

## July 2019 Newsletter



### Basic Dignity Coalition Meeting

PLEASE NOTE THE JULY 4TH MEETING  
WILL NOT BE HELD  
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY



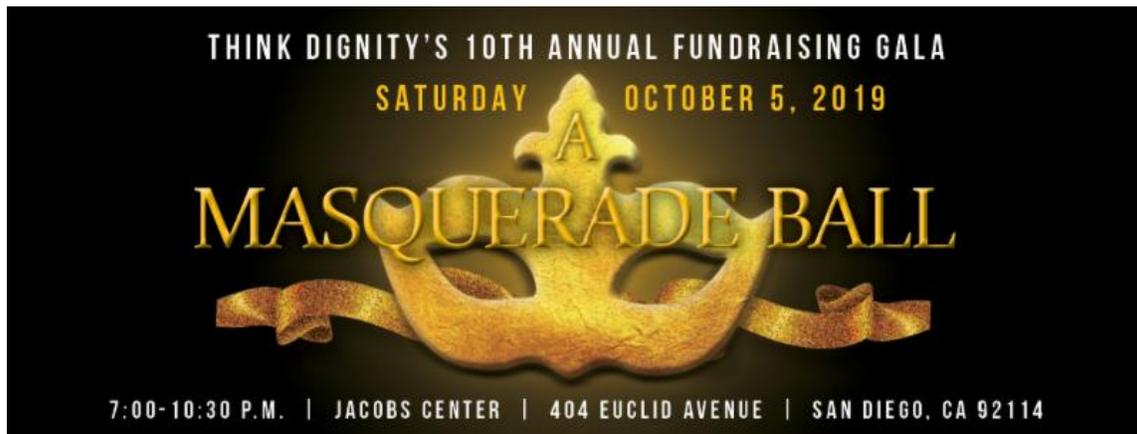
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The next BDC meeting will be Thursday,  
August 1 at 6-7 pm  
will be held at a new location  
655 West Broadway, Suite 1900

<https://www.thinkdignity.org/basic-dignity-coalition>

### JOIN US AT OUR 10TH ANNUAL GALA



To purchase your tickets, register online at  
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/cPX/>

If you're interested in **sponsorship opportunities**  
or, would like to receive an invitation,  
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## 2019 SUMMER SURVIVAL DISTRIBUTION



We are excited to share that our **Summer Survival Supply Distribution** will be held on **Sunday, July 28th from 9 - 11:30 am** at the corner of 14th and L St., where we will be distributing necessities, such as sunblock, menstrual hygiene items, socks, and hygiene packs, to our unhoused neighbors!

**We will also be hosting Legal Clinics on site and will have attorneys available for our guests' legal inquiries.**

## FRESH START SHOWERS



### **#DignityDefenders from High Tech High**

We were honored to have the privilege of working with the young #DignityDefenders from High Tech High this past spring at our Fresh Start Showers events! They dedicated their time and efforts in not only ensuring the smooth flow of our event operations but also creating a safe, welcoming, and clean environment for our guests.

Their hard work exemplified their commitment to advancing the basic dignity of our unhoused guests, and we cannot thank them enough for their support. We would also like to especially thank Charley Hoff for creating this volunteer partnership and inspiring his students to #ThinkDignity!

## STREET BOUTIQUE

### **Women Empowerment at Door of Hope**

The hot weather in early June only made our Street Boutique shine brighter at our event at The Salvation Army's Door of Hope Transitional Living Center! Through our partnership with Fulfilling Destiny, our guests were able to "shop" for brand new undergarment sets and personal accessories and receive feminine hygiene kits. **Special thanks to Eya Touglo** from Fulfilling Destiny for making this event wholesome and well-rounded for every guest!

Fulfilling Destiny strives to support and empower homeless women through the

monthly distribution of free menstrual hygiene products to decrease their monthly worries of not being able to afford these essential items. Their menstrual hygiene kits provide a month's supply of products and are wrapped in encouraging and uplifting messages to support and increase their guests' self-esteem."



## SURVIVAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION



### Generosity of Give2Get & Cisco

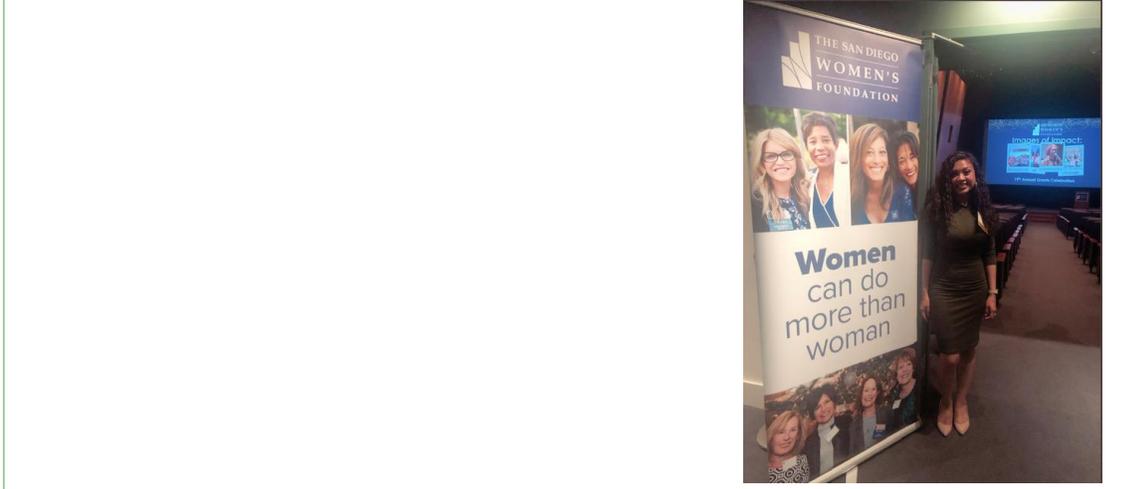
Many thanks to Give2Get and Cisco Live! for preparing and packaging basic needs and hygiene kits at this year's Cisco Live U.S.! With over 28,000 participants at the event, Give2Get not only amplified Cisco's commitment to positively impact communities by raising awareness of important social justice issues in San Diego but also developed activities in their Social Impact Zone that inspired participants to actively support local

non-profit agencies whose work focuses on homelessness. Through their efforts, hundreds of homeless individuals will be able to immediately receive essential supplies to support their basic needs at our Summer Survival Supply Distribution. **Thank you, Give2Get and Cisco!**

## Legal Updates for June 2019

### San Diego Women's Foundation 19th Annual Grants Celebration

We are so delighted to have been able to support the San Diego Women's Foundation 19th Annual Grant Celebration as they celebrated the impact of community partners and awarded \$243,000 in new support for organizations working to combat human trafficking. Their past financial support for HYLAP allowed us to support many homeless youth in San Diego County so we are very excited to see the impact of their continued support for our communities.



### #TimeDone Advocacy Day



When people with convictions are barred from housing, they lose out on a platform that can ensure their employment, health, family reunification and community inclusion - and their likelihood for recidivism increases. As a result of the many barriers that past convictions impose, many experience homelessness. Our legal effort have always focused on post-conviction, reentry work to clear the legal barriers that bar our homeless communities from positive growth. Our Supervising Attorney, Mitchell Woodson, supported California's for Safety and Justice's

#TimeDone Advocacy day in Sacramento, where organizers throughout the state shut down the streets of our capital to march, meet with legislators, and demand reform of the criminal justice system.



The 70-foot-wall pictured above is the 48,000 legal restrictions imposed on people with past convictions facing our State Capitol was symbolic of the barriers people encounter after they've served their sentences.

### Client Success

We were successful in getting 25 tickets completely dismissed for our HYLAP client! This client first began experiencing homelessness at the young age of 16. Since then, he has been aiming to be the best example for his son. Our client has secured supportive housing, and has been utilizing holistic wellness services as he works towards becoming

the best version of himself. He has exemplified incredible change and has just celebrated 3-months of employment after a lifetime without a job! Now that his wages are no longer being garnished from the tickets he accumulated while experiencing homelessness, he can begin saving for a better future for his son. He also plans on enjoying the summer with some of their favorite activities together: baseball, football, and swimming.

## TRANSITIONAL STORAGE CENTER

Our Transitional Storage Center continues to meet goals and, we hope to assist more clients. In the early months, the rain and cold weather proved difficult. The compassionate and professional staff, with their firsthand experience working outside, prepared them for these challenges.

### Success Story:

**Stephen** has been with us for approximately four months. He has been working toward transitioning into housing. Stephen has a son who has been staying at a nearby children's shelter. His goal was to find reliable housing, so that he and his son could be together. He received his housing voucher, and other assistance and can now be reunited with his son. Stephen is still a TSC client until he can get his household set and close out his storage. He continues to look for permanent and reliable employment.

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## SUPPORT THINK DIGNITY

# THINK DIGNITY

Hands-on Advocacy &  
Activism with the Homeless

We invite you to join Think Dignity as a **Sustaining Member!** Your commitment as a sustaining donor helps us ensure the longevity and success of our programs. This is what your monthly donation can do:

- **\$5/mo = \$ 60/year:** Will provide a collection of undergarments for our Street Boutique.
- **\$10/mo = \$120/year:** Will provide half a months' supply of water for those living on the streets.
- **\$25/mo = \$300/year:** Will sponsor fresh showers and hygiene packs for a person for an entire year.
- **\$60/mo = \$720/year:** Will sponsor one of our legal clinic sites where we help the indigent gain access to justice.
- **\$100 a mo = \$1200/year:** Will sponsor three lockers at our Transitional Storage Center for a year.

Our organization is entirely supported by private donations, with your generosity and that of other San Diegans, we are advancing basic dignity in our community. Thank you!

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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



**Tuesday, July 2nd at  
Location/Time TBD**



**Friday, July 5th  
Location/Time TBD**

**Friday, July 19th  
Location/Time TBD**

**Our Fresh Start Showers program is unique in how it operates and we hope that it motivates you to begin something similar in your own community!**



**Monday, July 1st** (6:00pm-8:30pm)  
Jewish Family Services - Aero Site  
[Corner of Aero Dr. & Murphy Canyon Rd.](#)  
(behind Daley Square Plaza)

**Wednesday, July 3rd** (10:00am-1:00pm)  
Educational Culture Complex (ECC)  
[4343 Ocean View Blvd.](#), SD, CA 92109

**Wednesday, July 10th** (10am-1pm)  
Crisis House  
[1034 Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020](#)

**Friday, July 12th** (1-4pm)  
TAY Academy YMCA  
[215 Barnes Street](#)

**Saturday, July 13th** (12:00-3:00pm)  
Thriving Life Church  
[560 South Melrose Drive., Vista, CA 92081](#)

**Monday, July 15th** (6:00pm-8:30pm)  
Dreams for Change  
[5605 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92114](#)

**Wednesday, July 17th** (9:00am-12pm)  
Wesley Community Services Center  
[5380 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115](#)

**Thursday, July 18th** (10am - 1pm)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
[345 Anita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911](#)

**Wednesday, July 24th** (3:30-5:30pm)  
Meridian Baptist Church  
[660 S 3rd St., El Cajon, CA 92019](#)

**Friday, July 26th** (10:00am-1:00pm)  
Day of Hope  
Location TBD

**Saturday, July 27th** (11:00am - 1:00pm)  
Newbreak Church  
[470 N Mollison Ave., El Cajon, CA 92021](#)

**\*\*Program dates are subject to change.**  
Please check our [Public Calendar](#) for updated information.

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