



# HOMELESSNESS DEMYSTIFIED, 2019 WINTER & SPRING GATHERINGS BUFFET OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES – FEB. 2 – MAY 4, 2019

*REPORT BY ANITA COLEMAN, PH.D.*

Dear Anne,

Thank you for inviting me to be the program chair and being open to partnering with *Irvine for Everyone* to put on, as Beryl Smith called it “an ambitious program.”

We were dealing with not only a very difficult and complex subject, but a lot of programmatic changes as well. It ranged from online RSVPs to partnering with established and new non-profits and it wasn't business as usual but we did it! Our first program was praised by many as the “best program they've ever been to on homelessness” and some of the people who said this had been to many! Someone else shared at the end of our second gathering, referring to the whole program: “You will never know your impact. But this has made an immeasurable difference. Generations from now, families will remember you.” I appreciate you for stepping out in faith.

For the most part the report is chronological. The last 3 pages before the Appendix are like a summary as they contains the challenges and invitations of the May 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Gathering. The infographic on page 12 may be especially useful. An online feedback, sort of like an evaluation form was created and emailed to all attendees of the Winter Gathering. Only two people completed it. So I did not do another evaluation form for the Spring Gathering.

In our busy lives it can seem like we have no time to do all that we want to do. We may feel hurried and lacking time. But following Jesus means discovering there is always time. I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you as you take some time to enjoy, reflect, and share the report.

Peace,

*Anita Coleman, Program Chair, Winter & Spring Gatherings, PWPLR  
June 15, 2019, Irvine, California*



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During Winter and Spring of 2019 Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos offered two Gatherings on *Homelessness Demystified* on Feb. 2nd and May 4th. The added benefit of these two programs was I4E-led *Buffet of Educational Experiences (BEE)*. From February 2 to May 4, I4E partnered with faith, education, civic, and the nonprofit homeless service provider communities to offer many hands-on ways of learning about the complex social issue of homelessness. All of us learn in different ways. That is why the Buffet or BEE planned different categories of learning experiences to help us be the change Jesus wants us to be. Here is a summary of all that we did and learned.

## Winter Gathering 2019

*Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding and Solutions*  
February 2, 2019, Canvas, Irvine.

**Scripture: I John 3: 17**

**Speakers:** Mohammed Aly, Jacob Avery, and Helen Cameron

**Artists:** 1. Painter Brian Peterson/ Faces of Santa Ana with his subject Kimberly  
2. Photographer David Freeman – Encampment at Maxwell Park, Anaheim

**Exhibitors:** Century Villages @ Cabrillo; WISEPlace; Christian Development Corporation; InSight Magazine, Family Promise.

**Donation Drive:** OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition wishlist

**Number of Attendees:** > 100 (according to my records 156)

**Program Video is online:** <https://tinyurl.com/i4eyoutubewin>

**HOMEWORK:** Sign up for BEE. Come back May 4 to share your learning and next steps.

## Buffet of Educational Experiences – BEE

**Number of Attendees:** ~ 100 est. See detailed report below to read about each experience.

**All invitations managed online. Download booklet** from <http://irvineforeveryone.com/>

## Spring Gathering

*Homelessness Demystified: Strategic Directions and Missional Actions,*  
May 4, 2019, First Pres. Church, Orange.

**Scripture: I John 3: 17**

**Participants Forum:** All the people who went on the experiences spoke for 2 – 3 minutes. E.g. Anne Sivley, Diana Law, Eloisa Velasquez, Bay Shambow, Helena Carlson, Heidi Zimmerman, Virginia Tibbetts, Lynn Redman, Dorie Solinger, Garrett Dunbar, Susan Eaton, Anita Coleman.

**Speakers:** Garrett Dunbar and Marney Wilde

**Artists:** David Freeman – Encampment at Fullerton

**Donation Drive:** Casa Teresa new baby layette

**Number of Attendees:** ~50 to 60

**Program Video is online:** <http://youtube.com/i4eyoutubehd>

One nice outcome from this was that a “mentoring” network has been set up – that has several newly housed people on it. Hopefully, we will use it to keep in touch and build “social capital.”

**HOMEWORK:** Connect with a person experiencing homelessness. Or. Partner with CareerWise and offer mobile career development in your local shelter/city. Or. Become an advanced volunteer. **A few compassion kits remain to be stitched. Contact me, if interested.**

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### OUTCOMES: EMERGING LEADERS. LESSONS LEARNED. NEXT STEPS.

- **Housing Experiences**  
**Goal: Designed to help understand the types of homeless housing and people.**

**Feb. 8** - Jamboree Housing Corp. Diamond in Anaheim Jubilee Celebration.

**Type of Housing:** Permanent Supportive Housing

**Type of People:** People who've suffered from chronic homelessness

**What We Did:**

Only 1 person – Anne Sivley - from the PWP attended. None from I4E, and partner groups that we know. Anne reported at May 4 Gathering. Her report is on I4E YouTube channel.

**Outcomes:**

**Emerging Leaders:** Anne Sivley. Janet Triplett. Diane Roper.

**Lessons Learned:** 10 year success story of PSH.

**Next Steps:** Diane invited Jamboree to Canyon Hills Pres. Janet and Anne attended North OC Cities hearings.

**April 12** - Jamboree Housing Corp. Doria, Irvine.

**Type of Housing:** Affordable housing and 18 PSH units.


**Type:** Low income and formerly homeless families

**Status Report:**

28 RSVP; 14 attendees

**Outcomes:**


**Lessons Learned:** Affordable and permanent supportive housing can seamlessly blend into neighborhood.



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**OUTCOMES:**  
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**1A HOUSING EXPERIENCES**  
 Designed to understand homeless housing available and categories of homeless people

JAMBOREE, ORANGE COUNTY	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
2-8-2019 Jamboree Housing Corp. 25 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Diamond, Anaheim	Previously Homeless People & their families*	EMERGING LEADERS: Anne Sivley. Janet Triplett. Diane Roper. LESSONS LEARNED: 10 year success story of PSH without increase in crime or decrease in neighborhood property values NEXT STEPS: Attend North OC Cities Hearings on shelters. Jamboree presented at Canyon Hills Presbyterian
4-12-2019 Jamboree Housing Corp. Workforce Housing + 18 PSH units Doria, Irvine	Previously Homeless People & their families*	EMERGING LEADERS: Varies from city to city LESSONS LEARNED: Affordable and PSH units seamlessly blend into neighborhood. Residents pay \$500 - \$1500 /Mth in rent. NEXT STEPS: Advocate to South OC Cities to build workforce & PSH

\* In keeping with *Housing First* national best practice, these are previously homeless people with chronic mental illness.

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Feb. 13, March 1, and March 21 – WISEPlace and SAFEPlace

**Type of housing:** Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter

**Homeless people:** Unaccompanied women

**Status Report:**

**Attendees: 11 total (that we know of)**

**Breakdown:** Feb 13 – 4 RSVP – 3 attendees

March 1 – 14 RSVP - 5 attendees - Blog post by Virginia Tibbetts with photos at <https://charisresearch.wordpress.com/2019/03/02/the-wiseplace-experience-by-virginia-tibbetts/>

March 21 – 6 RSVP – 3 attendees

Virginia Tibbetts reported at the May 4 Gathering. See video of her report on I4E YouTube.

**Outcomes:**

**Emerging Leaders:** Anne Sivley. Kathleen Julian. Virginia Tibbetts

**Lessons Learned:** Volunteers to lead meaningful activities needed.

**Next Steps:** Volunteer regularly – known as advanced volunteering - e.g. Christmas wrapping June 25, 2-4 pm. Support their *Embrace Capital Campaign* to build 30 PSH units.



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WISEPlace, SANTA ANA	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
<p>2-13-19 • 3-1-19 • 3-21-19</p> <p><b>WISEPlace</b> - Transitional Housing Single room occupancy, 30 rooms for 30 women</p> <p><b>SAFEPlace</b> - Emergency Shelter 60 beds in the gym for 60 women</p>	<p><b>Unaccompanied Women</b></p>	<p><b>EMERGING LEADERS:</b> Anne Sivley. Kathleen Julian. Virginia Tibbetts.</p> <p><b>LESSONS LEARNED:</b> Volunteers to lead meaningful activities needed.</p> <p><b>NEXT STEPS:</b> Volunteer regularly e.g. Christmas wrapping June 25, 2-4 pm. Support Embrace Capital Campaign to build 30 PSH units.</p>

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## March 15 - Century Villages at Cabrillo, Long Beach

**Type of Housing:** 26 acres campus. Integrated housing of permanent supportive and affordable housing, services, and activities. Emergency shelters which we didn't visit.


**Status Report:**

Limit: 20; RSVP: 20; Attendees: 15. Diane Law reported at the Gathering and a video of her report is on I4E YouTube channel. This is a housing solution recommended for SB-2 zoned county owned land across from OC Great Park in Irvine. 10 copies of the CVC Social Impact report were distributed and attendees asked to take them to a city council member.

**Blog post:** <https://charisresearch.wordpress.com/2019/03/16/the-cabrillo-experience/>

**Outcomes:**


**Lessons Learned:** 20-years of success. Partnerships are critical. Lifespan of the formerly housed people have improved. Community development is a critical piece of homeless housing infrastructure. **Next Steps: Visit Century Villages if you haven't already done so.** Recommend the Cabrillo model to city council members and Board of Supervisors.



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CENTURY VILLAGES @ CABRILLO	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
<p>3-15-19</p> <p><b>Century Villages @ Cabrillo</b> - Long Beach 26 acre campus. Integrated housing of PSH and affordable housing, full services, children's clinic, community centers, and activities.</p>	<p><b>Previously Homeless People &amp; families, Veterans, Seniors</b></p>	<p><b>EMERGING LEADERS:</b> Anne Sivley. Diana Law.</p> <p><b>LESSONS LEARNED:</b> 20-years of success. Partnerships are critical. Lifespan of previously homeless people has improved. Community development is a critical to homeless housing infrastructure.</p> <p><b>NEXT STEPS:</b> Recommend the Century Villages at Cabrillo model to city council members and county Board of Supervisors.</p>

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**April 26** – Friendship Shelter, Laguna Beach.

**Type of Housing:** 1) ASL is an emergency shelter. 2) A Bridge Shelter is a housing focused transitional emergency shelter. 3) PSH apartments.

Type of Homeless People: Single, unaccompanied, adults.

**Status Report:** Limit 15. Sold out. 10 attendees. Blog Post by Anita Coleman. Susan Eaton reported at the Gathering and her video can be watched on I4E YouTube channel.

**Blog Post:** <https://charisresearch.wordpress.com/2019/04/28/fsbridgeshelter/>


**Outcomes:**

**Emerging Leaders:** Yorba Linda Pres.

**Lessons Learned:** Housing-first and housing-focused shelters that seamlessly blend with the community are feasible. Bridge shelter has been in Laguna Beach for 30 years.

Nimbyism is a reality in south OC cities.


**Next Steps:** Find suitable properties to convert to affordable and PSH.



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FRIENDSHIP SHELTER	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
4-26-19 1) ASL - Laguna Beach Emergency shelter - 45 beds for 45 adults. 2) Bridge Shelter - Laguna Beach Transitional shelter. Unaccompanied adults - double occupancy 3) PSH apartments - Dana Point	<b>ASL and Bridge Shelter - Unaccompanied Adults (vulnerable populations)</b>  <b>PSH - Previously Homeless people &amp; families</b>	<b>EMERGING LEADERS:</b> Various. <b>LESSONS LEARNED:</b> Housing-first and housing-focused shelters that seamlessly blend with the community are feasible. Bridge shelter has been in Laguna Beach for 30 years. At the ASL, men's clothing and hygiene supplies are needed. <b>NEXT STEPS:</b> Locate properties for affordable and PSH. (e.g. convert old motels, build on empty lots etc)

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- **Learning by Volunteering**  
**Goal: Designed to help get to know homeless neighbors and service providers.**

## **Success Story: I4E CareerWise Career Development Pilot**

I4E partnered with CareerWise (Fullerton) and took career development services into the shelters. A separate report is online in the I4E Digital Library.

### **Emerging Leaders:**

Lynn Redmann, Covenant Pres. Costa Mesa

Dr. Dorie Solinger, I4E

**Lessons Learned:** Training of volunteers takes a lot of time. Services in shelters are needed. Advanced volunteering – i.e. volunteering in meaningful activities beyond meal prep – is needed. It can be as little as 2 hours per wk but it needs to be periodic, consistent, regular.

**Next Steps:** A new I4E/CareerWise team led by Prof. Dorie Solinger is serving at *The Link*. Lynn Redmann has added detailed instructions to the training of volunteers and will begin to form a new team of volunteers for *The Lighthouse*, a new shelter in Costa Mesa.

**Grants:** Thanks to PWP for a Bogie Grant for partner CareerWise (Fullerton) \$750.00.

On behalf of CareerWise, thank you so much for the \$750 PWP of Los Ranchos grant! I have not personally met Dr. Coleman however, her reputation as a dynamic, enthusiastic, 'let's get things done' leader in her Irvine community has demonstrated that CareerWise can share our experience, tools and resources to others whose goal it is to assist the homeless in their job search efforts. A special thank you to Anita for nominating us!

This grant will go towards enhancing our CareerWise on-line program modules to better assist future Career Lab leaders in their work with the homeless.

Thank you,

Dana Bianco  
CareerWise President Board of Directors



## **NEW PARTNERS HELP PEOPLE LIVING IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS FIND JOBS**

**What:** I4E Career Development Pilot where **3-5 volunteers from I4E & PWP Los Rancho** trained with **CareerWise (Fullerton)** to be able to offer resume creation, job application services, etc.

**Where:** *The Link* emergencyshelter

**Operator:** Mercy House Living

**How Long:** 2-3 hr/wk; 8 weeks

**Impact:** 18 clients served; 16 resumes created; 20 job applications.

**1 client found a job.**

**2 Leaders emerged to lead 2 new labs in 2 or more cities!**

#Volunteer

#AdvancedVolunteering


#CareerDevelopment

#5WaysToHelpEndHomelessness


#HomelessnessDemystified



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**2** **A LEARNING BY VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE - FEB. 2 - MAY 4, 2019**  
Designed to offer mobile career development services and understand OC homelessness

I4E CAREER DEVELOPMENT PILOT	DETAILS	OUTCOMES	PRODUCTIVITY
<p>A team of 5, often only 3, people volunteered career development services from 5 - 8 pm on 8 Mondays at The Link, an emergency shelter on Red Hill and Warner.</p> <p>Trained in The Works, a system by CareerWise (Fullerton), we spoke with homeless clients, and helped create chrono functional resumes and job applications.</p>	<p><b>TEAM LEADER:</b> Anita Coleman</p> <p><b>PARTNER:</b> CareerWise (Fullerton)</p> <p><b>HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER:</b> Mercy House</p> <p><b>TYPE OF HOUSING:</b> Emergency Shelter</p> <p><b>TYPE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE:</b> Family, Single parents, unaccompanied adults, including seniors</p>	<p><b>EMERGING LEADERS:</b> Lynn Redmann, Dorie Solinger.</p> <p><b>LESSONS LEARNED:</b> Training of volunteers takes a lot of time. Most of the people we served are very low-income. They may not qualify for permanent supportive housing.</p> <p><b>NEXT STEPS:</b> Lynn and Dorie in training to lead their own teams. A new I4E/CareerWise team led by Dorie will continue at The Link. Lynn has added details to CareerWise Training. He will train a team of volunteers for The Lighthouse, a new shelter in Costa Mesa.</p> <p>Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos awarded \$750 grant for CareerWise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 234 volunteer hours</li> <li>» 124 hours in contact with homeless people at The Link</li> <li>» 18 clients met</li> <li>» 16 resumes created</li> <li>» 2 or 3 resumes created for some clients</li> <li>» 20 job applications</li> <li>» 4 to 6 emails set up</li> <li>» 1 client, that we know of (possibly 2 more), found jobs within the 8 week pilot</li> </ul>

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- **Connection Experiences**  
**Goal: Designed to get to know people working in the area of homelessness and housing**

Feb. 5 – **Office Hours with Mohammed Aly.** 0 from our groups.

March 27 - **Casa Teresa.**

Status Report:

Limit of 10 attendees. Event sold out. 10 % attrition. 9 attendees. We met a pregnant mom and chatted over brunch. Visited the Boutique (used clothing store) in Orange.

**Lessons Leaned:** Trauma informed care is critical in any kind of service and housing for people who've suffered homelessness. Family reunification is a strategy that is helping people stay housed.

**Next Steps:** A donation drive was held for Mother's Day and items have been delivered.

**Blog post:** <https://charisresearch.wordpress.com/2019/04/03/the-casa-teresa-experience/>

**Coffee with Anita.** Did not happen except with individuals (same old story as last 1 year!!)

**Lessons Learned:** The I4E mailing list has ~200 Irvine residents. I was unable to get anybody interested in hosting a talk. Neither IPC/Shepherd's Grove nor my HOA responded to my requests through official and unofficial channels to partner with me to host community homelessness talks. Might this be indicative of the level of prejudice and resistance against homelessness solutions? Someone said, "The only thing more controversial than homelessness are solutions to it." This seems true, sadly.

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- **Learning by Transforming Knowledge into Action:**

April 14 - **Family Promise** - 0 RSVP; canceled.

April 26 - **Creative Crafts for a Cause** – Thanks to PWP for a Bogie grant for \$1250 to buy the hygiene supplies. Event limited to 30 attendees. Sold out. 50% attrition. PWP grant \$1,250.00; also received \$50.00 for supplies. A successful event despite the 50% attrition. Thank you to City of Irvine and the High School Youth Action Team for coming alongside us.

**Status Report:** 26 attendees. 14 belonged to the High School Youth Action Team, Irvine. Seamstress team lead Suzanne Kameya designed the sturdy, lightweight, drawstring bags. At a pre-event, Regents Point friends helped Suzanne assemble the ready to sew bag kits. On the day of event, Suzanne, Mary DeBar (Canvas) and Judy Bell (Laguna Beach) stitched some bags. 30 drawstring bags were pre-made. Attendees filled the bags with hygiene supplies and wrote 30 compassion notes. A connection tips talk. Thanks to Bogie grant to I4E to buy the hygiene supplies. **A few kits remain to be stitched and in God's perfect time this will happen. Please contact me, if interested.**

Blog Post: <https://charisresearch.wordpress.com/2019/04/30/why-is-there-no-emergency-shelter-in-irvine/>

**Outcomes:**

**Emerging Leaders:** Garrett Dunbar. Bay Shambow. Bobby Austin.

**Lessons learned:** Asking people to talk to homeless people to make an authentic and meaningful human connection is for most people a very difficult and overwhelming task.

**Next Steps:** 5 bags were taken by the leaders and given. InSight took 10 bags to give to their writers to make connections. I4E distributed 15 bags at May 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering and asked people to share their stories with SEEDs or via the Homelessness Mentor Network .

- **Advocating Goal:** Get to know homeless advocates, formerly homeless people, and local elected leaders.

**Outcomes:** Placentia city council meeting attended by 4 PWP.

- **Donation Goal** to Raise needed supplies and/or funds based on homeless people/service needs.

**Outcomes:**

I4E received a donation of 170 basic hygiene kits. These were distributed as follows:

60 to WISEPlace

50 to ASL (Friendship Shelter)

30 to Marney Wilde for the LA/Lomita encampment

15 each to Bay Shambow for Santa Ana

15 to Heidi Zimmerman for Anaheim

- **Other Learning Experiences:**

**Fly Away Home Book (reading) groups**

**New Movie in April - The Public**

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## May 4 Gathering

- **Challenge:**
  - Look at your own attitudes
  - Talk to neighbors
  - Find out who in your city council is working on emergency shelters and legal encampments and begin to make friends with people in encampments.
  - Find out who in your city council is actually working on affordable and housing for homeless people and see how you can come alongside them.
- **Invitations**
  - 15 people took a Compassion Bag each home to gift to a homeless person in their neighborhood and help build social capital.
    - A Leaders and Mentors Network was set up of people who offered to help do this. The network includes two newly housed people.
  - To apply for Presbyterian Mission Agency Self-Development of People grant.
  - To investigate the St. Francis Challenge and Safe Organized Spaces – legal encampments – and question municipal governments about anti-homeless laws in OC cities
  - 10 people took the Century Villages at Cabrillo Social Impact Report to bring to their mayor and city council members, and invite them to visit CVC.



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**HOUSING EXPERIENCES**

HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

**A PROPOSAL**

<b>EASY:</b>	Examine your own mental attitudes about homeless people.
<b>MODERATE:</b>	Talk about homelessness with your family, friends and neighbors
<b>DIFFICULT:</b>	Find out who on your city council works with people experiencing homelessness. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get to know them and come alongside in leadership and support</li> <li>2. Promote temporary and humane legal encampments and emergency shelters as a path to permanent, affordable and integrated housing with wrap around services</li> </ol>

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## LEGAL ENCAMPMENTS SAFE ORGANIZED SPACES (SOS)

**DID YOU KNOW ?**

Safe Organized Spaces is a community integrated village model that meets CA state codes for emergency shelter buildings and service standards. Legal encampments or sanctioned campsites adapting SOS can help end OC homelessness.

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

1. **3,961 people in OC are living on the streets** as of January 2019 can get **immediate and essential services**, thereby reducing the biological, psychological trauma of homelessness, **improving public health, safety and limiting environmental impact**
2. **Privacy and dignity** for the people experiencing homelessness, along with **fiscal responsibility** because the tiny homes or emergency shelter cabins cost \$11,590 per person/yr. Costs for water, shower and food for 20 - 100 residents is \$292,800/year
3. Under utilized private or public land is operated in **coordination with city services**, developed by **multiple stakeholders from the local communities, costing taxpayers far less** than law enforcement and clean-up of homeless camps. OC spent \$23 million on law enforcement without housing people. **Temporary and humane legal encampments like SOS** place 'service resistant' people on a **pathway to permanent housing**

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### What's a Safe Organized Space?

"Safe Organized Space" (SOS) is a catch-all phrase for community-integrated alternatives that provide homeless individuals with a place to belong and meet their basic needs in a structured, participatory environment on their path to permanent housing.

**SOS transitional villages are structured to meet the health, safety and livability needs of residents and neighbors, with flexibility to provide the most autonomous and least restrictive environment possible.**

SOS transitional village residents work together with staff to shape and uphold community guidelines. We follow a participatory model, where all key stakeholders have a prominent seat at the table with equal representation.



### How it Works

Unlike traditional shelters, there is no time limit on a stay at SOS. This approach is more sustainable, as residents are given time to build skills, adapt to life off the street, recover from addiction and stabilize from mental health challenges. Residents receive the support they need from on-site staff to manage

day-to-day operations, contribute community service hours in the neighborhood, and successfully follow lease agreements in preparation for living in an SRO, apartment, or group housing. When they're ready, SOS coordinates with the City to support placement in permanent housing.



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## 5 WAYS TO HELP OC PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



### Advocate

OC has an emergency shelter crisis. Only 2,899 of the 6,860 people counted as homeless in Jan. 2019 are living in shelters, while the rest 3,961 people are living unsheltered, on the streets. There are many groups working to block emergency shelters. Get to know your city council and participate in public meetings to advocate for a humane emergency shelter in your city.



### Build

OC has an affordable housing crisis. We need 111, 996 affordable homes. California state legislation allows homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), also called granny flats, in-law units, backyard cottages, secondary units. If you are a homeowner or have other properties, consider building ADUs, converting parking lots, and under-utilized land or property into much needed affordable housing.



### Connect

Make an impact by making eye contact with a person experiencing homelessness. If you already assemble and give blessing bags, sandwiches or hygiene kits, add a note of inspiration, and take a few extra minutes when you give the gift to say hello, talk, and share a cup of coffee or have a meal together.



### Donate

Shelters have online wish lists to make donating easy. Money and goods in kind are welcome. New socks, underwear, feminine hygiene supplies, men's clothing, toiletries, including moisturizers, sunscreens, wet disposable towels, and emergency blankets are always critically needed.



### Empower (Volunteer)

The average American spends less than an hour per week volunteering. Often, volunteers serve meals around holidays. Emergency shelters need year-round support and volunteers with skills like resume creating or editing, job applications, and tutoring. Volunteering in this way will EMPOWER people and change lives. Volunteer 2-3 hrs per week in empowering activities like Career Development Services in a homeless shelter near you.

Support the full spectrum of housing.  
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## Conclusion:

### Overall Lessons Learned from the Housing Experience:

A Bridge Shelter is a type of Housing-first emergency shelter that's been in LB for 30 years.

Critical educational need exists for increasing the awareness of domiciled residents about homeless people and the range of housing solutions that are needed and that are working.

Shelters, Very Low Income Affordable housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing needed.

The anti-homeless laws and law enforcement approach to homelessness isn't working. We became aware about temporary Legal Encampments like Safe Organized Spaces.

**Everyone Counts PIT count results day before last Housing Experience. : 52% chronically homeless of the close to 7,000 homeless in in the OC. 48% still need other kinds of affordable housing. Shelters are not working (either no beds or inhumane).**

### Other Lessons:

- Both Charity and Justice have a place – think carefully – strategically and missionally - what you want to do to help in this crisis.
- Collaborate. Partner. Team up!! Don't reinvent the wheel. Don't do it alone. Form and learn in teams and small groups. **Investigate our church's SDOP ministry.**
- Two key principles to follow, individually and collectively:
  - Strategic – Find the critical needed fit between service and needs.
  - Missional - Stay in touch, i.e. connect with people experiencing homelessness.

### Next Steps:

- **Housing** – Housing-focused bridge emergency and bridge shelters are needed as the numbers show just as much as affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing are needed.
- **Jobs** – Career dev services in shelters as well as jobs that pay living wages needed.
- **People** - Community development. People development. **Build Social Capital.**

### Social Media Statistics:

2,397 people viewed *Homelessness Demystified* on Eventbrite. Reach on Facebook >2000. Besides PWP, I4E, partners InSight, outside attendees from St. Jude Medical / St. Joseph – e.g. Carrie Delaurie, Donna Love; **General Public:** e.g. Monika Chitra, Bruce Dickinson.

**Credits:** These programs would not have been possible without so many of us coming together. I won't name all the others but in PWPLR, I am indebted to Anne Sivley, Janet Triplett, and Kathleen Julian for stepping above and beyond to do so much more. **To God be the Glory.**

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Appendix: Promotional flyers**

**Presbyterian Women of PLR warmly invite all men and women!**  
*Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding,  
and Solutions, Feb. 2, 2019, Canvas, Irvine.*



**Meet the All-Star Panel**



**Professor Jacob Avery** from UCI in *The Vicious Cycle of Homelessness* will show us how homeless people meet their basic needs and how they are punished for meeting those needs.

**Mohammed Aly** attorney and founder of OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition (OCPAC) will discuss *The Criminalization of Homelessness*.



**Helen Cameron**, Business Development Manager at Jamboree Housing, will share highlights from the groundbreaking study UW/UCI/JH and the solutions JH is using successfully in *The Costs of Homelessness and Some Solutions*.

**RSVP by January 28, 2019:** <http://tinyurl.com/PWW19>

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their Spring Gathering!

## Homelessness Demystified

### Strategic Directions & Missional Actions

First Pres. Church – Orange, May 4, 2019, 9:30 am – 12 noon



**Strategic Directions by Garrett Dunbar:** How do we leverage community support for permanent solutions that are founded in evidence-based principles? A conversation highlighting innovative nonprofit community development organizations such as Villages at Cabrillo, Skid Row Housing Trust, and the need to form partnerships strategically to provide housing, wrap around services, and build community for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Sharing insights from Community Street Outreach events as well as a unique pilot program funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental

Health, offering holistic field based support through intensive case management. People minded, environmentally conscious, involved in purposeful social action campaigns, and determined to give back to the local community, **Garrett Dunbar** is the Founder, President and CEO of *The OC Burrito Project*, and a full-time Personal Service Coordinator at *Mental Health America of Los Angeles*' Homelessness Full Service Partnership, ARCH Program.

**Missional Actions by Marney Wilde:** A small church, utilizing presbytery, government, and community guidance, has formed an Outreach to Homeless Neighbors team. Members work directly with persons living on a nearby sidewalk in order to help them attain their goal of housing. Additional programs are designed to assist the newly-housed to acquire the skills and resources needed to avoid falling back into homelessness. **Marney Wilde** has a heart for serving those that Jesus mentions in Matthew 25: 35-36, and a part of her efforts involve support for those experiencing homelessness. She is a PC(USA) Ruling Elder, a member of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Lomita, and active in the work of Pacific Presbytery, serving on the Commission for Preparation for Ministry.



**RSVP by May 1, 2019, <http://tinyurl.com/pwpspring>**



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World Renowned Art Displays by  
“Homelessness” Artists



David Freeman’s photographs, Dec. 2018. Eviction at Maxwell Park in Anaheim.

We envision a world where every person is visible, connected, and loved. ***Faces of Santa Ana*** is dedicated to engaging and befriending our neighbors through creativity.

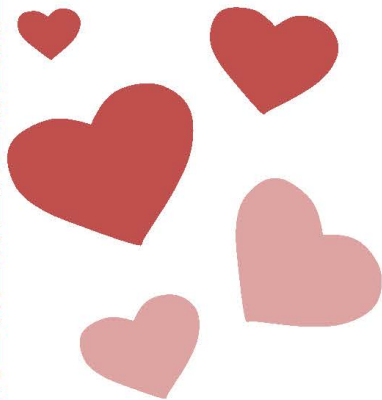
– Brian Peterson, founder, painter of Faces of Santa Ana.



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## Homelessness Demystified!

### A Unique Series on OC Homelessness

## Coming in 2019!

*But if anyone has the  
world's goods  
and sees their sister or brother  
in need,  
yet closes their heart  
against them,  
how does God's love  
abide in them?*

I John 3: 17

**When:** February 2nd 2019, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**What:** *Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding, and Solutions*

**Who:** Jacob Avery (UCI); Helen Cameron (Jamboree Housing); Mohammed Ally (Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition); Local artists.

**Where:** Canvas, Irvine (Suggested donation: \$10)

**Experience the Buffet: Visit. Connect. Volunteer. Do one or all! Different locations. Different times.**

- Tour of Jamboree Housing Permanent Supportive Housing (Friday, Irvine, Anaheim)
- Visit shelters and transitional housing (WISEPlace, SA; Friendship Shelter, LB)
- Visit integrated housing modeling Housing First (Century Villages @Cabrillo, Long Beach)
- Donate to OC PAC and others
- Attend housing advocacy meetings
- Volunteer / Visit / Connect with formerly homeless or currently homeless people.

**When:** May 4th 2019, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**What:** *Homelessness Demystified: Strategic Directions & Missional Actions*

**Who:** You/Buffer Participants. Other speakers TBD.

**Where:** Canvas, Irvine ((Suggested donation: \$10)  
Monies left after expenses incurred to be donated to an organization working with the homeless. Program is organized by the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos. Registration form, program schedule, and other details about the Buffet of Educational Experiences – BEE – are coming.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS**

WARMLY INVITE ALL MEN AND WOMEN TO:

**WINTER GATHERING  
February 2, 2019**

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Registration

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Program

***Homelessness Demystified:  
Creating Awareness, Understanding, and Solutions***

**Speakers:**

**Prof. Jacob Avery**, UCI

**Helen Cameron**, Jamboree Housing

**Mohammed Aly**, OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition

**Displays by local 'homeless' artists:**

**Photographs: David Freeman**

**Paintings: Brian Peterson, Faces of Santa Ana**

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**WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OC POVERTY ALLEVIATION COALITION**

OCPAC Wishlist: New socks and underwear for men and women; feminine hygiene supplies.

Registration donation per person is \$10 (includes Continental Breakfast)

Please make all checks payable to PWP

Number attending presentation: \* Amount enclosed:

\*Please add additional attenders on a separate sheet.

Registration will also available at the door

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form **by January 28** to: Eloisa Velasquez, 7871 Westra Lane, La Palma, CA 90623.

Or phone her at 714-994-1847 by January 31.

*\*Early registration enables seating for everyone attending.*

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## SPRING GATHERING

May 4th, 2019

9:30 am – 12:00 noon

### *Homelessness Demystified: Strategic Directions & Missional Actions*

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Participants Forum: Emerging leaders** from the *Homelessness Demystified: Buffet of Educational Experiences* (02/02 – 05/04).

**Solutions That Are Working Panel:** Garrett Dunbar, OC Burrito Project and Personal Service Coordinator at *Mental Health America of Los Angeles'* Homelessness Full Service Partnership, ARCH Program. **Marney Wilde**, Elder, St. Marks, Outreach to Homeless, Lomita.

Photography by David Freeman

**WHERE:**



FIRST  
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OF ORANGE

First Presbyterian Church of Orange  
191 N Orange St, Orange, CA 92866

Suggested Donation \$10

**WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CASA TERESA LAYETTE - PLEASE BRING ITEMS WITH YOU.**

Register online with **Eventbrite** by **May 1** at <https://tinyurl.com/pwpspring> or mail form below:

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Mail this registration form **by April 27** to:

Janet Triplett, 5132 Casa Oro Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Or phone her at 714-996-0946

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**April 26, 2019 Housing Experience.** A Bridge Shelter (Friendship Shelter), Laguna Beach (housing focused humane shelter)

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**Buffet of  
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Experiences.**

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**March 15, 2019 Housing Experience.** Century Villages at Cabrillo, Long Beach (integrated housing on former naval reserve land)