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A Thanksgiving Message from Our Executive Director.



Hope and Healing to Repair the World

As we are still in the midst of the pandemic of COVID 19, and our community ties seem more tenuous than ever, I am honored to see hope and healing in action every day here at Toco Hills Community Alliance.

This hope and healing happens as neighbors help neighbors, strangers become friends, differences are celebrated, and barriers are crossed. I am convinced this is what we need more of in our world. Our Jewish friends and neighbors call this "tikkun olam," meaning to repair the world.

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- Children nourished and more ready to learn in school
- Seniors able to have healthy food and medicine
- Unhoused friends receiving hot meals, socks, and friendship
- Immigrants welcomed, no matter where they come from, what religion they practice, or what language they speak
- Volunteers from all walks of life coming together for a common purpose and mission

And, every single day, even - maybe especially - on the very busy days, I catch a glimpse of what Dr. King called the Beloved Community.

Then, my hope is renewed, my courage reignited, and gratitude overflows in my heart for all of you.

Because you all are part of that – all of you who give money, supplies, energy, love, prayers. In fact, it is only because of you and your generosity that it happens. Just today, a group of young men who happen to be unhoused came up in an older, beat up car. We were able to give them lunch and 60 pound boxes of food that included fresh produce, as well as hygiene items, socks, and a jacket for one who had none. They left full, warm, and knowing that they have a place to come for help and hope, to be welcomed and cared for as neighbors.

I want to invite you to continue to join with us as neighbors helping neighbors to strengthen and sustain our community and make a positive difference in the world. I look forward to what beautiful future can unfold with your continued financial support by participating in our Annual Campaign. <u>Here's how!</u>

In this season of giving thanks, I definitely give thanks that I can be part of this community here at Toco Hills Community Alliance, and I give thanks for all of you who are part as well, who make it possible for the oft frayed ties of community to be knit ever closer together in our neighborhood and our world.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig

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The news is full of reports about the rising cost of food, housing, gasoline, and utilities. It is impacting everyone regardless of family income level. And it is creating even more uncertainty among the most vulnerable in our community. **Please support our annual campaign to feed the hungry, the homeless, and families suffering from food insecurity. You can help us keep our food pantry stocked by clicking the DONATE button below.**

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