

October 2019 Newsletter



The next BDC meeting will be
Thursday,
October 3 at 6-7 pm
Please note location
655 West Broadway, Suite
1900



Please check in at the security
desk in the lobby as a member of
Think Dignity/GTT to attend the
Basic Dignity Coalition meeting on
the 19th Floor

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

JOIN US AT OUR 10TH ANNUAL GALA



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If you're interested in **sponsorship opportunities**
or, would like to receive an invitation,
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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

**Think Dignity would like to recognize the following
MOD Squad superstar volunteers:**

Aetna

Cinthya Macedo

David Sullivan

Kathy McGuirk

Megan Harrison

Steve Gilbert

SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is an annual international movement that encourages the spirit of giving through online fundraising during the holiday season. This year's Giving Tuesday date will be on December 3rd, so please save the date as we will be participating on our fundraising website and social media accounts. More details will be announced in mid-October, but please contact Merlynn Watanabe at merlynn@thinkdignity.org for any questions.

Winter Survival Supply Distribution

We are excited to announce that our 2019 Winter Survival Supply Distribution will tentatively be held on Sunday, December 8th at 9:00 am (location TBD). We will be releasing more details by mid-October, so please keep an eye out on our social media and future newsletter e-blasts.

Ugly Sweater Mixer

We hope you all still have your ugly holiday sweater from last year because we are excited to party with you all at our 2019 Ugly Sweater Mixer! This year's holiday event will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at [McGregor's Ale House](#) (10475 San Diego Mission Rd., San Diego, CA 92108) from 6-8 pm, so join us in celebrating our accomplishments in the past year with great food, drinks, and activities!

MOD SQUAD UPDATES

STREET BOUTIQUE

With thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in San Diego County, access to personal hygiene resources is extremely limited and contributes to not only long-term

health issues but also the deterioration of mental health. Our Street Boutique, which provides free brand-new undergarments, menstrual hygiene, and incontinence products, had the opportunity to support the residents of San Diego Rescue Mission's shelters in late August. As guests "shopped" for these products and accessories, many shared that having a new bra or a month's supply of menstrual hygiene products brought a sense of safety and security and removed a huge burden from their shoulders.



While we were saddened to hear that there is still a lack of affordable and adequate personal hygiene resources for homeless individuals, we were appreciative of all of our donors and supporters for enabling our program to move one step closer in bridging this gap for our communities.

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering at or providing in-kind donations to our Street Boutique, please contact Merlynn Watanabe at merlynn@thinkdignity.org.

Street Café

Every other year, the San Diego Food Bank—a pivotal partner and supporter of our Street Café mobile program—hosts a Hunger Conference that invites all service providers and agencies who tackle issues of food and nutrition insecurity in San Diego County to increase awareness on these issues and educate others on best practices. For this year's conference, which was themed "Fighting Hunger Through Connected Communities," our Programs and Operations Manager, Merlynn Watanabe, was selected to present on our Street Café's unique and innovative approach to addressing the lack of access to nutritious meals and resources that can accommodate to the health and dietary needs of homeless individuals and implementing trauma-informed care practices for vulnerable populations. Many thanks to the San Diego Food Bank for the opportunity, as well as to our donors, community partners, and interns who helped us actualize this vision to support our communities!

COMMUNITY LAWYERING

Alliance San Diego's Neighborhood Rising Institute: Women that Lead Panel - September 4th:

Every year, Alliance San Diego hosts Neighborhood Rising Institute: Leadership Development program to empower and educate future community leaders on



local progressive efforts, best civic engagement practices and social justice issues vital to moving San Diego forward where all residents can achieve their full potential.

Mitchelle Woodson was invited to join the **Women that Lead** panel, to speak on her advocacy efforts with our unhoused communities.



Constitution Day - September 17th:

Every year, the ACLU partners with local attorneys and judges to celebrate Constitution Day by presenting at high schools around the county on the importance of the Constitution. Mitchelle Woodson educated students at Montgomery High School about their important rights granted by the Constitution. Fun fact: Mitchelle Woodson is an alumna of Montgomery High School!

Time Done Record Clearing and Resources Fair - September 20th:

We are excited to have partnered with the Public Defenders' Office and several community based organizations to provide a record clearing and job fair event. This full-day event assisted people with clearing their records, connecting them with employers who are ready to hire, and a variety of additional community resources.



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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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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Monday, October 14th
(9:00 – 10:00am)**

Wesley Community Services Center
5380 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92115



**Friday, October 4th
Location/Time TBD**

**Friday, October 18th
Location/Time TBD**

Please contact Merlynn Watanabe at
merlynn@thinkdignity.org
for the date and location.

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, October 7th
(6:00pm-8:30pm)
Jewish Family Services - Aero Site
[Corner of Aero Dr. & Murphy Canyon Rd.](#)
(behind Daley Square Plaza)

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

Friday, October 11th
(12-3pm)
TAY Academy YMCA
[215 Barnes Street](#)

Saturday, October 12th
(10am-1pm)
Thriving Life Church
[560 S Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081](#)

Wednesday, October 16th
(9:00am-12pm)
Wesley Community Services Center
[5380 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115](#)

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

Monday, October 21st
(6-8:30pm)
Dreams for Change
[5605 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92114](#)

Wednesday, October 23rd
(3:30-6pm)
Meridian Baptist Church
[660 S 3rd St., El Cajon, CA 92019](#)

Friday, October 25th
(10:00am-1:00pm)
Day of Hope
Location TBD

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



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