

Housed & Unhoused: UU Society of Sacramento 2.25.24 Service, Community Engagement Resources

Direct Service:

Mercy Pedalers: “Mercy Pedalers are bicyclers and tricyclers reaching out to men and women experiencing homelessness on the streets. It is a ministry of presence and action.” *Find the Mercy Pedalers cart in the Welcome Hall most Sundays at UUSS to learn more and get involved.*

Loaves and Fishes: “The largest homeless service provider in Sacramento, dedicated to providing warm meals, survival supplies and services for nearly 1,000 adults & children daily. Loaves & Fishes recognizes each person’s dignity, nourishing not just the physical needs of those who seek services, but also their human need for acceptance, respect, and friendship.” *Join UUSS Food Prep Crew meets at 7:15 am - and/or - Serving & Cleanup Crew meets at 10:30 am each xxxxxx. Contact Larry Shaw to sign up at loavesandfishes@uuss.org*

Sandwich Brigade: “Join the team to make lunches for the homeless. To date, we have provided approximately 10,000 meals to our community. Volunteers each make 10 lunches (PBJ sandwich, a fruit, a cookie or granola bar, water) and bring them to UUSS on 2nd or 3rd Wednesday by 10am. Delivered to a Midtown church for distribution. *If you’re interested email, Sally Wilkins, sandwiches@uuss.org*

Community partners: Organizations which will receive half of the UUSS offering plate

January – Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together)

March – Wellspring Women’s Center: “Nurtures the innate goodness and personal self-esteem of women and their children and serves nearly 200 women and children each weekday”

July – Mercy Pedalers

August – Loaves and Fishes

September – River City Food Bank “alleviates hunger in Sacramento County by providing healthy, nutritious food to anyone in need. In 2023 provided more than 3 million pounds of healthy, meaningful food to 308,005 people in Sacramento County.”

December – Family Promise “Our mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Since 2005 we have served 319 families.”

Christmas Eve – Creation District “offers a continuum of daily creative workshops that bring youth and young adults experiencing homelessness together to tackle the work of building a brighter and braver future.”

Advocacy work:

Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together) empowers ordinary people to identify and change the conditions that create economic and racial injustice through shared faith values. UUSS currently works with SacACT in two focus areas: Climate Justice and Homelessness and Housing. For Homelessness and Housing there are three working groups:

· The Policy and Campaigns group advocates for affordable housing and prevention of homelessness. · The Implementation and Accountability group is working to hold the City and County of Sacramento to their obligations and commitments to provide services for the unhoused. · The Dignity group works with others in the community to advocate for the provision of basic human needs for the unhoused such as potable water and toilets. *Come join us! Reach out to Meg Gunderson (mego369@gmail.com) or Andy Cramer (Andrew_cramer@sbcglobal.net) for more information.*

Learn more about people experiencing homelessness and the national crisis:

- [State of Homelessness: 2023 Edition - endhomelessness.org](https://endhomelessness.org)
- [Toward a New Understanding The California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness](#)