

# St. Joseph Center

*'Tis the Season to Remember your Community*



## Thank You

We would like to express our thanks for your continued support of St. Joseph Center. As volunteers, donors, advocates, and community partners – You change lives!

We look forward to hearing from you during the holidays and in the New Year.

St. Joseph Center Programs include:

### Family Services Programs

Family Center and Food Pantry  
Infant Toddler Development Center  
Early Learning Center  
Culinary Training Program

### Homeless Services Programs

Homeless Service Center  
Bread and Roses Café  
Affordable Housing Program  
Senior Services

### Money Management Programs

Monetary Advisory Program  
Veterans Representative Payee Program

### St. Joseph Center Thrift Store

To Participate Contact:

Tiana Rideout  
Volunteer Services Coordinator  
310.396.6468 x326  
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www.stjosephctr.org

## Holiday Program Benefitting Low-Income and Homeless Men, Women and Children

The holidays are a time to remember friends and family. We hope you will think of your community too. Every day, St. Joseph Center strives to help clients fulfill their basic needs. During the November and December holidays, you can show your support by giving the men, women and children that we serve gifts and a holiday meal. Join St. Joseph Center's holiday program and donate your time, thoughtfulness, and generosity. I hope you'll help us provide each of our clients with a gift this year!

*Va Lecia Adams*  
Executive Director

## Save the Date & Participate

### Thanksgiving Food Donations

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### Help Us Volunteer

Holiday Party Entertainment, Organizing Gifts & Distribution Days

# Thanksgiving Baskets

Show your support and encourage men, women and children who strive toward self-sufficiency.

## Suggested Items

Donate a Thanksgiving Basket for a family or individual with non-perishable items. Include a grocery gift card for a turkey or donate a turkey!

- Canned vegetables (yams, green beans and corn)**
- Canned Fruit (cranberry sauce)**
- Boxed Stuffing and Potatoes**
- Gravy and Sauce Packets**
- Turkey or \$20 grocery gift card**



## Group Donations

Join with friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, or other groups to make a donation. We appreciate groups that participate annually! Contact us for details and pickup services.

- Donate frozen turkeys**
- Organize a food drive**
- Collect grocery gift cards**
- Buy single items in bulk**



## Express Baskets

A \$25 donation or grocery store gift card is a great option that will afford our seniors, veterans and other clients the opportunity to choose their meal and save you time in the busy holiday season.

With an Express Basket you can cover the cost of turkey breast, fresh vegetables for casserole dishes and the ingredients for a delicious dessert for individuals and smaller families.

## Thanksgiving Basket Commitment

Please complete the Holiday Commitment Card and send it to St. Joseph Center's Volunteer Services Coordinator, Tiana Rideout, by Friday, November 13.

- *Thanksgiving Baskets with \$20 Gift Card*
- *Organize a Group Donation or Food Drive*
- *Express Baskets: \$25 Grocery Gift Card*

Contact: 310.396.6468 x326

## Save the Date & Participate

### Thanksgiving Drop-Off Baskets

November 16-20  
from 9am-5pm

St. Joseph Center  
204 Hampton Drive  
Venice, CA 90291

### Volunteer Distribution

Join LA Clippers and Ralps/Food4Less on Saturday, November 21 at St. Joseph Center.

Call today to sign up!

### Help Us Food Pantry

SJC's Food Pantry needs help sorting food donations on weekdays year-round.



## Adopt-A-Family Program: Make a Difference for Families and Individuals

Join St. Joseph Center’s Adopt-A-Family Program to ensure that our clients have a holiday gift and comforting meal. We have client wish lists to make shopping easier. You can anonymously “adopt” homeless or low-income men, women, and children in your community. Every year each client receives a gift, and we hope to continue fulfilling all wishes.

To participate in Adopt-A-Family follow these steps:

1) Fill out the Commitment Card – indicating the number of individuals and/or families you would like to “adopt”. Send by fax, email or standard mail to Volunteer Services Coordinator, Tiana Rideout.

2) When wish lists are available, you will receive a confirmation call and client wish lists will be sent to you.

3) Purchase new items for your family or individual:

- Grocery Store Gift Certificate (\$25 per person)
- Family Household Item or Individual Personal Item (suggested value \$20-30)
- A small age appropriate gift for each child (suggested value \$15-20)

Sample Wish List  
 T. Jones: Family of 4  
 Family Grocery Card = \$100  
 Household Gift: Toaster  
 Christina (age 2) Doll  
 Jamie (age 12) Backpack  
 David (age 16) Gift Card

4) Deliver unwrapped, clearly labeled gifts and grocery cards to St. Joseph Center by Wednesday, December 16. You are welcome to include wrapping paper and ribbons.

St. Joseph Center’s holiday policy limits donations to one gift per head of household and one gift per child. Our rationale is three-fold: First, St. Joseph Center is committed to building family self-sufficiency. We want to encourage adult clients to select practical items that reinforce this goal. Second, we want to model sensible “holiday” spending patterns for families. Third, limiting the number and approximate price range of all Adopt-A-Family gifts assures some equity and that all St. Joseph Center’s working poor and homeless families are remembered during the holidays.

### Adopt-A-Family Commitment

Please complete the Holiday Commitment Card and send it to St. Joseph Center’s Volunteer Services Coordinator, Tiana Rideout, by Friday, December 4.

- *Adopt a family or individuals*
- *Participate with your community organization*
  - *Donate single-items in bulk*
  - *Express Gift: Send funds or gift cards*

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### Save the Date & Participate

#### Adopt-A-Family Drop-Off Days

Monday, December 7 to Thursday, December 10 from 9am-7pm or on Wednesday, December 16 by 7pm

St. Joseph Center  
 204 Hampton Drive  
 Venice, CA 90291

#### Volunteer “Bag and Tag”

Help us organize the donated gifts on December 16-22. Then help distribute gifts to clients at St. Joseph Center on December 22 and 23. Call today to sign up!

#### Help Us Holiday Party

Join us for the Family Center client Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12. Host a game booth or come with your choir to sing holiday songs. Call today to sign up!

# St. Joseph Center Holiday Commitment Card

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Group/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check the Box(es) for your Thanksgiving Commitment:

- I can bring \_\_\_\_\_ nonperishable baskets with \$20 Grocery Gift Card by Noon on Friday, November 20 (If perishable items are included, please deliver **no earlier** than November 20)
- I can bring the following items in bulk:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- I will contribute \_\_\_\_\_ Express Baskets for \$25 each
- I am organizing this Thanksgiving commitment with my group \_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteering for Distribution Days or Future Opportunities

Notes for the Volunteer Services Coordinator:  
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# St. Joseph Center Holiday Commitment Card

## Adopt-A-Family or Individual

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Group/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Check the Box(es) for your Adopt-A-Family Commitment:

- I would like to “adopt” \_\_\_\_\_ family/families no larger than \_\_\_\_\_ persons
- I would like to “adopt” \_\_\_\_\_ individuals
- I can bring the following items in bulk:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- I will contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Adopt-A-Family program
- I am organizing this Adopt-A-Family commitment with my group \_\_\_\_\_

- Volunteering for Distribution Days, Holiday Party or Future Opportunities

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