Dear Friends,

The last couple of months have been a whirlwind as I’ve started my new position as CEO of Union Station Homeless Services. I’ve had the opportunity to get to know our amazing staff and board members — incredibly committed, smart, hardworking people dedicated to ending homelessness and helping people rebuild lives of stability and hope.

I’ve been privileged to begin to meet our elected officials and other local leaders tasked with the well-being of citizens in our communities — and to build even more opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

Last, but certainly not least, it’s been an incredible honor to meet many of our amazing donors and volunteers. It is you who make it possible to do our work. It is through your generosity of time and treasure that we together house and provide a wide array of services to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Every time someone we serve opens the door to their new home, or starts their first day of a new job, or reports that they now have hope to move forward in their lives — know that you are standing behind them, having helped make this happen. You have helped end homelessness for these, our neighbors.

Ending homelessness is what we are about here at Union Station Homeless Services. Last year, with your help, we housed over 700 people in Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley — almost two people a day.

“We housed over 700 people last year — almost two people a day!”
- Anne Miskey, CEO

We just learned this week that homelessness in Alhambra has gone down by 42% due to a partnership between Union Station Homeless Services, the Alhambra Police Department and LA County Department of Mental Health.

These are the good news stories that we celebrate — and yet, sadly — we know the problem persists, especially as the cost of housing continues to rise.

As I begin the incredible privilege of working at Union Station Homeless Services, I look forward to your continued partnership, support, and collaboration. Together we must be fearless as we work to bring housing, stability, dignity and hope back to those we serve. Thank you — and I look forward to getting to know you and to working with you.

Warm Regards,

Anne Miskey
Chief Executive Officer

For more information on how to get involved, contact us at giving@unionstationhs.org!

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For over 45 years, thousands of community members have come together in solidarity to celebrate hope and share a delicious meal during our free Thanksgiving Dinner in the Park. Individuals and families in need, as well as hundreds of volunteers, gather in the spirit of giving to break bread. You can be part of this annual tradition! Sign up to volunteer to help feed thousands of people. Volunteers help set up the event, cook, serve meals, and clean up. **Online volunteer registration for Thanksgiving 2018 will open on Thursday, November 1st at 9:00am.**

If you can’t join us on Thanksgiving Day, you can still make a difference by donating items for our holiday meal! Union Station is accepting store-bought pies, canned food and soda, bottled water, kitchen supplies, and other items for Thanksgiving at our Adult Center located at 412 S. Raymond Ave. We will also need sack lunch donations the week of Thanksgiving, which is a great project to do with your family and friends!

We are thankful for the generosity of our community members who help us provide for so many each year. The donations we receive help ensure that every single person in need of a meal is able to receive one!

**Interested In Volunteering?**
For information regarding volunteering, donations, event sponsorship, and our Wish List, please visit: unionstationhs.org/dip.

**New Leadership**
Join us in welcoming the newest members of our Union Station Board and our newest Executive staff members.

**Jim Moore**, **Board Chairman**, is the Regional Private Banking Manager for The Private Bank at Wells Fargo with responsibility for their Pasadena, Encino, and Ontario offices. He has been in Financial Services for over 30 years serving clients in Wealth Management, Real Estate, and Large Corporate.

**Cathy Simms**, **Board Treasurer**, has an MBA from USC and has over 30 years experience as a banker. With over 15 years experience on non-profit boards, the Union Station finance committee, and Patron Saints Foundation, Cathy brings a wealth of knowledge and guidance to our board.

**Marie Queen**, **Board Vice Chair**, has been a Director of her family’s foundation, The James J. and Sue Femino Foundation, since 2008. Marie is also involved with USC’s Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy, contributing to their work with donors and their families in the Los Angeles area.

**Mitch Kauffman**, **Board Secretary**, is the Founder and Managing Director of Kauffman Wealth Management, an independent comprehensive planning firm for 35 years, managing over $450 million. His goal is to make a positive impact by supporting numerous organizations with treasure and his business expertise.

**Amanda Green**, **Director of Operations**, oversees Union Station’s facilities, volunteer and community programs, food services and office management. With over 10 years of non-profit management experience, we are excited to see what her skills and experience bring to this much needed position at Union Station.

**Adam Kaplan**, **Director of Human Resources**, is a senior professional in human resources (SPHR Certified) with over 12 years of experience. With a passion for people, Adam hopes to continue to create a thriving and positive environment for all our amazing staff at Union Station.
Join us for Evening for the Station, A Night of Magic featuring top magicians and illusionists that are sure to amaze! You don’t want to miss this magical evening in support of Union Station’s life changing programs.

Our night of magic unfolds on Thursday, November 1st at The Rose in Pasadena. Tickets include a magical performance and buffet dinner.

**5:30 pm - Sponsor Reception**

**6:30 pm - General Admission**

**7:00 pm - Dinner & Show**

**TALENT INCLUDES**

- TINA CALVERT: Magician & Mime
- ARDAN JAMES: Animated Illusionist
- ROB ZABRECKI: An Odd Man
- MIKE CAVENEY: Magician / Emcee
- DAVID KOVAC: Close-Up Magician

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**Welcome Anne Miskey, CEO**

Recently, we gathered with our supporters at an intimate gathering to welcome our new Chief Executive Officer, Anne Miskey, and hear the vision and direction that Union Station Homeless Services is moving towards in the upcoming years. Among the attendees, we heard from Congresswoman Judy Chu, and one of our passionate outreach staff members, Big Mike, about the work that is happening on the regional and local levels.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mitch Kauffman & Joanne Moran for graciously opening up their home for this special event.

To learn more about the benefits of joining the Leadership Circle, visit: unionstationhs.org/LC
Richard & Eric Dong Endowment

We are excited to announce the establishment of The Richard and Eric Dong Endowment Fund at Union Station, benefiting children that are experiencing homelessness. A contribution of $25,000 has been received from Richard and Eric Dong. The fund will provide scholarships for children in sports, music and the arts, children’s books, staff appreciation, and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights educational programs.

A special endowment ceremony was held on August 8 at Union Station’ Family Center to celebrate the endowment. Attended by Congresswoman Judy Chu and former State Assembly member, the Honorable Mike Eng, the ceremony included a classical piano performance by the brothers. Thank you, Richard and Eric for your generosity!

For more information on the Endowment Fund, contact Dana Bean at 626.240.4558.

YIMBY — Yes In My Back Yard!

For the first time in four years, homelessness decreased in Los Angeles County. On the night of the 2018 Homeless Count, 52,765 people were experiencing homelessness in LA County, which is 2,283 less than in 2017. However, we need your continued support to continue to end homelessness and rebuild lives.

Did you know that every one of the L.A. City Council members pledged unanimously to support a minimum of 222 units of supportive housing in each of their districts by July 1, 2020? That’s 3,330 units in total—or about one-third of the City’s 10,000 unit goal. Now it’s up to all of us to make sure the units get built!

Union Station Homeless Services is committed to advocating for more affordable housing. We want affordable rents and a more sustainable and prosperous region, where everyone has a safe place to call home.

However, to accomplish this goal, we need your help to advocate in your neighborhood, city, region, and state levels for policies, plans, and projects that will build these units and improve the lives of all. Visit EveryoneInLA.org to join the movement and be #partofthesolution!

To check on the progress of your councilmember, visit: bit.ly/housingtracker.

Leave A Legacy

There are many ways to make a planned gift. If you wish you could do more to help end homelessness in our community, look no further than Union Station’s Legacy Society. By including Union Station Homeless Services in your will, you can ensure that our work will continue into the future.

To learn about planned giving and our Legacy Society, visit unionstationhs.org/legacy.

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