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Dear Supporters,

I am so honored to have remarkable friends and partners who have not only supported our mission this past year, but have championed the Dream Center and have become pillars that keep us standing strong.

Because of you, we have been able to continue providing support to those affected by poverty, hunger, homelessness, addiction, which surged as a result of the pandemic! We have stayed true to our mission and have not stopped putting God first. Nothing brings me more joy than to see countless lives transformed.

Our hearts are filled and our spirits are fueled to continue serving our city. Take a look at the impact we have made together as we strive to restore Los Angeles.

We thank you for continuing to believe in partnering with our mission.

Thankfully,

Pastor Matthew Barnett
Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Dream Center

@Matthewbarnett1
In 1994, Tommy Barnett and son, Matthew Barnett, founded the Dream Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of transforming the lives and communities of Los Angeles. Since then, the Los Angeles Dream Center has served up to 45,000 people a month through various transitional housing, resource and outreach programs made available free of charge. These programs are all dedicated to providing opportunities to make a difference in the countless lives in need.

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Mission

The Los Angeles Dream Center is a faith-based non-profit organization located in Echo Park, dedicated to transforming lives and underserved communities in the city of Los Angeles. By offering transitional housing, outreach, and resource programs to individuals, families, and communities in the areas of homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, domestic violence, and education, the Dream Center is committed to enabling immediate and long-term transformation.
Vision

The Dream Center envisions for every person to have the opportunity to live their God-given dream.
The coronavirus pandemic in 2020 impacted the world in unprecedented ways. The health crisis not only threatened and devastated people’s health but imbalanced their stability and outlook in life. Lockdowns were mandated in almost every city and country as businesses shut down and employees were laid off. This resulted in a staggering rise of unemployment of up to 15% in Los Angeles.

Renewing Hope, Rebuilding Lives, and Restoring LA.
Dream Center’s Food Bank received support from the community, donors, corporations, volunteers, and small businesses. This resource program distributed:

- **1.6 million meals** were hot meals made from the Dream Center’s Community Kitchen. Additionally, hundreds of people continued to rebuild their lives through transitional housing programs.

- **9 million pounds** of food were served.

- **5 million meals** were served.
Through the *Restore LA* initiative, the Dream Center is continuing to impact thousands of lives by:

- **Reconnecting** with surrounding underserved communities through outreach and resource programs

- **Bridging gaps** between the community, businesses, leaders, and influencers through collaborative events, partnerships, and other opportunities

- **Expanding** transitional housing program capacity for unhoused families to create more available spaces and opportunities

- **Delivering** more high-impact services and pathways for program residents

- **Providing** these life-changing programs free of charge
The Dream Center’s efforts target the most underserved communities where individuals and families are facing homelessness, food insecurity, poverty, addiction, or abuse.
As the state of California was easing restrictions and getting ready to fully reopen, there was still a gap to fill as the aftershock of the pandemic saw thousands of individuals and families in desperate need.

On April 1st, 2021, the Community Kitchen and Food Pantry officially opened to the community, which became an overnight success.
26K people served through the Food Pantry

81K pounds of food distributed
The Dream Center continues to impact communities through various outreach programs and resource services. These programs offer immediate relief by providing food, clothing, furniture, children’s programs, community, and more.
RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Various resource services are offered to both program residents and local communities. Resources include groceries, hot meals, articles of clothing, basic household essentials, G.E.D. tutoring, and more, all free of charge.

Programs include:

Food Bank
Community Kitchen
Food Pantry
Adult Education
Clothing Outreach

Local community members receiving free groceries, clothing, hot meals, and education.
OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Reaching over 20 underserved communities each week, outreach programs offer food, clothing, furniture, street clean-up, and children’s programs all free of charge. Staff and volunteers have been able to build strong relationships within these communities and equip them for long-term sustainability.

Programs include:

- Adopt-A-Block
- Kidz JAM
- Mobile Food Banks
- Foster Care Intervention
- Jail Outreach
The Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen have been my main source of food. I didn’t have anything. I had a good job before the pandemic. I would always pass by the Dream Center and have seen how many people were being helped. I am so thankful to God for a place like the Dream Center.

The pandemic hit and I lost my job. I lost my health insurance. I almost became homeless, and I really needed help with food.

Adrianna | Community Member
Adrianna (right) with friend (left) enjoying a Dream Center meal.
In preparation, actions were taken to expand bed capacity in two phases for those that came to the Dream Center seeking help and refuge.

**Feature:** Transitional Housing for Families

The Transitional Housing program for families added a total of 27 new rooms, allowing a capacity of 42 total family units.
Phase two of this project will give us an additional 15 rooms for unhoused families, as well as 20 additional rooms for recovery program beneficiaries.

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, the Dream Center celebrated phase one of the expansion. World Vision, Baby2Baby, LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, along with former LA Dodgers first baseman Steve Garvey, Kelly Stone, and others joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
RECOVERY PROGRAMS

The Dream Center’s recovery efforts are designed to support men and women who are overcoming life-controlling issues, such as drug and alcohol addictions, depression, abuse, and more. These programs are structured to provide the time and resources needed for sobriety, a healthy foundation, and renewed life. Food, housing, education, mentorship, job training, and support for transition to independent living are also provided free of charge.

Programs include:

Emergency Shelter
Discipleship
Connections
Transitions

620 men & women benefitted from recovery programs
MORE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Transitional housing programs are designed to equip individuals and families to restore their lives for long-term success. Clients can access a personal support system through community to pursue educational goals and/or employment. Furthermore, they are able to gain life skills to become self-sufficient as they transition into independent living, all in addition to free meals and housing.

Programs include:

Families
Veterans
Foster Youth

200 client beneficiaries were provided housing and life-transformative services
“When my son was born, my husband lost his job. We were living in and out of our car, in and out of hotels. My husband and I were very depressed but hopeful. We met a pastor who told us about the Dream Center. We applied and got in.

*The Dream Center has allowed us to work on our marriage and let God be the center of it. I can’t express how grateful I am for how much my family has been impacted by the family floor program.*

Kinzie | Program Resident
Kinzie, her husband, and their two children at the Dream Center.
With the city reopening, annual events returned back in-person providing essentials, encouragement, and opportunities for social reengagement for the community. Many organizations, businesses, and other community members came together to partner and restore Los Angeles.
On December 18 and 19, 2021, Shawn Meaike and Family First Life sponsored the Annual Christmas Dreamland for families in Los Angeles struggling financially due to inflation. Prices for children’s toys were up 10% ahead of the holidays. The event included a festive carnival, complete with train rides, a carousel, reindeer, games, snow, and hot chocolate. Gifts and activities for the whole family included:

**Over 10K toys distributed** for children of all ages

**20,000 meals | 500 hams** distributed

In partnership with Kershaw’s Challenge and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, the Annual Back-to-School Bash was hosted by the Dream Center in-person on August 7, 2021 distributing **2,500 backpacks**. Festivities included carnival games, a ferris wheel, water slides, and much more.

World Vision, Planet Hope Foundation, AM570 LA Sports, and the Justin Turner Foundation helped make this event possible.
Various experiences are available year-round for individuals and groups to serve in different areas of the Dream Center.
Individuals who participate in these experiences play a huge role in helping underserved communities throughout Los Angeles and program residents at the Dream Center’s Transitional Housing programs.

DREAM CENTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Since 2005, the Dream Center Leadership School (DCLS) has empowered gospel-centered leaders who shape culture and make lasting change. This leadership experience is available to young adults 18-24, aimed to equip students to find confidence in their identity, discover their gifts and talents, and more.

I was on a Short Term Mission trip when I was first introduced to DCLS. I’ve learned a new form of leadership that’s dependent on the Lord. One thing I’ve been able to take away from my time here has been the skill of being able to direct a conflict. I am now able to find calmness when confronted with it.

I’ve experienced a transformation within myself, a community I’ve never had before, and a new form of leadership.

Aunaya White | 2nd Year Student
Visit dcls.dreamcenter.org for more information on the DCLS.
The Dream Center Immersion Experience is a three to six-month experience available to individuals who are 21 and older with a heart to serve. It is aimed to empower individuals to take their experience and training across the world to plant churches, ministries, and reach more people in need.

For more information contact immersion@dreamcenter.org

Short Term Missions (STM) is designed for individuals, churches, ministries, and other volunteer groups and organizations to experience all the outreach programs available through the Dream Center while staying onsite for up to two weeks.

124 groups, churches and organizations have served with us from all over the country

Visit dreamcenter.org/stm for more information.
DREAM CENTER NETWORK

Inspired by the Dream Center’s mission, many pastors and community leaders have built Dream Centers in their own cities to meet specific community needs. The Dream Center Network continues to grow each year, reaching thousands of people across the globe.

The Dream Center Network now collectively consists of:

75 Dream Centers

around the world, including centers in 29 states and 11 different countries

Visit thedenetwork.org for more information on the Dream Center Network.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer opportunities are available all across the Dream Center campus which include serving hot meals in the Community Kitchen, joining outreach teams to serve communities all over Los Angeles, campus beautification projects, and more.

Contact volunteers@dreamcenter.org for more information on available opportunities.
This year, partnership opportunities were made available to support and invest in sustainability and growth in impacting transformation in local communities.
Through these partnerships, **client beneficiaries are able to**: 

**RECEIVE**
- Food and Clothing
- Shelter
- Hygiene Products
- Other Necessities and Essentials

**ACHIEVE**
- Education/Career
- Life Skills
- Financial Management Skills
- Trauma and Addiction Recovery
- Restored Relationships
- Family Foundations
- Identity In Christ
Ways to Partner
DREAM FUND | DONOR SPOTLIGHT

“The Dream Center has been able to continue feeding the community through their Community Kitchen and Food Pantry. We have been honored to partner with them and love seeing the impact they have.”

Jonathon & Christine Avanti-Fischer | Hope Partners

ADOPT A BED

Adopt-A-Bed (AAB) provides a safe residence off the street for people affected by challenges like homelessness and addiction.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS & IN-KIND DONATIONS

Through in-kind contributions, organizations and businesses can expand their reach to impact a diverse spectrum of need, impacting local communities.

DREAM FUND

Dream Fund increases capacity for a full spectrum of opportunities for client beneficiaries to rebuild their lives and accomplish their goals.

For more information about these partnerships, scan this QR code.
Thank You For Making A Difference

We thank every friend, corporation, church, organization, volunteer, supporter, and staff who have come alongside us believing that change is possible.

CONTACT US

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A 990 form is filed with the IRS annually for the Dream Center Foundation. As a church, the Dream Center is not required to file a 990 form. Our budget and expenses can be viewed through our audited Annual Financial Report.
PLEASE USE THIS ENVELOPE TO MAKE A DONATION.

Every gift is 100% tax deductible. Envelope attached.

“When you set out to change a life, yours will be changed in the process as well.”

- Matthew Barnett