS

Recently, many individuals have traveled thousands of miles to flee political persecution, death threats and increasing violence in their home countries. As they are waiting to petition for asylum at the U.S.-Mexico Border, many of them are now living in shelters that do not have the capacity to support their basic needs.



COLLECTION DRIVE
 Start your own drive for hygiene items and our staff can pick them up! You can e-mail us at thinkdignity@gmail.com to set up a pick up time!



DROP-OFF DONATIONS
 We have a donation box at our North Park office (3525 30th St., SD 92104) so come by and say hi!



AMAZON WISHLIST
 Purchase items straight from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and they will ship directly to us!

Our community partners across the border have identified the dire need of hygiene products for these individuals. We wholeheartedly believe that our core values of providing compassion and dignity can transcend borders, so we are calling on all of our Dignity Defenders to help us in our “Dignity Without Borders” campaign.

Our goal is to collect at least 500 of each travel-size hygiene item:

- shampoo
- conditioner
- soap
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- lotion
- deodorant

If you would like to donate items or get involved please contact Landon DePaulo at landon@thinkdignity.org.



UGLY SWEATER MIXER 2018

Thanks for making our annual **Ugly Sweater Mixer** held on **December 12th** at the **Sycamore Den** so festive. We had a great turnout and Emily Bahr was the winner of the Ugly Sweater contest.

Happy New Year from Think Dignity. We look forward to more social events in 2019.



We are excited to announce that we will be launching our **new membership program** for 2019! More details will be announced soon on social media and in our February 2019 newsletter!



Shop on Amazon.com? If so, consider using [Amazon Smile](#)! It's exactly like Amazon, but .5% of your purchase goes to the charity of your choice! All you have to do is choose Think Dignity as your charity when you visit Amazon Smile! You can also purchase items from our [Amazon Wish List](#) to support our programs!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, Jan. 7th (6:00pm-8:30pm)
Dreams for Change - Aero Site
[Corner of Aero Dr. & Murphy Canyon Rd.](#)
(behind Daley Square Plaza)

Wednesday, Jan. 9th (1-4pm)
Crisis House
[1034 Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020](#)

Friday, Jan. 11th (2:30-5:30pm)
Friendly Church of God in Christ
[1836 Dixie St., Oceanside, CA 92054](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 16th (9am-12pm)
Wesley Community Services Center
[5380 El Cajon Blvd., SD, CA 92115](#)

Thursday, Jan. 17th (10am-1pm)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
[345 Anita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911](#)



Date & Location TBD



Friday, Jan. 4th (3pm-4:30pm)
Chicano Park
Parking lot on Logan Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 19th (1pm-3pm) The Rock Church 808 Jackman St., El Cajon, CA 92020	Friday, Jan. 18th (3pm-4:30 pm) Chicano Park Parking lot on Logan Ave.
Wednesday, Jan. 23rd (3:30-5:30pm) Meridian Baptist Church 660 S 3rd St., El Cajon, CA 92019	
Friday, Jan. 25th (3:30-5:30pm) Day of Hope 560 Palomar St., Chula Vista, CA 91911	
Monday, Jan. 28th (9am-12pm) St. Paul's Episcopal Church 2728 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103	
**Program dates are subject to change. Please check our Public Calendar for updated information.	

Sincerely,
 Your friends at Think Dignity

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