

**Let's end homelessness, together.**



Greetings!

Across the state of California, we are witnessing an alarming trend: that homelessness is increasing. Recently, Los Angeles' 2022 Homeless Count data confirms what PATH team members and our community witness every day, that more people are experiencing homelessness.

This upward trend mirrors what we're seeing in many other regions PATH serves and reflects the rising cost of housing throughout the state. Inflation has also intensified the problem, rent has increased at its fastest rate since the 1980's, putting homes out of reach for more individuals and families. This recent data also shows an increase in Latino homelessness, so we know that we must focus our efforts on providing services that are culturally competent in order to address these disparities.

Initiatives such as Project Roomkey, Project Homekey, and emergency funding for services have proved that when you properly resource this crisis, we see results. We must make sure that people can connect to interim housing and a range of supportive services.

We know what works to end homelessness – access to affordable housing and necessary services. PATH needs your support more than ever and we hope that you can continue to advocate for more of what our unhoused neighbors so desperately need.

Check out this month's newsletter to see how you can support us in ending homelessness across the state.

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## WELCOME HOME BENITEZ FAMILY! 🏠



Join us in welcoming the Benitez Family home! The Benitez family fell into homelessness after losing their house in a fire. This unexpected tragedy caused their family and two dogs to move from a place of comfort and stability to a tent in the Lincoln Heights community of Los Angeles.

The Benitez family was referred to PATH, where we quickly placed them in a motel interim housing site. PATH's case managers supported the family in finding their new home – a supportive housing unit with access to wraparound services.

We couldn't move families home without the support of our generous donors and collaboration with our community partners and incredible staff. Thank you for helping the Benitez Family find their way home!



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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Each year, we observe **National Hispanic Heritage Month** from **September 15 to October 15**, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of people whose ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Spain. To honor this month, we are featuring several of our staff to highlight their stories, traditions, and reflections on what this month means to them and their community. Read more about our staff in this month's blog!

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## Upcoming Events

### PATH Ventures Jazz Night

If you're ready to join a movement of passionate Californians committed to ending homelessness, then Jazz Night is an evening you cannot miss.

Jazz Night guests will enjoy an evening of live music, delicious food and drinks, and an inspirational program that highlights the voices of our participants and our work of building homes, communities, and stable lives.

Event proceeds will support the building of more affordable homes with wraparound services for those most in need.

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## ADVOCACY TRAINING

Friday, October 7, 2022 at 12pm

## Everything You Need To Know About California's State Ballot Initiatives

Do you have questions about California's State ballot initiatives? Then join PATH's Public Policy team and experts from the nonpartisan, nonprofit [League of Women Voters](#) to discuss the pros and cons of our upcoming State initiatives.

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## PATH in the News



### Many Unhoused People Would Choose Their Pet Over a...

Many homeless and domestic violence shelters forbid people from bringing pets, a rule that keeps many people in need away from the system. A bill in California would provide funding so shelters can accommodate and care for pets. If you didn't...

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[www.lx.com](http://www.lx.com)



## Sandoval: Homes end homelessness and it takes a village...

The underlying causes of homelessness are complex, but they can be narrowed down to structural inequities and, ultimately, the lack of housing. We see trends of homelessness increasing when the cost of housing increases. Despite a lot of progress ...

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sanjosespotlight.com



## State awards \$12 million for San Diego housing project

A state program will provide about \$12 million to help build a 40-unit apartment building under construction in El Cerrito to provide housing for San Diegans experiencing homelessness. City and council officials applied for the \$11.83 million in...

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www.sandiegouniontribune.com



## Homeless Lincoln Heights family given new home

After living in a parking lot, high school sophomore Maria Christina Benitez has a bedroom for the first time in her life. Joy Benedict reports.

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www.cbsnews.com

**Get Involved**



Our staff are inspired to work for PATH for a variety of reasons, but one thing we all share in common is wanting to make a difference in our local communities. If this sounds like you, please check out our recent job postings this month and join our PATH family!

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PURPOSE**

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Every year, we move thousands of families, Veterans, and chronically homeless individuals home and we couldn't do this work without our amazing volunteers. Check out our most urgent regional volunteer opportunities across the state!

## Volunteer Meal Server - Dinner Service

- **Where:** San Diego
- **What:** Prepare, cook, and serve meals to residents living at San Diego Connections interim housing.
- **To apply, please email:** [SigridS@epath.org](mailto:SigridS@epath.org)

## Cleaning Supply Donation Drive

- **Where:** Orange County
- **What:** Donate cleaning supplies for Orange County's rapid rehousing program. Items may include rubber gloves, all-purpose cleaner, towels, sponges, toilet brushes, Lysol wipes, and buckets.
- **To apply, please email:** [AngieL@epath.org](mailto:AngieL@epath.org)

## Kitchen Support and Volunteer Meal Server - Dinner

- **Where:** Los Angeles

- **What:** Prepare, cook, and serve meals to residents living in Los Angeles interim housing.
- To apply, please email: [WaverlyP@epath.org](mailto:WaverlyP@epath.org)

### Volunteer Meal Server - Lunch and Dinner Service

- **Where:** Santa Barbara
- **What:** Prepare, cook, and serve meals to interim housing residents.
- To apply, please email: [JohnB@epath.org](mailto:JohnB@epath.org)

### Hygiene Kit Donation Drive

- **Where:** San Jose
- **What:** Donate hygiene kit supplies for San Jose's outreach teams. Items may include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, menstrual products, and socks.
- To apply, please email: [JesseG@epath.org](mailto:JesseG@epath.org)

To learn more about PATH's volunteer opportunities across the state and how you can get involved, check out our volunteer page below!

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*PATH's mission is to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities.*



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