



THE GIVING SPIRIT

Serving the homeless of Los Angeles since 1999

We face exceptional times. Across our land, political discourse seems to be driving us further and further apart at a time when we should all be coming together. Only together can we solve society's toughest challenges.

Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to be at tragic levels. According to the latest HUD stats, LA remains the number one city for unsheltered Americans, with youth homelessness leading the growth.

We can all agree on the core values that we hold dear -- providing hope, protecting civility and humbly helping those less fortunate. *These values embody TGS. We don't merely talk. We ACT. We don't just point fingers. We MOBILIZE. We don't see objects. We see HUMANITY. We don't judge. We TEACH.*



Our [Winter Outreach](#) is in just three weeks (Dec. 8-11). Have you [signed up](#) yet? Have you reached out to your neighbors, colleagues and family to step up and [join you](#)? This holiday season we celebrate 17 years of service to those in need who live with us in this awesome city. And this city has never needed us more than right now!

From our core values, we are building the next chapter of our history. On [December 10](#), we will offer three groundbreaking educational breakout sessions dedicated to shaping young minds, keeping our communities current, and using our concept of "immersive learning" to further our **long-term goal to eradicate homelessness**.

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Each session will be unique and powerful. So, as you are building kits, take time to join us in a session and continue your commitment to be a part of the solution in serving the unsheltered.



As I tell our families, we are not only caretakers of today but also **caretakers of the future**. If our youth wants to end homelessness they must remove societal filters and rely on firsthand knowledge of the root causes of homelessness. Together, through our hands-on work in our streets and by extending the impactful dialogue in homes, classrooms and the workplace, we can truly continue and restore **Hope In Humanity**. Thank you for being a part of TGS, and see you in a few weeks!

P.S. -- Don't forget TGS is one of our city's largest all-volunteer organizations. Every dollar counts. Be proud that more than 95% goes directly to the homeless. We are \$125,000 from our goal of \$300,000 to **serve 5,100 lives** between now and next May. **Please dig deep if you can!**

Tom Bagamane
Founder and Chairman
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