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- 2021 -
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AN EVENING AT HOME
TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EVENT CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Event Host Committee and the LA Family Housing Board of Directors, welcome to Home Together 2021! Tonight, we will honor the journeys of our program participants and celebrate the work of our incredible staff, elected officials, and celebrity advocates. Their efforts to realize a future where all people in Los Angeles have a safe place to call home is inspiring.

As members of the LAFH Board of Directors, our goal is to inspire others to give generously, think differently, and make having a home possible for all Angelenos, especially during this time of great need.

Throughout this past year, LAFH has ramped up on all fronts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Home Together is an important night of celebration and action, with an ambitious goal to raise more than $1 million to prevent and end homelessness in the lives of our unhoused neighbors.

Together, we have made a significant impact on thousands of lives. Yet, there are still 60,000 more who need our support. If you wonder how you can make a difference, remember that homelessness is a problem with a known solution. It is time to speak up, donate, challenge the way our community thinks, advocate for more affordable housing, and invest in LA Family Housing.

By being here tonight, you have taken that first step. By listening and learning, bidding in our auction, and making a direct donation, you are part of the movement to end homelessness.

Thank you for standing with us tonight and for helping create a future where everyone has a safe place to call home.

With Gratitude,

Blair Rich          Karen Brodkin Watson          Zeeda Daniele
Dear Friends,

On behalf of our staff and the LA Family Housing Board of Directors, welcome to Home Together 2021! Tonight, you will hear inspiring stories about the resilience of our program participants and how our team jumped in to support our unhoused neighbors during a time of unprecedented need.

Home Together is an evening to highlight the strategies that work to move families home and the incredible “pivot” and innovation that LAFH undertook this past year – work that YOU made possible. In 2020, we served 11,000 people, and moved more than 2,000 people home – all while protecting our staff and participants from the pandemic.

During this past year LAFH provided street-based health education, testing, and now COVID vaccinations. We worked with incredible partners to provide meals to families facing food insecurity. We stepped up to manage five Project Roomkey sites and now operate six Project Homekey properties for families and adults experiencing homelessness.

While tonight is a reflection on this past year and a celebration of our incredible team and participants, it is also a reminder that we can’t stop here. The homeless crisis demands our determination to provide more services and more homes for those in need – especially in this post-COVID landscape.

Homes end homelessness. We rely on you – our incredible community of supporters to lift up and sustain this work of creating more homes across Los Angeles. Thank you for standing with us in this time of recovery and change. Whether you donate, volunteer, or share our successes with your community, you are part of the solution to end homelessness.

With Gratitude,

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Growing up with a single mother, Sheila was always the responsible daughter. She helped around the house, cooked and cleaned, and cared for her siblings while her mother worked long nights to pay the bills. Sheila’s childhood officially ended when she had to drop out of school to fully support the family.

Without much guidance or support at home, Sheila turned to drugs in her late teens as a recreational outlet, using casually at first with her boyfriend. Overtime, she became addicted and her substance abuse affected her family relationships, driving them apart and eventually leading to Sheila’s homelessness.

Moving into LA Family Housing’s Canby House was the start of a new life for Sheila and her daughter. Their lives began to stabilize. With the help of her case manager, Sheila found the mental health support she needed and recommitted to her rehab program.

After two years and amidst the COVID-19 crisis, Sheila found a studio apartment in Van Nuys. She and Destiny are starting their lives again, this time with much more hope and a stable foundation.

“AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, THERE’S LIGHT. THERE’S HOPE AND THERE’S LIFE. IF YOU STAY CONSISTENT AND NOT GIVE UP, YOU CAN MOVE FORWARD.”

SHEILA
It was nice to be looked at like a human and not a person with mental health issues.

From a childhood diagnosis of Asperger’s and years spent in psychiatric hospitals, juvenile detention centers and foster homes, Hope always struggled to feel safe and secure. After high school, she joined a residential mental health program that helped address her trauma. When she became pregnant and left the program, Hope’s life continued to be unstable and transient as she moved between family, friends, and even lived in her car.

When Hope found LA Family Housing, she was pregnant with her second child and out of options. LAFH placed her in interim housing and ensured that she was able to maintain her doctor’s appointments and begin therapy. Staff also provided her with essentials like formula, hygiene products, and fresh produce.

Even amidst the COVID-19 crisis, Hope maintained her optimism and determination to change her life. After 18 months of homelessness, Hope, Brooklyn, and Daryl moved into their new home, partially furnished through partners of LAFH.

Now that they are home, Hope is focusing on maintaining her mental wellness and raising two healthy children. She dreams of going back to school to help foster youth who feel lost, alone, or bullied to recognize their self-worth. For now, she’s happy cooking, singing, and laughing with her children.
After severe health problems rendered her unable to continue work as a forklift operator, Amari left her home in South Carolina and headed for Los Angeles to nanny for a friend. Unfortunately, the work and relationship didn’t last, and Amari was forced to look for an alternative living situation.

After spending a few nights on the streets, her anxiety peaked, which exacerbated her underlying health problems. Amari found a bed at a local shelter and stayed there for an entire summer.

Amari tried driving a forklift again to earn some income. But soon, a painful infection spread throughout her body and she was forced to quit for good. Amari was connected to a recuperative care center, but when COVID-19 struck, her underlying health conditions and homelessness made her more vulnerable, so she moved to a Project Roomkey site led by LA Family Housing.

While there she worked on her housing plan with a Housing Navigator. LAFH helped her access benefits to increase her income and eventually, she found a room for rent in a shared housing space. The newfound stability gave her a sense of hope, resourcefulness, and drive. Eventually, she was hired to help manage the property. A creative entrepreneur at heart, Amari is using her free time to start her own business.

“I felt like the world was on top of me. I couldn’t breathe. I needed someone to help me.”

Amari
Nicole left her long-term boyfriend after he became increasingly aggressive toward her and their children. She had secured a restraining order, but when he tried to remove the kids from school without her knowledge, Nicole knew she needed to leave. She arranged to move in with her sister near their hometown of Lancaster but unfortunately, her sister decided that living together would be too much of a burden. Without support or a backup plan, the family began a two year cycle of living in their car, shelters, and motels.

By the time Nicole found LA Family Housing, her positive outlook had worn down to nothing. Fearful of living in an overcrowded shelter, she was surprised when LAFH offered her an interim housing unit with her own room, a door, and small kitchenette. Still, Nicole had been let down many times before and COVID-19 seemed to introduce barrier after barrier. Nicole’s Housing Navigator assured her that this would be the last time she experienced homelessness. Nicole made every effort to complete the paperwork, find work, and begin planning for a bright future. Within a year, she moved into a LAFH-owned permanent supportive housing property for families.

Since moving into her new apartment, Nicole has found the stability she once thought she’d lost forever. Her children have enough space to play and do homework. Together, the family is thriving in the safety of their new home.
ABOUT LAFH

A leader in the community for 38 years, LA Family Housing is one of the largest homeless service providers and real estate developers in Los Angeles. Each year LAFH helps nearly 11,000 people transition out of homelessness and poverty.

No two stories of people experiencing homelessness are the same. Each person has a unique life experience that defines what type of support they need. With these needs in mind, we connect participants to the right type of housing for them and surround them with the services that they need on their journey toward long-term housing stability.

IN 2020
LAFH SERVED 10,808 PEOPLE

2,037 PEOPLE MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING

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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET $75.8M
When the pandemic hit, our outreach teams added health education, disease prevention, and COVID-19 testing to their street-based work. For our 250 interim housing families, we partnered with Redbird Restaurant to deliver 1,300 meals each day to address food insecurity. We supported our students in interim housing, providing hotspots so that kids could continue with remote school. We stepped up to manage five Project Roomkey sites for thousands of medically frail and older adults experiencing homelessness. We’ve assumed management of six additional interim housing properties under California’s Project Homekey initiative.
We believe that the only way to end homelessness is to work together with our community partners. That’s why we rely on volunteers like you to enrich our programs and provide positive support to our participants on their journey home.

Just a few ways to get involved at LAFH:
- serve meals
- host a donation drive
- host a family day
- assemble donation bags

The best way to learn more about LAFH and our work is to come for a guided tour at The Irmas Family Campus at LA Family Housing. To schedule a tour, email development@lafh.org.

Share the stories that you hear tonight and help spread the word about LA Family Housing.

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Blair Rich & Zev Foreman
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We are grateful for the efforts made on behalf of our community so that families have a place to call “home.”

The Brown Family
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On behalf of our family as well as the communities you serve, our thanks to the entire LA Family Housing team for the positive impact you make.

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What a year 2021 will be for LAFH.
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