

# THINK DIGNITY

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

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### **“CRIMINALIZING POOR PEOPLE ADDS INSULT TO INJURY”**

Our Executive Director, Anne Rios, called for compassionate, humane, and just ways to address homelessness in her [recent blog post](#) on ACLU's Medium page. In her blog, she highlighted the discriminatory policies in San Diego that prevent homeless individuals from meeting their basic needs. Below is an excerpt addressing San Diego's illegal lodging law and the recent hearing on Tony Diaz's case:

*"Authorities may claim that the law applies to all - whether rich or poor - but its effects are felt only by the poor, even though both may engage in similar behavior. The only ones criminalized by this ordinance are the poor and the homeless because the rich don't need to sleep under a bridge or inside a vehicle. When we have an ordinance that is solely directed towards one group of people, don't we have a duty to question its motives?"*

*...we asked the court to protect justice and uphold the Constitution by striking down this law, which is nothing more than thinly disguised bias and prejudice.*

***We asked that the court reverse the earlier decision of the trial court and rule that the City of San Diego's vehicle habitation ordinance is unconstitutional."***

The decision on the hearing will be

announced within the next few weeks, so please keep an eye out on our social media accounts for more information.



## JUNE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Bring your family, friends, and co-workers to our upcoming Community Clean-Up on **Saturday, June 9th at 9am!** Our community for this month will be East Village, so volunteers will meet at the parking lot on **the northwest corner of 16th Ave. and G St.** at 9am for a brief orientation. Please dress comfortably and bring sunscreen and water.

Check out our [Facebook event page](#) for updates and feel free to share it with your network!



## SEERFEST

We are proud to be the beneficiary for Seer Interactive's 2018 SeerFest, which will be held on **Monday, June 18th from 10am to 7:30pm!** SeerFest, a 1-day digital marketing conference, partnered with Google to provide actionable content from 18 experts and networking opportunities for an affordable fee of \$100. For every \$100 ticket, \$99 will go straight to our programs to help us advance the basic dignity of those experiencing homelessness!

If you or someone you know is interested in enhancing their knowledge on digital marketing, you can register [here](#). Sponsored tickets are also available, so please contact [erins@seerinteractive.com](mailto:erins@seerinteractive.com).



## SURVIVAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION: SUMMER EDITION

Our upcoming Summer Survival Supply Distribution is just around the corner! On **Sunday, June 24th from 8am-12pm**, we will be distributing necessities, such as sunblock, menstrual hygiene items, and clothing, to those living on the streets. We will be setting up on the corner of 14th and K St. (near the Petco Tailgate Parking Lot).

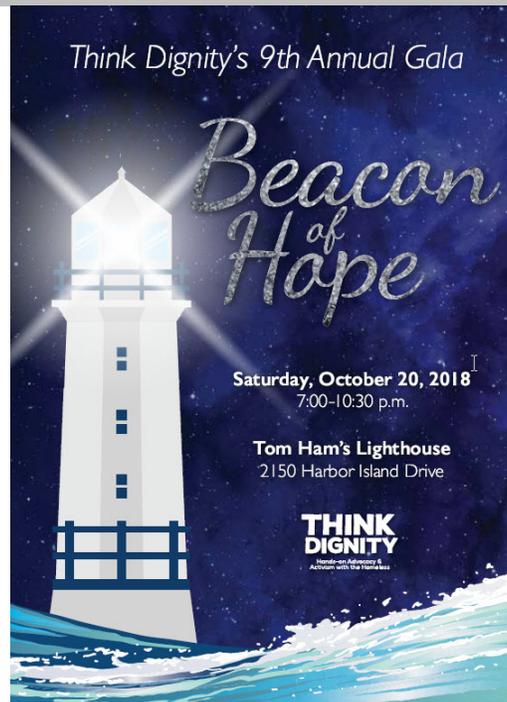
If you or someone you know would like

to donate items for or volunteer at this event, please contact Michelle Gastil at [michelle@thinkdignity.org](mailto:michelle@thinkdignity.org).



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### SAVE THE DATE

for our 9th Annual "Beacon of Hope" Gala to be held  
**Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 7:00-10:30 p.m**  
at Tom Ham's Lighthouse  
(2150 Harbor Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92101).  
Sustaining members – get a discount on Gala tickets

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Friday, June 8th (2:30-5:30pm)**  
Friendly Church of God in Christ  
[1836 Dixie St., Oceanside, CA 92054](#)

**Saturday, June 9th (10am-1pm)**  
Thriving Life Church  
[560 S Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081](#)

**Tuesday, June 12th (10am-1pm)**



**Date & Location TBD**

The Temple of Christ Church  
[726 Grand Ave., Spring Valley, CA 91977](http://www.templeofchristchurch.org)

**Wednesday, June 13th (1-4pm)**  
Crisis House  
[1034 Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020](http://www.crisishouse.org)

**Saturday, June 16th (1pm - 3pm)**  
The Rock Church East County  
[808 Jackman St., El Cajon, CA 92020](http://www.rockchurch.org)

**Wednesday, June 20th (10am - 1pm)**  
Wesley Community Services Center  
[5380 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115](http://www.wesleycommunity.org)

**Thursday, June 21st (10am - 1pm)**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
[345 Anita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911](http://www.ourladyofguadalupe.org)

**Friday, June 22nd (10am - 1pm)**  
Westside Community Church  
[560 Palomar St., Chula Vista, CA 91911](http://www.westsidecommunity.org)

**Monday, June 25th (9am - 12pm)**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
[2728 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103](http://www.stpauls.org)

**Wednesday, June 27th (3:30 - 5:30pm)**  
Meridian Baptist Church  
[660 S 3rd St., El Cajon, CA 92019](http://www.meridianbaptist.org)

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

Sincerely,  
Your friends at Think Dignity

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