

ASL DINNER VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support at the ASL

We are excited about the opportunity to serve people in a more housing focused and stable environment with the ASL enrollment program and day services. We realize this impacts your efforts as well and appreciate your patience during these changes.

- As predicted with the new enrollment program, the amount of food needed has decreased at dinner time. We are finding that being prepared for about 45 servings ensures enough for all and prevents any waste.
- We recognize that attendance may appear low when you arrive, however in the first 2 months of the program, we have enrolled over 50 people and have had an attendance rate of **85% of our 40 beds each night.**
- ALSO, we have 5 designated beds for Laguna Beach PD which are often filled in the late hours of the evening.
- While we started the program with many of our longest stayers, we have housed 10 people to date.
- **YOUR MEALS ARE VITAL TO US AND OUR GUESTS.** You may not see the tremendous impact it has when we are able to serve a meal late to someone after they come in from work or someone that LBPD brings in at 9pm that hasn't eaten all day.
- If you are wondering about all of our other homeless friends that are no longer here at night—we are serving them during the day from 10am to 1pm. So far, in the past 2 months **we have seen 175 people in our day program**, with an average of about 25 per day.
- During the day program, we are providing a **lunch meal**, showers, laundry, outreach social services, and a welcoming place for anyone who is in need.
- Our day program has successfully diverted 3 individuals out of homelessness, and redirected many others to alternate emergency shelters, mental health services and medical services.

As always, we welcome your feedback and any questions you may have. Feel free to contact Mia Ferreira at 949.940.6032 or mferreira@friendshipshelter.org