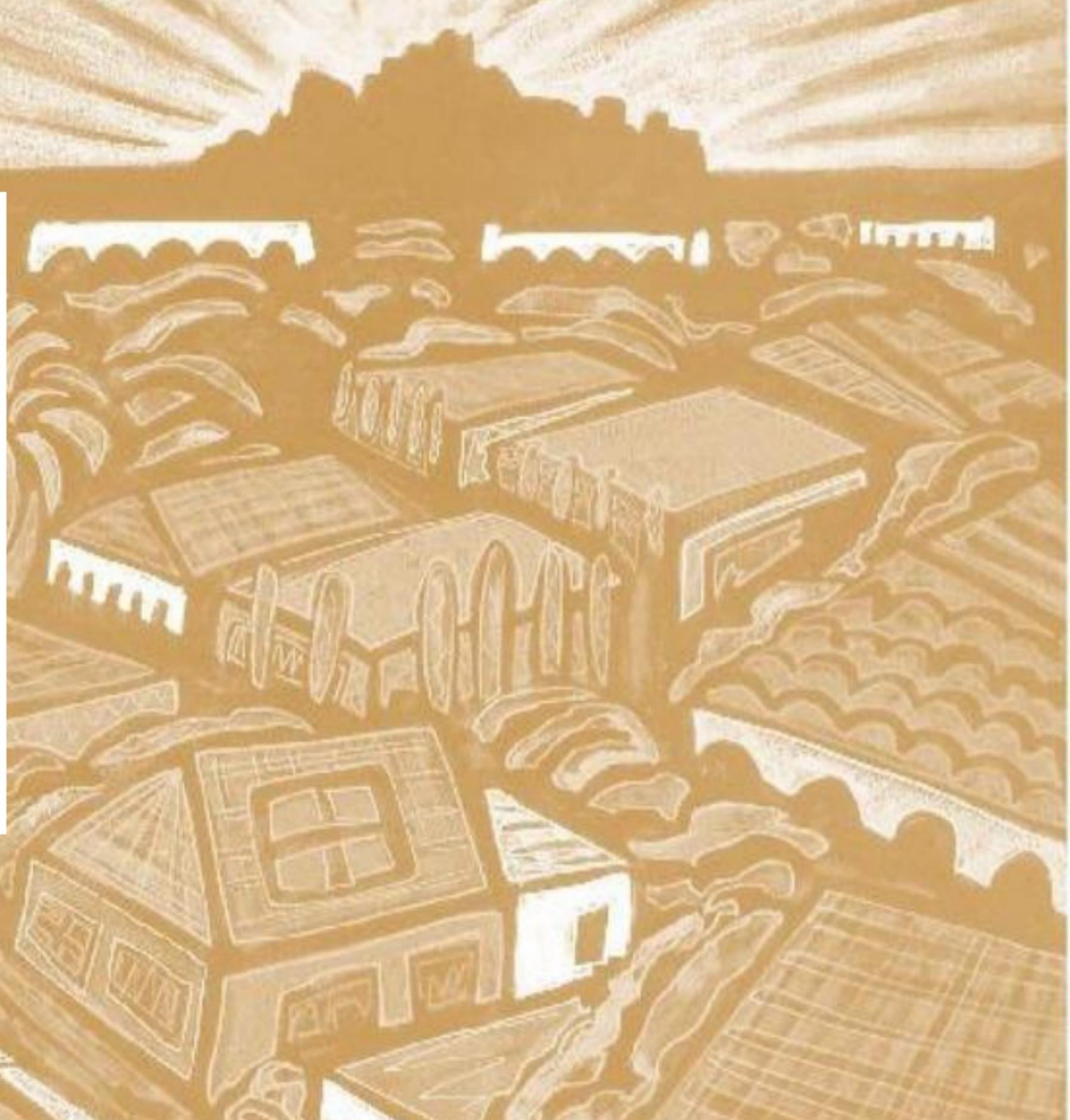


# The Guadalupe Homeless Project



Proyecto Pastoral  
at Dolores Mission



# Proyecto Pastoral: A Community-Building Organization



Founded by Father Greg Boyle and Dolores Mission parishioners in 1986

Through model of See --> Reflect --> Act, community members founded our services:

- Early Childhood Education
- Centers Guadalupe Homeless
- Project IMPACTO Youth
- Development Comunidad En Movimiento

# The Guadalupe Homeless Project: Our History

The Guadalupe Homeless Project (GHP) was founded on December 12, 1988 by Jesuit priests. The community decided to open the doors to Dolores Mission Church to house refugee families and provide sanctuary for undocumented immigrants.

The women's shelter was founded years after on December 12, 2014. Today, GHP is a grassroots-community led program.



# Jesuit Migration Network

- Being in solidarity with migrants
- Trip in February 2024
- Juarez, Chihuahua
- Nogales, AZ
- Brownsville, TX



# By the Numbers - Global Displacement (2022)

- 108.4 Million Forcibly Displaced Worldwide
- The US received 730,400 new claims from asylum seekers
- 52% Originated from just three countries: Syria (6.5 M), Ukraine (5.7 M), and Afghanistan (5.7 M)



# By the Numbers - Nogales Border Data (2023)



- Reasons for Migration
  - 83% violence
  - 14% economical
  - 2% Family Reunification
  - 1% Ecological reasons
- Places of Origin
  - Mexico
  - Central America
  - Ecuador
  - Africa
  - Venezuela
  - Haiti
  - Columbia

Data: Kino Border Initiative

# Our Approach

## All humans deserve to live in dignity

Our unhoused neighbors honor us and the community with their presence

## More than just a shelter, we provide a home

Our shelters are “small but mighty”. We have a high staff to participant ratio.

## Shelter residents are part of the fabric of community life

Individuals are welcomed and embraced by the broader community, which helps to restore their sense of wholeness

**Our vision is that participants remain a part of the community after they transition to housing**



# Our Approach Continued

## **Community-Based Care:**

The shelter is part of the community and the community part of the shelter, which helps build a sense of belonging for residents

## **Asset-Based:**

Each person has strengths and values to bring

## **Whole-Person:**

Not just about housing, about building self-identity and supporting individuals to realize their potential

## **Trauma-Informed:**

We understand that a person's unique life experiences impacts the type of support they need



# Latino

## Homelessness

Our experts serve migrants and recent arrivals to the US, true to our roots and Jesuit values.

Our programming is culturally relevant, and offered primarily in Spanish.

From 2020 - 2023, there has been a 29% increase in Latino homelessness.

In the past year, we have seen an increase migrants arriving from Venezuela, Colombia and Cuba.



# Our Services

- Shelter, showers, food, and clothing
- Case Management: jobs and housing
- Referrals: medical, dental, mental health & legal
- Rental assistance
- Support & spirituality groups
- Meditation groups
- Celebration events
- Outings
- Movie nights
- Arts and crafts



# The Men's Shelter



- Located at Dolores Mission Church
- Required age: 18+
- Capacity for 41 participants nightly
- Operates 4pm-8am



# The Women's Shelter

- Located at Proyecto Pastoral Main Office on Mission Rd (3 block from the church)
- Required age: 55+
- Only shelter in LA County with a focus on elderly women
- Operates 24 hours
- Capacity for 15 participants nightly

# Guadalupano

## Demographics

- 85% are migrants
- 18-75 years old (men)
- 55+ (women)
- Majority are from Latin America:
  - Mexico
  - El Salvador
  - Honduras
- Recent increase in migrants arriving from Venezuela, Colombia and Cuba



# Goal

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- Housing First
- The majority of residents at both sites transition into Permanent Housing, Interim Housing, and Bridge Housing programs.
- Resident outcomes
  - Permanent Housing rate in the last fiscal year: 30%
  - Bridge Housing rate: 10%
  - Interim Housing rate: 50%



# Collaboration

- S** • Dolores Mission
- Union Rescue Mission Dental Clinic (New resource for residents)
- Homeboy Industries
- Queens Care Clinic
- Clinica Romero (Health services)
- Christian Health Center for medical, mental and TB Test services
- Pasadena Job Center
- Downtown Women's Center
- Loyola Law School for Immigration Services
- Exodus for Mental Health Services
- Puente Learning Center (English classes, computer classes)
- Covid-19 Response Team Housing For Health-Vaccines and Rapid Testing



# Women's Shelter Events

**Thank you for listening**

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