## **Gratitude and Compassion**

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As Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association stands at the precipice of its renewal, let's take a moment to remember our gratitude for Spirit guidance and assistance throughout this long five-year process.

Immediately after the fire, assistance came from the Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove Fire Department and the Southern Baptist relief workers. We will never forget their loving prayers as they cleared and prayed with us to hold the space to grieve and continue to heal. Then other volunteers came in to set up the donation center for our families who had been displaced and left with nothing except faith and hope to continue onwards.

The larger community of San Diego County responded with wonderful donations of gifts and the precious gift of time and service. Also, we send gratitude to those members and friends who came with their gifts of time and skill to put back in place all the items and information needed to carry on our spiritual work. This has allowed us to continue our unbroken Spiritual mandates from 1896 through the present time.

Now we, friends and members, are at the precipice with the Association to manifest our efforts to move into the energy of unity and compassion for all. Even though the world we live in doesn't always appear to be headed in this direction, it is the way Spirit is calling out to us. We have been called to purge ourselves of all that no longer serves us so that we can better fulfill our mission to assist those seekers who come to the Grove looking for answers to questions they have.

What a wonderful beginning for us as well! We also have the help and assistance of many who passed into spirit during this time and are ready to assist us moving forward. We function as their hands and feet and they uplift and inspire us from the spirit side of life. What a great combination of Spirit workers we will be as we put into practice the compassion and unity we have been learning. Search our hearts and see what Spirit is asking of us so that as we rebuild the Grove, it is in synchronicity with the highest and best of the new energy Spirit is helping ground on Earth.

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