



THINK DIGNITY

Hands-on Advocacy &
Activism with the Homeless

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Inspiring, empowering, and organizing
our communities to advance basic dignity to
people experiencing homelessness

Message from our Executive Director & Managing Attorney



2020 was a year of clearer vision, reaffirming our values and remaining determined in advocating for basic human rights. This past year has been a whirlwind as we've had to readjust our lives during a global pandemic and bore witness to the powerful calls for racial justice as the world protested in the streets.

Despite the uncertainty of the year, we accomplished some remarkable things as we continued our mission to advance basic dignity to people experiencing homelessness. We created a comprehensive resource database, supplied protective masks, delivered essential hygiene items, distributed nutritious meals, and provided equitable access to justice.

“We have been moved by the way our community has galvanized to take action, leading with their hearts, donating and volunteering, and continuing to advocate for our cause.”

The support of our Dignity Defenders has been nothing short of awe-inspiring as they have illustrated the power of community by pulling the magic out of the madness.

We are not afraid to take the risk in achieving the extraordinary, so we remain bold and uncompromising in our purpose as we look towards a new year. We encourage you to stand alongside us as we continue the work of healing our community, uplifting the strength in their voices, and courageously demanding meaningful change.

In solidarity,

Mitchelle Woodson, Esq.

Our Timeline of 2020

JANUARY



Created a COVID-19 Homeless Resource Database and Dignity Kits (hygiene kits that require minimal water usage)

Launched a new Fresh Start Showers site to support homeless San Diegans in North County

APRIL



Created the first virtual Street Boutique website, re-opened our Street Café, and launched our Mask Distribution



JUNE & JULY

Increased our advocacy for police transparency and accountability in light of the continued criminalization and violence towards homeless and Black communities

DECEMBER

Provided 300 backpacks and 4,666 essential supplies and clothing through our Winter Distribution



MARCH

Transitioned to Virtual Legal Clinics and enhanced our safety procedures to continue providing safe storage at our Transitional Storage Center



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Our Impact in Social Services

Since 2012, we have offered free services through our **Transitional Storage Center (TSC)**, our **Mobile Operations of Dignity (MOD) Squad**, which is comprised of our **Fresh Start Showers, Street Boutique, and Street Café** programs, and our **new COVID-19 initiatives**, which consists of our **Dignity Kits and Mask Distribution**.

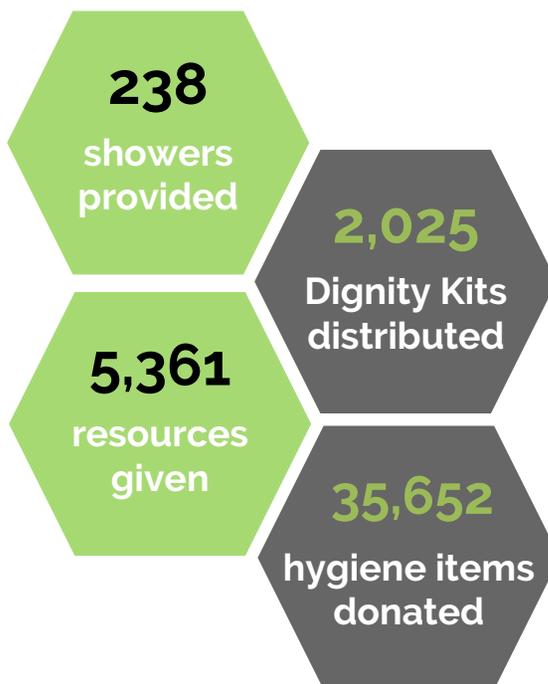
TSC

Provides safe storage in 400 lockers and bins for an unlimited amount of time



Fresh Start Showers & Dignity Kits

Provides access to basic hygiene services and supplies



Street Boutique

Offers a month's supply of menstrual hygiene products and new undergarment sets



Did you know?

One locker **costs only \$1** a day to maintain



Did you know?

\$45 can cover one full shower service and **\$25** provides one Dignity Kit



Did you know?

\$60 can provide **15** guests with new undergarment sets

Street Cafe

Offers free nutritious meal options in a farmers' market style set up

1,479

meals provided

984

lbs. of food given

986

water bottles distributed

Mask Distribution

Provides homeless individuals with reusable and disposable masks and resource packets

10,100+

masks donated to us

8,307

masks distributed

7,000+

resources given

COVID-19 Resource Database

A comprehensive list of resources and services for homeless individuals during the pandemic

123

resources listed

400+

individuals helped



Did you know?

\$50 a month provides 3 nutritious meals to 20 people



Did you know?

Mask donations help us save at least \$500 a year



Did you know?

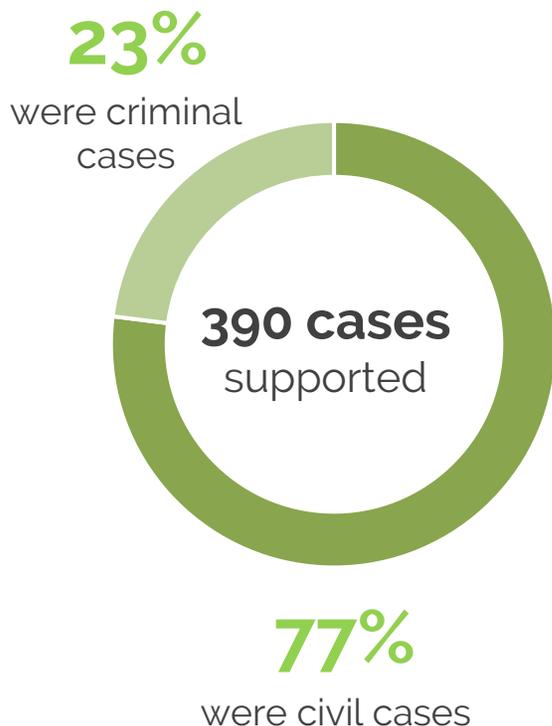
Our resource database can easily be accessed at bit.ly/TD-COVID19resources

Our Impact in Legal Services & Advocacy

What makes our approach towards ending homelessness unique is that we employ a multi-pronged approach that combines our social services with our legal and advocacy efforts. Our Legal Department comprises of our **Legal Referral and Advocacy Clinics** and our **Homeless Youth Legal & Advocacy Project (HYLAP)**. We also strive to consistently be on the frontlines to uplift the voices of our unhoused neighbors in advocating for just and human-centered solutions to end homelessness.

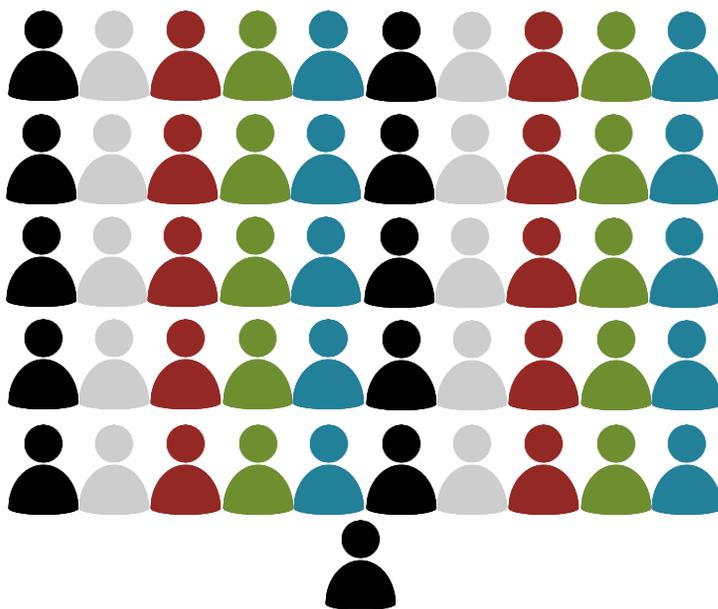
Legal Clinics

Offers free consultations and referrals for homeless individuals facing legal issues



HYLAP

Addresses criminal defense issues that hinder youth from positive growth through pro bono legal representation and advocates



51 youth clients assisted

Advocacy

We actively advocated for the following issues affecting homelessness:

Rent moratorium

Police transparency & accountability

Voting rights

Increase availability and priority on adequate emergency shelters and affordable housing

Destigmatize homelessness with humanizing language and by breaking down stereotypes

Our Partners

We are humbled to have compassionate sponsors, donors, and community partners who empower our efforts in advancing basic dignity for those experiencing homelessness. We want to especially thank the following partners and donors for their incredible support:

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San Diego County Bar Foundation

San Diego County Public Defenders

San Diego Grantmakers

San Diego Housing Commission

United Way of San Diego County

University of San Diego



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