



The Chair's Outgoing Message

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District



2016 has been a long and exciting journey. What an honor it has been to serve as Chair of the Board and represent our 10 million residents throughout the County. As Supervisor for the First District, I have made it my mission to focus on all community groups represented in my County. From downtown L.A. to Pomona and from Eagle Rock to South Gate, I am committed to all of my residents. Every motion written and event attended has been a small mark of what is yet to come.

Earlier this year, our first order of business was to call upon our state legislature to act swiftly in the Exide cleanup. This prompted a special trip up to Sacramento with our community groups and advocates. We testified in front of Governor Brown and weeks later, found a victory as \$176.6 million were dedicated for cleanup at Exide.

We also welcomed the grand opening of my new office in Pomona, which now services the East San Gabriel Valley. The goal is to make sure our constituents are heard by making resources, information, and services readily accessible for all.

From there, we authored a motion that placed a parks funding measure on the November general election ballot. The celebration continued later on in the year as the parks measure passed, providing funding for our parks and green spaces in the County. We also celebrated the passing of Measure M, which will help reduce congestion and traffic on our roads.

Additionally, our team worked hard this year to bring a trauma center to the East San Gabriel Valley. This achievement will roll over to next year as we announce the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center as a Level II Trauma Center, providing exceptional medical response to those in the surrounding area.

As we wrap up this year, we recognize the outstanding tenures of retiring Supervisors Don Knabe and Michael Antonovich and welcome our new Supervisors Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger. The new Board is starting 2017 strong and focusing on the work that lies ahead for all of our communities. May all our residents enjoy happy holidays and delight in a prosperous new year!

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art
(323) 857-6010
www.lacma.org

Through January 2 – The Serial Impulse at Gemini G.E.L.
Through January 2 – Toba Khedoori

The Music Center
(213) 972-7211
www.themusiccenter.org

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
December 24 – 57th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration
February 17 through February 19 – Jessica Lang Dance

Center Theatre Group
(213) 628-2772
www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre
Through January 15 – Amelie, A New Musical

Kirk Douglas Theatre
February 26 through March 26 – Good Grief

Mark Taper Forum
Through December 18 – The Beauty Queen of Leenane
January 31 through March 12 – Zoot Suit

Grand Park
(213) 972-8080
www.grandparkla.org

Through December 25 – Grand Park Lights Up the Holidays
December 31 – Grand Park + The Music Center’s N.Y.E.L.A.
Through May 31 – Lunchtime! Yoga Retreat

Walt Disney Concert Hall
(323) 850-2000
www.laphil.com

December 17 – Handel’s Messiah
December 17 – Holiday Sing-Along
December 20 – A Chanticleer Christmas
December 21 – Sweet Honey in the Rock
December 22 – Swinging Christmas with the Arturo Sandoval Big Band
December 23 – White Christmas Sing-Along
December 31 – New Year’s Eve with Pink Martini

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The Diabetes Epidemic

Observed every fall, American Diabetes Awareness is an important element in the American Diabetes Association’s efforts to focus our nation’s attention on the disease and the tens of millions of people affected by it.

What is Diabetes?

- Diabetes mellitus occurs when the body cannot produce enough insulin or cannot respond appropriately to insulin. Without adequate insulin, blood sugar levels become elevated and other metabolic abnormalities occur, leading to the development of serious, disabling complications.
- Many forms of diabetes exist. The 3 common types of diabetes are:
 - o Type 2 diabetes, which results from a combination of resistance to the action of insulin and insufficient insulin production.
 - o Type 1 diabetes, which results when the body loses its ability to produce insulin.
 - o Gestational diabetes, a common complication of pregnancy. Gestational diabetes can lead to perinatal complications in mother and child and substantially increases the likelihood of cesarean section. Gestational diabetes is also a risk factor for the mother and, later in life, the child’s subsequent development of type 2 diabetes after the affected pregnancy.
- Effective diabetes therapy can prevent or delay diabetic complications.
 - o However, about 28 percent of Americans with diabetes are undiagnosed, and another 86 million American adults have blood glucose levels that greatly increase their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes in the next several years.
 - o Diabetes complications tend to be more common and more severe among people whose diabetes is poorly controlled, which makes diabetes an immense and complex

public health challenge. Preventive care practices are essential to better health outcomes for people with diabetes.

Why is Diabetes Important?

- Diabetes affects an estimated 29.1 million people in the United States and is the 7th leading cause of death. Diagnosed diabetes mellitus:
 - o Increases the all-cause mortality rate 1.8 times compared to persons without diagnosed diabetes.
 - o Increases the risk of heart attack by 1.8 times.
 - o Is the leading cause of kidney failure, lower limb amputations, and adult-onset blindness.
- In addition to these human costs, the estimated total financial cost of diabetes in the United States in 2012 was \$245 billion, which includes the costs of medical care, disability, and premature death.
- The number of diabetes cases continues to increase both in the United States and throughout the world. Every 23 seconds, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with diabetes.
- Due to the steady rise in the number of persons with diabetes, and possibly earlier onset of type 2 diabetes, there is growing concern about:
 - o The possibility of substantial increases in prevalence of diabetes-related complications in part due to the rise in rates of obesity.
 - o The clear need to complement improved diabetes management strategies with efforts in primary prevention among those at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes.

To further discuss whether you should be screened for diabetes, please follow up with your primary care provider. For more information on diabetes, please visit <http://www.diabetes.org/>.

Rideshare L.A. County!
from Workplace Programs and Marketing

December is Commute Safely Month. Rideshare L.A. County wishes you a safe and happy holiday season. There are many ways to be safe on the road, and following safety measures can ensure that you and your loved ones enjoy this blissful time of year. One way to be safe is to make sure you buckle up if you are driving or carpooling. When on public transit, make sure you wait in a safe location on a curb or behind marked lines at bus or rail stations. For more safety tips on public transit, visit www.metro.net/around/safety-security. Have a great holiday season. Remember to Take Pride, Share the Ride.

Considering Giving a Pet as a Gift?

Department of Animal Care and Control

The holiday season is here and if you're all out of gift ideas, a pet might be the solution. There may be concerns surrounding this decision where one may feel a pet would be less valuable given as a gift rather than being chosen by a new owner. However, according to research conducted by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), they found no correlation between receiving an animal as a gift and an owner's love to the pet.

Pets can also provide a lot of positive life benefits. Not only do pets make a great companion but they can decrease your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and be a stress reliever. Maybe someone you know or love could use a new workout buddy. Studies show that owning a dog aids in promoting an active lifestyle and dog-owning families often encourage physical activity within the household (University of Virginia).

If the core of a gift is meant to be thoughtful and from the heart, what better gift is there than saving a life and providing someone you care for with a daily dose of licks, smiles, cuddles, and happiness?

If you do decide to use this gift idea, the ASPCA recommends giving pets as gifts only to people who have expressed a sustained interest in owning one and who have the ability to care for the pet responsibly. Be sure to remember to spay or neuter, microchip, and vaccinate your pets.

If you're interested in adopting a pet within Los Angeles County, please visit animalcare.lacounty.gov and select View Our Animals under the Our Animals tab on the homepage to see the animals available for adoption. Cats are also available for free through an ASPCA grant waiving adoption fees.



The Spirit of Giving

2016 Charitable Giving Campaign

The County of Los Angeles employees have opened their hearts for nearly 40 years by generously giving to various charitable causes that support the County's mission to enrich lives through effective and caring service. Employee support is vital! Your contributions are used to deliver affordable health care to low and moderate income families, improve literacy rates among urban school children, feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless, and protect the environment.

In this issue, and over the past two months, the County Digest has shared with you stories from our Campaign Partners: Asian Pacific Community Fund, Brotherhood Crusade, Community Health Charities, United Latino Fund, United Way, and Variety the Children's Charity. These personal and heartwarming tales of generosity and community contribution are offered in recognition of your spirit of giving. Your selflessness helped war veterans, impoverished kids, a homeless family, victims of human trafficking, and many more. You also helped improve the state of our environment – AMAZING!

Before we bring the 2016 campaign to a close on December 31, please consider signing-up as a first time donor or increasing your ongoing contributions to help and support these deserving causes. You may sign-up today online at mylacounty.gov or by completing a Payroll Deduction form available from your Departmental Charitable Giving Campaign Coordinator or Payroll Unit. No contribution amount is too small! Even a \$1 donation per pay period can make a huge difference to someone in need.



Sachi Hamai, Chief Executive Officer, completing her Charitable Giving payroll deduction.



Homeless Count

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

SAVE THESE DATES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00PM

SPA 2 — SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

SPA 3 — SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

SPA 7 — EAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00PM

SPA 5 — WEST LOS ANGELES

SPA 8 — SOUTH BAY / HARBOR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00AM

SPA 1 — ANTELOPE VALLEY

8:00PM

SPA 4 — METRO LOS ANGELES

SPA 6 — SOUTH LOS ANGELES

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

FOR REGISTRATION
&

MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.THEYCOUNTWILLYOU.ORG



Los Angeles has the highest street homeless population in the nation. Every day we see them – men, women and children with no place to call home. But we don't have to accept homelessness as an unsolvable problem. With your help we can end homelessness.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is the lead agency responsible for coordinating the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – an on-the-ground census of our homeless neighbors in need of support. With the assistance of over 6,000 volunteers, we will conduct the largest Homeless Count in the nation between January 24-26, 2017 to determine the number and scope of individuals and families residing on the streets, in shelters and other institutions serving the homeless across Los Angeles. Data from the Count will allow us to target resources to those most in need and raise awareness of an epidemic impacting more than 47,000 people in our midst.

We are actively seeking an alliance to help eradicate homelessness and support the thousands of volunteers who lend their valuable time, talents and resources to this effort. Partnering with the Homeless Count is a meaningful way to give back to the communities in which you operate. It connects you with your constituents, members, and customers engaged in this vital issue, while garnering recognition in Homeless Count online and offline promotions.

There are many types of potential partnerships to support the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, including:

- **Volunteer!** Signing up a team of employees to volunteer for the Homeless Count. You can sign up at www.theycountwillyou.org
- **Donate!** Providing in-kind donations or store credits for food and beverages for volunteers at deployment sites during the Homeless Count or for prizes/giveaways for Super Volunteers.
- **Spread the word!** Sharing information about the Homeless Count and calling for volunteers through your advertising, outreach or other communications channels (e.g. newsletters, social media channels, online forums).
- **Advertise!** Hanging posters/sharing tiers in your business, non-profit, community venue or house of worship.
- **Host a training!** Inviting a Homeless Count representative to speak at a community event or business forum – to shine a light on the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles and engage volunteers.

LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Los Angeles to address the problems and solutions around homelessness on a regional level. LAHSA is a tax-exempt political subdivision of the State of California.

We are excited to explore how we can mutually benefit in serving our community and helping to stem the tide of homelessness among the many at-risk men, women and children among us. Your generosity will provide the resources necessary for a successful campaign.



Homeless Count

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q How does counting homeless persons help to reduce and end homelessness?

A We need to know the size and scope of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. In order to make a difference in the lives of our homeless residents, we need to know who they are and where they reside; the count is the first step to our goal of helping homeless persons find permanent housing. The data gathered from the count allows us to assess how and where homeless persons can best be served.

Q I've never done this before. How will I know how to count homeless people?

A All volunteers will be fully trained and provided with equipment and materials.

Q Can I select which area I want to volunteer in?

A Yes! We encourage volunteers to count in the community they are most familiar with! Visit www.TheyCountWillYou.org to register and indicate your area preference.

Q What is the time commitment and expected schedule for the Homeless Count?

A Please reference the left sidebar for scheduling, but the time commitment is generally 3-5 hours for most volunteer roles on the day/night of the Count. However, if you would like to also volunteer before and after the Count, please let us know when you register.

Q What will I be doing as a volunteer?

A There are many ways you can participate to make the Homeless Count a success. Volunteering opportunities include:

- **Volunteer Trainers** to be responsible for training all Volunteer Counters at a specific deployment site for up to 4 hours on the day/night of the Count. Trainers take on a leadership role and must be comfortable giving direction.
- **Volunteer Counters, Drivers or Navigators** to receive training and materials on the day of the Count from trained volunteers and be deployed in groups of 2 – 4 to count specific blocks in an area. Each position will be outside counting for up to 4 hours.
- **Office Volunteers** making phone calls to recruit volunteers; helping with data entry; providing support at Headquarters. Shifts of 2-4 hours on the night of the Count. You can also decide if you want to volunteer before, during and/or after the Count.

Q Can I invite others to join?

A Yes! Once you're registered, you can invite as many people as you would like by simply sending them the deployment site registration link.

Q I'm younger than 18, Can I volunteer?

A Yes! Youth 17 years and younger can sign up as volunteers to work at LAHSA before, during, and/or after the Count. On the night of the Count they can also work 2-4 hours at a deployment site. However, youth can **not** participate as street count volunteers.

Carbon Monoxide and Space Heater Safety

by Pearl Castillo, Fire Department



Photo: U.S. Fire Administration

Indoor heating is one of the leading causes of home fires. Half of all home fires reported during the months of December, January and February are related to space heaters.

This winter, be safe around space heaters:

- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Keep at least three feet between a space heater and any combustible household items.
- Place space heaters on a level surface, such as a ceramic or tile floor.
- When purchasing a space heater, look for one that turns off automatically.

Space heaters—and indoor heating in general—are also the leading cause of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is undetectable to the human senses. It is created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, and propane oil are burned.

Knowing the symptoms for carbon monoxide poisoning can mean the difference between life and death. Common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, tiredness, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. More severe carbon monoxide poisoning can result in vomiting, confusion, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and death.

To prevent most heating-related carbon monoxide poisoning from occurring, never use an oven or stove to heat the home, and have qualified professionals install and regularly inspect heating equipment.

Remember, carbon monoxide detectors are required in California homes. Test yours once a month, and change the batteries twice a year. For more information on space heater safety and carbon monoxide poisoning, visit www.fire.lacounty.gov.

EarthShare California Charitable Giving Campaign

EarthShare California (ESCA) is a network of over 100 leading environmental groups who share our mission of protecting and improving California’s natural heritage of clean air, safe water, diverse wildlife, and healthy communities. We are working together to enhance environmental education and empower individuals through volunteerism. With over 200 corporate and public employer partnerships, ESCA increases employees’ involvement in their communities and raises funds through employee charitable giving. These funds go directly to our member groups, helping them continue fighting for our environment, creating volunteer opportunities, and providing critical services for our local community.

In September, our member organization, Heal the Bay, directed its biggest volunteer event of the year: Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD). Communications Director Matthew King recounts the morning he spent with dozens of volunteers at the idyllic cove of Lunada Bay in Palos Verdes. Although this spot is notorious for the Bay Boys, a group of locals who use vigilante-like tactics to keep some of L.A.’s best waves to themselves, King did not encounter any trouble that day, assuring that “cleanups tend to bring out the best in people.” A multitude of community groups partook in the event, ranging from Lunada Bay Elementary School girls to an intrepid group of Palos Verdes High School students in the Los Hermanos Black club. In Los Angeles County alone, CCD brought in **10,353 volunteers** to 48 inland and coastal sites. Participants hauled in a whopping **29,956** pounds of ocean-bound debris, which equates to over 15 tons of trash. Among the items found: a switchblade knife, a flight-deck crew vest from an aircraft carrier, old TVs, syringes, nine shopping carts, and one human-sized teddy bear. This year’s CCD was a big success, as the group collected nearly 30% more trash than last year. Thanks to your donations, ESCA continues to support the endeavors of member organizations like Heal the Bay. We are bridging gaps between people, industry, and the environment in order to collectively ensure a healthy place to live and preserve for future generations to come.



3rd Annual Cyber Security Awareness Event

The County continues to recognize the annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) in October. In recognition of NCSAM, numerous departmental events occurred throughout the month including the County's main event which took place at the Hall of Administration's Board Hearing Room. This main event was collaboratively hosted by the Departmental Information Security Officers (DISO) from eight departments: Assessor's, Auditor- Controller, Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Office, Human Resources, Internal Services, Regional Planning, and Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Cyber security awareness is one of the critical elements of the Countywide Information Security Program (Program) to increase employee awareness on cyber security safeguards and practices to protect data and information technology resources. More than 300 enthusiastic and attentive employees were present, our largest attendance to date. The County's Chief Information Security Officer shared insights into the Program along with four prominent information security professionals who provided steps employees can take immediately to detect and prevent cybercrime while at work and home.

A consistent message from all of the speakers was the importance of cyber security and how it affects us in our daily work at the County and outside of the workplace. Additionally, useful tips were provided on how we can protect ourselves, our families, and the County. Everyone left with a broader understanding of how to detect phishing and ransomware email scams and to better protect themselves online.

Employees participated in numerous tabletop activities that provided hands-on opportunities to practice and learn about creating strong passwords/passphrases and detecting email phishing and ransomware scams.

Below are some useful advice from the speakers:

- Use a strong password/passphrase with at least 12 characters in length with a mix of upper/lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
- Use two-step verification or two-factor authentication whenever possible in addition to having strong passwords.
- Never click on web links or attachment within an email that you are not expecting or looks suspicious.
- Report suspicious email messages or other cyber related incidents to your DISO and/or department's helpdesk.
- Avoid using email to send or transfer documents containing confidential/sensitive information. Talk to your DISO for secure methods to share, collaborate or transfer documents.

The Music Center's Holiday Sing-Along
December 16, 2016 @ 6 p.m.

Angelenos can enjoy a night of holiday cheer and singing on The Music Center Plaza. Singers of all skills levels are invited to share in the warmth and joy of the holidays with a grand night of singing amid twinkling holiday lights. Live accompaniment and lyric sheets provided to participants

Share Your Heart Share Your Home

*Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent
Dept. of Children and Family Services*

With the holidays fast approaching, we will soon say goodbye to 2016 and ring in the New Year. New Year resolutions are a tradition, so why not make this year's resolution something that can make a true difference in the life of a waiting child. Let's make a pact to share these handsome boys' photo in hopes of finding them the family they are looking for! They have been patiently waiting for the right family to come along and both badly want to be adopted.



Edgar, age 15, and Leonel, age 12, are two sweet and charming brothers who absolutely LOVE soccer. They enjoy watching, learning, and of course, playing the game. These brothers have similar warm personalities; however, they also have distinct and unique attributes. Edgar describes himself as a good listener and enjoys reading. Leonel enjoys being silly and has a special interest in cars, especially the Camaro line. Edgar and Leonel will surely make you feel like proud parents with their wide range of abilities and skills. Athletic, kind, with a penchant for telling jokes, these boys are sure to bring much laughter and smiles to any family. Edgar and Leonel have survived so much together, yet long to include their forever family in their journey. It is said it takes a village to raise a child, so let's all band together to be the village that finds these boys a family. If you are interested in adopting these boys, featuring them in your church bulletins or want more information on how you can help spread the word in our big community, contact Stephanie Clancy, Heart Gallery Program Manager at (909) 802-1411 or email her at clancy@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

Grand Park+Music Center's N.Y.E.L.A.

December 31, 2016 @ 8 p.m.

For the fourth year, Grand Park's N.Y.E.L.A will include music, dancing, large-scale art installations and a unique only-in-Los Angeles New Year's countdown, featuring 3-D digital video mapping on the side of the iconic City Hall with an integrated light show.

Working for You

Department of Public Health

During this holiday season, a time when we traditionally gather for celebrations, anyone who has not yet been vaccinated should consider getting the flu shot now to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community.

Many people mistakenly believe that there is no benefit to getting a flu vaccine after November. In fact, influenza activity does not often peak until after the start of the New Year and can continue through March. Vaccinations received in December provide protection during the months when people are most likely to catch the flu.

Annual flu vaccinations are the best way to prevent influenza and can prevent 70-90% of cases in healthy adults under 65 years of age. The vaccine is safe and does not cause the flu. Some minor side effects can occur, signaling that the immune system is responding to the vaccine and building immunity. Such side effects, which usually last only 1 to 2 days, include soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given; a possible low-grade fever; and aches and pains. These side effects are minor and are far less risky than suffering from the flu.

While vaccination remains the most effective tool to prevent flu infections, there are also simple, everyday steps to take to stop the spread of the flu.

Healthy Hygiene Habits

Everyone is urged to practice healthy hygiene habits to help reduce the chances of catching either the flu or other illnesses. These healthy habits include:

- Washing your hands frequently, especially after using the restroom and before and after eating;
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze;
- Not touching your nose, mouth or eyes to prevent the spread of germs; and
- Staying home from work or school when sick.

For information regarding low-cost flu vaccines through a health care organization or other vaccination clinic, visit the Public Health Immunization Program's website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip> or call the L.A. County Information Line at 2-1-1.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health wishes you and your family a happy, healthy holiday season!



WINTER YOUTH SAILING CAMP

DECEMBER 19TH - JANUARY 6TH

LA County Lifeguards will be instructing 5-day courses on **Beginning Sailing**.



December 19th - January 6th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm



\$250.00 per session*

*Financial aid available to qualifying families.



Ages: 11-17 years old



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Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their many years of service to the County of Los Angeles:

45+ Years

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Tian-Xia Dai
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Candice L. Harrington
HEALTH SERVICES: Robbie L. Gregory-Hancox
INTERNAL SERVICES: John L. Cook
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Jacqueline Roberts

40+ Years

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35+ Years

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30+ Years

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SUPERIOR COURT: Gayle L. Limon, Patricia V. Valle

25+ Years

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Asian Pacific Community Fund Charitable Giving Campaign

Liam became a victim of human trafficking when he was recruited by a labor firm in Thailand for farm work in the U.S. Upon arrival, traffickers immediately confiscated his passport. Under the threat of intimidation, his employers failed to provide adequate housing or food as promised, and the pay was irregular and meager. Working conditions were harsh, as Liam and other farm workers worked long hours in the sun and harvested prickly pineapples with their bare hands.

Liam survived for weeks on rice alone. As his recruitment fees were tied to his home in Thailand as collateral, it was nearly impossible for him to pay back his debt, much less send money back. He felt pressured to continue working under these inhumane conditions, just to ensure that his family did not become homeless.

Feeling overwhelmed by the constant surveillance, Liam decided to escape. But with little English skills and no knowledge of his surroundings, where could he go? After connecting with other victims, he came upon the Thai Community Development Center (CDC). With Thai CDC's help, he cooperated with law enforcement to press charges against his traffickers. While awaiting his case, Thai CDC helped Liam receive temporary immigration relief through a pro bono attorney and provided social services, including food stamps, healthcare, and financial assistance.

Recently, Liam was reunited with his wife, whom he had not seen for almost a decade, as he was unable to return to Thailand due to fear of retaliation from his traffickers. With Thai CDC's assistance, Liam and his wife were granted legal permanent residency. They are now starting a new life together here.

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