



## A Big THANK YOU to the San Marcos Community Foundation



Travelers Aid was recently awarded a San Marcos Community Foundation Mini Grant, which will expand our North County *Journey to Safety* efforts. *Journey to Safety* has helped hundreds of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence access safe transportation both within San Diego County, and outside the region when appropriate. In partnership with One Safe Place, and thanks to the generous support of SMCF, we will be able to help many more San Diego County survivors living in the San Marcos region.

## Spotlight on our Client!

Ms. Debra Johnson has been a part of our *CDBG Senior Solutions* program since March, 2023. Multiple medical conditions have impacted her ability to walk, and its critical that Ms. Johnson is able to attend her weekly physical therapy appointments to maintain her mobility. However, being immunocompromised, Debra isn't able to take public transportation which could place her at risk for exposure to Covid or the flu. This makes it difficult to reliably get to her appointments. Since enrolling in *CDBG Senior Solutions*, Ms. Johnson has been able to attend all of her appointments and appreciates the flexibility to easily reschedule by texting or calling the Travelers Aid staff.



*"Travelers Aid, you are all so awesome. I don't know what I would do without you guys! You are all heaven sent from God, thank you for everything".*



If you want to hear these inspiring stories for yourself, follow us on Instagram @travelersaidsandiego.

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## Thanks for joining our first Volunteer Mixer!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the first ever Volunteer Mixer! We loved getting to spend time connecting with you, and hearing about all the positive experiences you've had helping our community. We are so grateful to each and every one of our volunteers. We hope to see you at our next mixer in the summer!

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## Festive Fun at the Winter Carnival

Travelers Aid joined dozens of local organizations and small businesses at The County of San Diego's LiveWell Winter Carnival on December 7th. The annual fair drew over one hundred community members who were able to access important resources while purchasing unique holiday gifts from local vendors. There was even a petting zoo to keep the kiddos entertained!

Our Operations Manager, Allie, represented the team to present the many benefits of becoming a volunteer driver. If you have any interest or questions regarding our volunteer driver program, check out our [volunteer driver flyer](#) or reach out to [Allie](#) directly.

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## A Warm Welcome to Lorena!

Travelers Aid Society is excited to welcome our newest staff member and Program Coordinator, Lorena! Lorena is pursuing her Masters in Public Health at San Diego State University, and she has previously worked as a case manager for individuals experiencing homelessness, severe mental illness, and substance use disorders. Lorena was drawn to Travelers Aid so that she can continue working with similar populations in addition to adults with immunocompromised conditions. Lorena brings with her a wide skillset, and she will be working at our satellite office at Father Joe's Villages each Friday, while also expanding our social media campaign and researching new grant proposals from our Admin Office. While graduate school and work keep her busy, Lorena still finds time to enjoy walking her dog and reading new books.

Welcome to the Travelers Aid team, Lorena!



## Annual Fundraiser Update



It's almost that time of year! As winter winds down, we're looking forward to summer and our annual fundraiser, which is set to held at Del Mar Social on Wednesday, **June 25th**. Be sure to keep an eye out for more details soon, and mark your calendar for fun!



Thank you for supporting our mission!

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