



SACRAMENTO LOAVES & FISHES

Homeless Survival Services Since 1983

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

We began this Lenten season with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day, a day of celebrating love in the world. This juxtaposition of sitting with both love and suffering in the same moment is something threaded through each day at Loaves & Fishes.

Most mornings Micah walks from his camp to Friendship Park where he wraps his long lanky frame around a steaming cup of coffee. He stares off into the sky as his neighbors assemble for the morning prayer circle led by members of our Side-by-Side program. Some days, he sits and listens while other days he reads scripture passages and tells bits of his story.

Micah has shared that during his dark days, he returns here to this small private park where he is seen and loved. Knowing that has made all the difference in his journey. One day he told staff he prays for us that we are able to "hold up the light for all the forgotten folks out here. Y'all are beautiful and I love y'all."

This tiny bit of sacred space amidst a world of turbulence is only possible with the faith and trust of our community supporters. We humbly thank you!

Our founders Chris and Dan Delany dedicated their lives to loving and serving our guests as Christ would. Chris especially was known to remind us in difficult moments that "God is the guest" and point to number 33 from The 36 Things which says exactly that. Homelessness is a path of loneliness, loss, grief and much suffering. Yet, Micah shows us there is always light somewhere.

Our work is founded in the Catholic Worker tradition, but we recognize that this year Lent spans holidays from several other religions including the beginning of Ramadan and Holi. The concept of sacrifice and love leading to faith is one that unifies us and we hope, brings us closer to recognizing our shared humanity.

Give now to support our beloved community.



As we journey through the wilderness of Lent towards the bright light of Easter, please consider a gift in honor of loving our guests through their vulnerable moments.

Will you join our community by giving today?

With love and gratitude,

Angela Hassell

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Executive Director

P.S. - Your donation sustains this holy space where our guests are embraced with dignity and respect. Please give today!