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Osborn family raises more than \$30K at their Willow Glen Home

The Fein Osborn Family have raised more than \$30,000 at their Churros and Chocolate pop-up stand in front of their home in Willow Glen.

The \$5 donations added up, as thousands of visitors came by for the warm churros and hugs.

The Fein Osborn children decided that the only gift they wanted this Christmas was to raise \$4,000 to be donated to CityTeam to benefit our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and addiction.

To accomplish this goal, the entire family jumped into action, building a churro stand outside of their home during the holiday season.

"On behalf of our 42 volunteers, hundreds of dona-



tions from far and near, and from the thousands of people who came to lift up our kids' dream at our roadside churro stand," the "Fosbornes," as they are known, wrote, "we are humbled and honored to donate \$32,875.52 to CityTeam San Jose. The money will benefit the programs of Melody and James

Alvarado who meet the addicted and homeless in our community at the intersection between hopelessness and hope."

Planning for the fundraiser began a few months ago after a conversation about churros, which the children have enjoyed during visits to Spain, while out for a drive.



Refining the art of cooperation at Reflection Elegante Fine Art Gallery in Willow Glen

There is a new co-op fine art gallery in Willow Glen.

Lori and Gary Thompson opened Reflections Elegante Fine Art Gallery on Dec. 7 shortly after moving to their new home not far from "The Gallery" in Willow Glen.

"The Gallery" located at 1345 Lincoln Ave., is a unique co-op exhibition space for every artist to participate in the art gallery experience of displaying and selling their original artwork.

The Gallery is opening a door for Artists of all levels, to monetize their passion and accelerate their career. The Gallery's mission involves increasing



understanding and respect for Fine Art and its evolving role in today's art culture.

The Gallery strives to address artistic development, build well-informed audiences, stimulate the art world, promote art through education, exhibitions, publications, and community collaboration.

Reflections Elegante Fine Art Gallery represents more than 30 artists from the Bay Area, Monterey, Fresno, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe and Southern California. The gallery also reps artists are from Colorado, Texas, and New York. The artwork featured at "The Gallery" features paintings, drawings, photography and sculp-

ture, with price points for both collectors and more casual art appreciators.

Lori said she Gary decided on the co-op concept so the artists would feel a form of ownership to their involvement in the success of their artwork. "The co-op creates a team involvement."

"The Gallery" features rotating exhibitions, eight of which are planned in cooperation with the Willow Glen Business Association.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon-7 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.reflectionselegantegallery.com>.

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2019: The year in review

Santa Clara County talked immigration, women's health in 2019

By Katie Lauer

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

It was a momentous year for Santa Clara County lawmakers as they made major decisions on a wide array of policy issues, including immigration, homelessness, women's health and foster children's safety.

Here is a look at the top votes and policy discussions of 2019.

Sanctuary and ICE notification policy

Santa Clara County's sanctuary city policy took center stage after board members asked the administration to consider changes on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement notifications during its April 6 meeting, which led to eight hours of passionate discussion from residents and local lawmakers.

The sanctuary city policy bars the county from notifying ICE agents when undocumented immigrants are released from jail or honoring civil detainer requests, which would hold immigrants until agents can arrive and initiate deportation. The policy came under national scrutiny after a San Jose woman, Bambi Larson, was brutally murdered by an undocumented immigrant and as President Donald Trump used a series of high-profile slayings to criticize sanctuary policies.

After 56 days of heated debate and finger pointing between the county and the city, the supervisors unanimously voted to leave the policy unchanged, citing law enforcement's inability to determine whether someone is undocumented while in custody. That vote surprisingly included Supervisor Mike Wasserman, who first brought the referral to the board after Larson's murder.

This decision to stand pat outraged some members of law enforcement. San Jose



The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors meets at 70 W. Hedding St. in San Jose. Photo by Katie Lauer.

Police Officers' Association President Paul Kelly said officers cannot protect residents if "violent, repeat offenders are continuously let back into our community."

In April, Supervisors Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese and Joe Simitian expressed concerns about limiting immigrants' rights and accelerating the rate of profiling, but voted to explore changes to the policy. They later reversed that decision. Supervisor Susan Ellenberg voted to not consider any changes.

"I don't believe we need to go back and study this issue," Ellenberg said. "We want violent criminals prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. But we do not and will not have one system of justice for people born here and another for people born anywhere else."

Moratorium on the Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center

This year, supervisors debated the safety and well-being of children at the Santa Clara County Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center (RAIC) and voted unanimously to phase out its operations. The key concern, they said, was getting already vulnerable children away from violence and drugs brought in by older youth.

RAIC was intended to be a last-resort 24-hour hold placement facility for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. However, children would often stay for weeks or months at a time, before being placed with relatives or foster parents. Cortese said the RAIC initially opened in 2009 to replace the then-dangerous children's shelter, but had become just as bad.

While the decision to phase out the center came swiftly, county staff asked that the RAIC remain open until alternative services could take its place. Reforms under consideration to replace RAIC include increasing recruitment of foster parents and tripling the support services budget to \$1.4 million.

The supervisors hope to have solutions in early 2020 as the center is phased out. Proposals will be presented to the board in January.

Women's health

Working to protect women's health locally, Santa Clara County dedicated \$5 million in May to support services for mental health, domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault, including support for two rape crisis centers and additional sexual assault training for law enforcement.

In September, the board approved one-time grants of \$503,000 to the YWCA-Silicon Valley and \$97,000 to Community Solutions. Chavez said the additional dollars would help bolster staff and services, especially after Gov. Gavin Newsom didn't renew state funding for such resources.

The supervisors also started working to hire more victim advocates and expand medical exams to north and South County by February.

Affordable Housing

Although Measure A — a \$950 million affordable housing tax measure — passed in 2016, the supervisors this year continued to spend revenue from the measure by approving housing projects countywide.

In August, 80 acres of vacant county-owned land was approved to be transitioned into affordable apartments for homeless residents. The five properties initially identified for this housing included sites near East Santa Clara Street, the Valley Health Center Gilroy, St. Louise Regional Hospital, DePaul Health Center and The Hub, the future site for a foster youth center.

The sites are located near hospitals and transit corridors, which offer more amenities and resources for the vulnerable populations they will serve.

Two more lots were approved a month later — at 425 Auzerais Ave. and the corner of Gallup and Mesa drives in San Jose. Combined, they will add 176 new homes for low-income and homeless residents, funded by \$15.6 million in Measure A funding and \$17.4 million from No Place Like Home funds.

As of September, more than 31 percent of Measure A's \$950 million had been committed to extremely low- and low-income housing. Earlier in December, lawmakers broke ground on Santa Clara's first supportive housing complex, the 145-unit Calabazas Community Apartments, also funded by Measure A.

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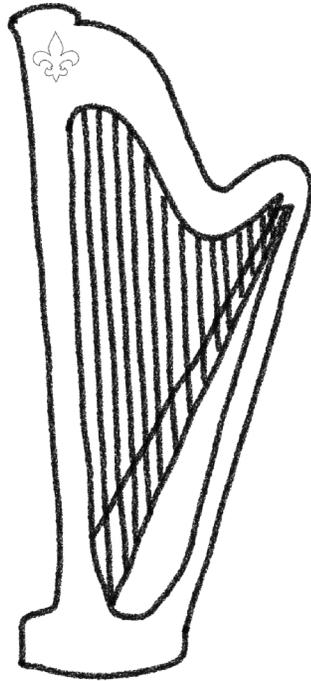
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Fairgrounds manager gets 20-year extension despite poor showing

The struggling Santa Clara County Fairgrounds non-profit has been granted a new 20-year contract to continue running the 158-acre property.

The 20-year contract with Fairgrounds Management Corp. allows the county to terminate the agreement at any point with 90-day written notice. The non-profit must also submit a draft master plan by the end of April outlining its vision for revamping the property, including reports about its finances, maintenance and upcoming projects.

The Board of Supervisors approved the contract at a time when the county also is contemplating redevelopment plans for the fairgrounds on Tully Rd, which includes a 55-acre public park, a family entertainment center, hotel and sports facilities for the San Jose Giants, and San Jose Earthquakes.

Valley Currents

current (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

Empowering interfaith youth leaders for peace and equality: singing together for change

The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is on an American tour with 13 of its talented Jewish, Christian and Muslim singers.

The public is invited to a unique participatory workshop of music and story sharing with a special performance by Notre Dame's Latinas Unidas Folklorico Dance Group, on January 6 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 325 Willow St. in Willow Glen.

Featured on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert and the

New York Times, the Jerusalem Youth Chorus singers believe that music with a message can cross borders and highlight our shared humanity.

The idea of mutual learning about solidarity, between Jerusalem and San Jose, was the inspiration of Fr. Jon Pedigo who leads the Grupo Solidaridad. Grupo Solidaridad is a Catholic faith community composed of individuals from across cultural and economic diversity dedicat-

ed to what Pope Francis has called "Encuentro," or meeting others different from ourselves, and attempting to deeply understand their point of view.

The workshop will include participatory singing in Hebrew, Arabic, English and Spanish, folkloric performances, and dialogue among the participants. Adults and teens of all backgrounds are invited. There is a hope that a multicultural chorus may arise in San Jose, like

Jerusalem Youth Chorus.

The Bay Area tour of Jerusalem Youth Chorus was initiated by Invest in Peace, a coalition of people who support the self-determination of Palestinians and Israelis and are dedicated to championing efforts that move these societies towards a shared future of coexistence and prosperity.

Editor's note: If you are interested in attending the event, RSVP: diane@jvalley.org

New nonprofit Kittens First partners with city shelter to save kittens

Kittens First is a new nonprofit that is partnered directly with the city shelter to save kittens.

Kittens First was founded earlier this year by a shelter veterinarian, Dr. Tiva Hoshizaki, city employees, volunteers, and kitten advocates. The mission of Kittens First is to prevent the euthanasia of homeless kittens through education. That's why we're empowering our community with innovative programs, online and in person classes.

As a shelter vet, Dr. Hoshizaki sees over 5,000 kittens entering the San Jose Animal Shelter system each year. Many of these kittens are sick, injured and require immediate medical attention. Others are orphaned and need around the clock care to survive. This presents a huge challenge for shelter staff that lacks the resources and funding to provide the intensive care these kittens need.

Kittens First provide:

The Foster Program for the shelter allows countless kittens who are at risk of euthanasia to grow up safe and healthy in good Samaritan's homes. The staff provides free medical care, resources, and guidance to the foster participants.

The Kitten Nursery where kittens fresh off the street are nurtured by our team of passionate volunteers who are able to provide extra care the shelter staff is unable to afford. The kittens are stabilized and provided medical care until foster or rescue can pick the kittens up.

Free Classes are offered to the community to help care for orphan kittens. The organization is in the process of building an entire online database of kitten knowledge for public use to ensure all kittens can be properly cared for.

The new non-profit believes that all kittens deserve a chance to live. If you would like to donate, the funds are used to buy much needed food, supplies, veterinary medicines, and other essentials that allow the program to run.

The goal of the organization is to save 1,000 kittens in 2020.

To learn more and to donate visit: www.kittensfirst.org



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San Jose Woman's Club celebrates 125 years of empowering women and families

The San Jose Woman's Club celebrated their 125 years of empowering women and families and enriching the fabric of our community on December 8 at their historic landmark clubhouse in downtown San Jose.

During the Progressive Era from the 1890s-1920s Woman's Clubs across the nation flourished starting out as social and literary gatherings, eventually becoming a source of reform for various issues in the U.S.

Woman's Clubs addressed important issues including ending child labor, juvenile court system, kindergartens, Indian Welfare Act, Pure Food and Drugs Act, environmental protection, free library creation, family planning and the women's right to vote.

On December 1, 1894, The San Jose Woman's Club was founded when nine women gathered in downtown San Jose, with a population of only 19,000, at Fannie Estabrook's studio to organize their efforts behind temperance and suffrage.

Realizing that a group could achieve far more than one person alone, The San Jose Woman's Club motto became "One for All and All for One." Together they set off on what has become a notable history of accomplishment in cultural, civic, educational and charitable betterment.

Today, the San Jose Woman's club is no longer a same-sex organization, but it continues to focus on supporting women and the community by maintaining an active calendar of events, providing leadership and mentoring for women, scholarships for local students, funding local and women's charitable organizations, preserving its historic Clubhouse and performing charitable work.



Hilleguus Faber, Gayle Frank and Barbara Morrey from Portraits of the Past dress in 1890s attire to commemorate the founding of the Women's Club in 1894. Photo by Jim Watkins

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San Jose makes 'Happiest City' List

SeniorLiving.org has released a study on the 20 Happiest Cities in America using the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Labor and Zillow.

The study analyzed the following factors which, in general, contribute to a person's happiness: income, housing affordability, life expectancy, commute length, suicide rate, crime rate, unemployment and household size.

The pursuit of happiness, written in the Declaration of Independence, is a key com-

ponent of America's greatness. The most recent General Social Survey found 85 percent of Americans are happy, a 6 percent decline since 1990.

San Jose, CA is ranked 10th. Eight of the top 20 cities are in the Northeast, while the Midwest has six, the West four and the South two.

- 20 Happiest U.S. Cities:**
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Lara St. John. Photo by James Farley

Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'The Red Violin', Jan. 24 – 26

Film to be presented with orchestra, full score

Symphony Silicon Valley presents *The Red Violin* (Film with Full Score, Live On Stage) January 24 – 26, 2020 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

"What do you do when the thing you most wanted, so perfect, just comes?"

From Schirmer Theatrical and Rhombus Media, experience Academy Award®-winning director François Girard's 1998 film, screened live as Symphony Silicon Valley performs John Corigliano's timeless, Oscar-winning score.

The Symphony will play John Corigliano's musical score conducted by Shih-Hung Young to accompany the eventful bio-pic of a legendary violin, following it from 17th century Italy to the present day. Violinist Lara St. John will perform the solo passages 'in what amounts to a virtuosic concerto.

Starring Jason Fleming, Greta Scacchi, Don McKellar, Sylvia Chang and Samuel L. Jackson, *The Red Violin* follows the intricate history of a mysterious antique violin from its creation by a legendary luthier in 1681 Cremona, Italy, to an auction house in modern-day Montreal where it draws the eye of an expert appraiser. Follow the violin's journey as it travels through five different countries over the course of four centuries, mysteriously impacting all who play it. The performance version of the film score was meticulously reconstructed with the assistance and approval of composer John Corigliano himself.

"There is a kind of ideal beauty that reduces us all to yearning for perfection. *The Red Violin* is about that yearning." — Roger Ebert.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 25 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 — \$98; Box Office (408) 286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org. Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre. Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.



A Coopers Hawk

A Coopers Hawk resting on a streetlight at Cribari Lane and Villages Parkway on Christmas Eve morning. Photo by Lou Alexander

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 October 26-27, 2019
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 Soloists: Robin Mayforth & Evan Kahn
 ♦ Liu Boulanger: D'un soir triste
 ♦ Liu Boulanger: D'un matin de printemps
 ♦ David Amram: Partners: Violin & Cello Double Concerto (SSV co-commission)
 ♦ Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances

SET #3: Khachaturian & Brahms
 December 7-8, 2019
 Conductor: Pietro Rizzo
 Soloist: Nareh Arghamanyan, piano
 ♦ Glinka: Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture
 ♦ Khachaturian: Piano Concerto
 ♦ Brahms: Symphony No. 2

SET #4: Film with Full Score The Red Violin
 January 24-26, 2020
 Conductor: Shih-Hung Young
 Soloist: Lara St. John, violin
 ♦ Corigliano: The Red Violin

SET #5: Nakamatsu Plays Beethoven
 March 21-22, 2020
 Conductor: John Nelson
 Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, piano
 ♦ Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2
 ♦ Beethoven: Choral Fantasy
 ♦ Schumann: Symphony No. 4

SET #6: Mozart, Lutoslawski & Brahms
 May 9-10, 2020
 Conductor: Tito Muñoz
 Soloist: Giora Schmidt, violin
 ♦ Mozart: Symphony No. 35 - Haffner
 ♦ Lutoslawski: Concerto for Orchestra
 ♦ Brahms: Violin Concerto

SET #7: Schubert & A Sea Symphony
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Nathan Ganeshan, founder of Community Seva.

Community Seva non-profit makes sure there is never an empty stomach

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times Staff Writer

The annual "A Meal to Heal - Tree of Life Lunch-eon" was held to fund-raise for the nonprofit Community Seva last month.

Community Seva organization was founded by Nathan Ganeshan who got the idea from his seven year old son.

"On a Sunday morning in spring 2013, when Nathan was taking his seven year old son to a tennis tournament, his little son asked him "Dad, what about homeless people? Who will feed them today?" His son's words had a powerful impact on Nathan's mind," as stated on their website.

What is Community Seva

For six years Community Seva has grown dramatically. It was explained that the word "Seva" means selfless service which is performed with no expectation of any kind of return. They are not a religious or faith-based organization; they welcome all people to volunteer and contribute with their cause. All donation monies are plowed back into what they do for those who face desperate situations in their lives.

Nathan Ganeshan founder and president speaks

"In the decade of experience, I have been serving homeless individuals; I have personally had a chance to talk to so many homeless individuals whose stories have made me choke up. Speaking to them warms my heart and always inspires me to do more," stated Ganeshan.

"A few people who spoke to me at a local shelter told me that they were absolutely tired of eating the sandwiches or rolls or pizza all the time. They told me, 'You guys cook and serve such a variety of nutritious healthy dishes. It is awesome.' One person told me that he has allergies to gluten, and some of them have other dietary needs, so our meals make a big difference to their lives. One of them said, 'Is my Mom here somewhere? and said, only my Mom can cook food like this' and then he teared up."

"When we asked a lady living in an encampment, what we could do to help



her, she said, 'I need anything you can give me to protect myself.' It took me a minute to realize that she was afraid and felt insecure and vulnerable living on the streets. She continued to say that it was not her choice to live on the streets, she doesn't want to live on the streets, but now that she was there, she wanted to protect herself. Imagine a woman sleeping in the dark every night feeling unsafe and afraid!" stated Ganeshan.

Ganeshan continued, "One man I spoke to said he became homeless because he lost his job and he sent his family to stay with his wife's parents so that they did not have to face living on the street. Soon after, his wife ended up divorcing him and he ultimately became homeless. It was not his choice either. Imagine losing your job, then your house and finally your wife! It is so hard to recover from that. I can share a thousand such stories - experience after experience, but the simple, loud and clear message is that homelessness is not a choice, circumstances and situations make a person become homeless and as responsible citizens of this country, we need to do our part, we need to act with kindness and we need to act with generosity."

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Times Local News

Seva

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City commendation awarded by Councilwoman Arenas

"I'm proud to honor Community Seva with this commendation because of their selfless service to our unhoused community across San Jose" remarked Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas. "Volunteers with Community Seva have served over 100,000 meals and I'm grateful to also partner with them to help provide school supplies for our families during National Night Out. This commendation is a testament to the inspiring leadership of Nathan Ganeshan, Community Seva founder, and the countless volunteers that help to build a better San Jose through their service."

Fueled by donations

"Community Seva has grown exponentially in the last six years. Look at our trajectory of growth and service. We will beat any Internet startup in the Valley with our numbers; from 100 to 100,000 meals in 6 years. From 1 volunteer to 2,000 volunteers, we have distributed over 6000 backpacks and hygiene kits and our shower service will touch four digits very soon. All these achievements could not be done without all of your support and without the support from the core volunteer team," Ganeshan stated.

Showers on wheels

Ganeshan explained some refuse to take a shower because they don't have a single change of clothes. "It was very heart breaking to see this. We bought a coat and a pair of pants for a man to change into so that he could finally take a shower. Isn't it hard to imagine owning just a single set of clothes that you wear day after day regardless of sweat or dirt or anything else? We are increasing the frequency of the shower facilities from once a month to 9 times a month - I repeat 9 times a month. This will allow our homeless brothers and sisters to take showers more frequently helping them stay clean and healthy, and maintain hygiene," stated Ganeshan.

Homeless situation growing

"The homelessness count is increasing year after year, causing even death on the streets. The homeless count is 9000+ right here in Santa Clara county. Just in Santa Clara county alone, more than 100 homeless individuals have died this past year. Community Seva is working to secure a larger commercial kitchen so that we are not dependent on any shelter's facility, so that we can cook and serve more food to the

homeless. We are confident of identifying a commercial kitchen very soon and then the kitchen will need to be equipped well to handle the capacity at our end, and to meet the standards of the county's health department," stated Ganeshan.

Panelists enlighten

The event showcased the positive impact created over the past years with the vast network of volunteers, supporters and community members. There were four panelists which included Ganeshan.

Pastor Scott Wagers

Pastor Wagers is founder and Senior Pastor of CHAM Deliverance Ministry. Their website states, "Silicon Valley has one of the worst homeless problems in the nation. Because of incredibly high rents and very low vacancy, people are becoming homeless who have never been homeless before. We need your help now more than ever to bring necessities to those who are trying to survive life on the streets."

"Thank you for your invitation to speak Brother Nathan," Wagers said. "I've been on the front line for 25 years. The problem is greater now. Thoughts and prayers matter; 6,200 homeless; 10,000 in county; and 158 homeless died some of which we advocated for. The picture is grim but there is hope. How do we make a difference? The front line is where the battle will be won or lost. All people are equal and that includes the houseless. Treat people with absolute dignity and it transforms them. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'You have to make a human connection.'"

Individuals donate \$10K

Up on the screen slides with photos showed what donation monies create. Many in the audience raised their hands to give a donation and placed checks silently in envelopes. Some raised their hands to donate \$10,000 in which all of their donations were assured to go back into serving the less fortunate with no employee earning a wage at Community Seva.

Shaunn Carwright

Carwright who works on rent control, tenant's rights and unhoused issues stated, "The thing I see most at Community Seva is humanity. She explained that Community Seva goes out of its way to make eye contact with everyone and offers smiles of hope. She said, "Empathy is key!" Carwright educated that homeless women can get into use of drugs to stay awake at night to better protect themselves so that they are not abused. "There are a lot of ways homeless women can be intimidated. Once women are

addicted its hard for them to get off of it for it is a coping mechanism."

Homeless individual speaks of actual experiences

He asked the audience, "What does a houseless person look like?" The answer was given when he said, "I'm just a regular person trying to make it day by day, just unhoused so we don't know what a houseless person looks like, they look like you or I." When recalling what it felt like to be homeless he said, "I felt like the world gave up on me and I didn't know where to get help." He painted the truthful picture of what goes on in the lives of the houseless and expressed such experiences can lead to mental breakdowns. Today he's working full time with a union job.

It was explained at the event, homelessness does not belong to a certain group of people instead it transcends race and is a conversation that needs to be had. "You will get to see where your dollar goes when you volunteer with us as the need is local - this seva happens locally. That's the beauty of our organization," stated Ganeshan.

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- 2 bedrooms
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- 1,141 square feet of living space
- Situated on a 7,636 square foot lot
- Unfinished lower level basement with the same square footage as main level (1,140) offers endless opportunities including office space, apartment and guest quarters just to name a few
- The charm of being built in 1910 with state-of-the-art amenities for 2020!

Kitchen

- New Samsung stainless steel appliances, including ventilated microwave, 5-burner glass cooktop, dishwasher, refrigerator, and under mount sink
- Custom French country white cabinets with soft-close drawers, corner cabinet, and pantry
- Granite counter tops, recessed lighting, and glass slider to second story deck

Living and Dining Rooms

- Dining room located between the kitchen and living room, creating an airy, open concept floorplan
- Living room features a bay window, as well as a wall of windows that overlooks the front of property, bathing the home in plenty of natural light

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Gorgeous French doors that lead to the bedrooms
- Remodeled Master bedroom with all-new ceiling fan, large closet, carpeting, and Milguard windows
- Master bath features an oversized tub, dual vanity

- sink, granite counters, vanity cabinets, and rolled vinyl wood flooring
- Second bedroom also features new carpeting, Milguard windows, and walk-in closet
- Guest bath has new vanity cabinet and sink, granite countertops, mirrored medicine cabinet, walk-in glass-enclosed shower, linen closet, and rolled vinyl floor

Additional Features

- Vinyl wood-type flooring and recessed lighting throughout living areas
- Magnolia installed house-wide internet wiring system for continuous connection
- New stackable Samsung dryer in kitchen utility closet
- New copper plumbing and electrical wiring
- Pelican water softener alternative system
- Brand new interior lighting and paint
- New tankless water heater, as well as new Bryant HVAC system

Exterior Features

- All new concrete siding, completely redone roofing with new trusses and comp shingles, new paint, and new lighting (including security flood lights)
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