

WISEPlace is proud to be leading the 1 in 4 Movement in OC ! #1in4OC



Thank you for your interest in supporting our services for unaccompanied homeless women in Orange County.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of you,
from Kathi and all of her
WISEPlace turkeys!**



Wishing you peace, love and great joy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join US in celebration of YOU at our annual Holiday Celebration & Volunteer Recognition Party!



At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit that we ask you to join WISEPlace as we honor YOU, our volunteers, and celebrate the holiday season!

Without YOU, over 300 gifts, breakfasts, lunches & dinners, building maintenance, updates & décor, phone referrals, counseling, administrative work, financial support and fundraising results would not have been possible.
You are our greatest asset!

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6 p.m.
FOR FOOD, MUSIC & FESTIVITIES!

WISEPlace Sycamore Event Hall
1411 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706
*Parking available on Sycamore Street and on surrounding streets.
entrance is on Sycamore between 15th and Washington.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 12!



**SAVE THE DATE:
FLOW by Candlelight,
2/12/17**

If you love our annual summer event, get ready for a new twist on things. FLOW by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 just in time for that *LOVEly* holiday that gets everyone craving chocolate and wine: Valentine's Day! **STAY TUNED!**

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

*Each month we will feature a Q&A with one of our Executive Board members.
This month ...*

Debrah Begley

Board President

Full Name: Debrah Begley

Occupation/Employer: Technology and Finance Consultant

Number of years of involvement with WISEPlace:

2 years as a volunteer; 3-4 years as Board President

Nickname(s): Debbie, Deb, Aunt Deba

Recently-heard quote: *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."* Maya Angelou

Favorite meal: Breakfast All American Ham and Eggs

First car: 1974 Yellow Ford Pinto with Mag Wheels

Pet: None

Someone who inspires you: My grandmother Yaemi Kunisawa. Lost her husband at a young age raised a family of 9 and successfully managed her family business farming Strawberries, Celery and Tomatoes in Westminster, CA

Favorite sport to watch: none

Little known fact: Ran 2 marathons



AROUND THE ORGANIZATION



A Home for the Holidays was a great success!

Over 125 Live and Silent Auction items were spoken for by the end of a lovely evening at The Vintage Rose on Thursday Nov. 10. This year's *A Home for the Holidays* annual fundraiser was a success story, raising over \$52,000 in the live *A Pledge from the Heart*, and approximately \$115,000 event-wide.

View scenes from our AHFTH event at <https://www.wiseplace.org/a-home-for-the-holidays/>

Don't forget to shop with a SMILE this holiday season!

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your total purchase price to WISEPlace. Just click below and you be connected with WISEPlace.

Please note that you must shop on your laptop or desktop computer in order for WISEPlace to receive these donations through AmazonSmile. The program is not currently supported by the Amazon shopping app.

Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1684796> to start shopping!

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THERE'S STILL TIME **Adopt a resident for the holidays this year!**

The holidays are lurking right around the corner! Consider adopting a woman whose holiday you can help to make extra special. On Christmas morning, your adopted resident and her house mates will receive their wrapped gifts by Santa himself! They will be treated to a wonderful community breakfast and spend the morning joyfully celebrating the holiday.

If you or your company are interested in adopting a resident for the holidays, please reach out to Program Manager Demonia Barlow at dbarlow@wiseplace.org.

Volunteers still needed on Wednesday nights

Each week, a volunteer from the community leads an educational yet fun group session with our residents. Painting, yoga, discussions about healthy relationships, personal hygiene and selecting health care, nailing an interview ... and every topic in between. Interested in helping to facilitate our weekly Wednesday group meetings? They take place from 7 - 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday. We are looking for volunteers to help us greet our visitors and organize the women participating in the sessions. Think you have one Wednesday per month to share, contact Geo Sanchez at 714.542.3577 or at gsanchez@wiseplace.org.

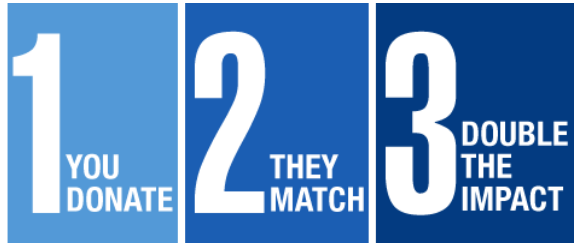


1 in 4 Update

We are committed to bringing light to the 1 in 4 women in our community - and across the nation - who are unaccompanied homeless women. Below are updated national statistics for 2016.

	2016	2015
Total homeless individuals	351,212	358,422
Total unaccompanied women	99,135 (27.9% of all indvs)	100,184 (28%)
Total sheltered unaccompanied women	58,610	61,058
Total unsheltered unaccompanied women	40,525	39,126

matching
gifts



Are you leaving money on the table?!?

Did you know that many companies have gift-matching programs that will match your donation to WISEPlace dollar for dollar? Gifts may include monthly payroll deductions as well as annual gifts. Gift-matching programs are a great way to maximize your personal contribution to WISEPlace. Don't leave money on the table! Take advantage of your company's matching gift benefit to help increase YOUR impact for the community!

Simply request paperwork from your employer or contact your human resources department to find out about opportunities available to you and your colleagues. Send the paperwork to us and we'll take it from there.

Our tax-id number is 95-1684796.

PARTNERING IN THE COMMUNITY

Each month we will feature a partner in our community who supports and empowers us to continue our good work. This month ...



JCC (Jewish Community Center) Cares

Each January, our residents, along with women receiving services from other local social service organizations, participate in *It's All About You*, a day of pampering, shopping and personal attention. Volunteers from throughout the community come to WISEPlace to provide services such as manicures, hair cuts/styles, personal shopping, massages, lunch and more. The 8th annual event is a brain-child of and organized by Mrs. Caryn Altman, a member of JCC Cares, the community service group of the Merage Jewish Community Center, in Irvine. This year's event will be held on Sunday, January 15.

Thank you JCC Cares, volunteers and Mrs. Caryn Altman!

HEARD AROUND THE HOUSE

*"If I knew WISEPlace was going to do what it is doing for me,
I would give \$10,000
if I had it."*

*"It's because of WISEPlace that I have the great relationships
I have today in my life!"*

*"WISEPlace creates relationships that I would never think
could happen to me!"*

WISEWORDS



AROUND THE WIRES

Stories selected may not represent the voice or opinions of WISEPlace

Hundreds of homeless finding a safe night's sleep at Santa Ana's new shelter

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/courtyard-735995-civic-center.html>

Hope for the homeless

http://www.coastreportonline.com/campus_news/article_790f8168-ab81-11e6-87c2-33b1307bd3f6.html

After rain, life gets tougher for the homeless living in and along the Santa Ana River

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/homeless-736210-tent-price.html>

Costa Mesa Mental Health Campus key to solving OC homelessness

<http://voiceofoc.org/2016/11/holzmann-costa-mesa-mental-health-campus-key-to-solving-oc-homelessness/>

L.A. has the most chronically homeless people - again

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/>

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