Caring for our neighbors. December 2023

KARSH CENTER
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Happening at the Karsh Center

Welcome to the Karsh Center's monthly community newsletter! This month we are celebrating many holidays and getting ready to start a new year! Karsh Center will be closed on December 22, December 25, December 29, 2023, and January 1, 2024. Our Sunday food pantry will remain open over the holidays. Keep reading to learn more information about our end-of-the-year programs and community events. For more information, email gethelp@karshcenter.org. or call 213-401-4651.

Events this month!

Toy Distribution Event

Come celebrate the holidays with The Karsh Center! On Friday, December 15 from 2 pm to 4 pm, the Karsh Center will distribute toys to current clients. Registration is not required for this event. All toys will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children must be present to receive a gift. Clients enrolled in the Karsh Center will be prioritized. For questions about the event, call 213-201-5782.

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Financial Support during the holidays

The Economic Relief Program offers mini-grants to community members with urgent needs or life events. The purpose of this program is to help community members in December with urgent and unexpected expenses that could not otherwise be paid with other resources. This program does not help with ongoing bills, including, rent or hospital bills, unless it's related to a life event. Applicants can receive a mini-grant up to $500. An application must be submitted for consideration. This is a limited

opportunity, and applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 213-401-4651 or apply here.

To Apply Click Here

Changes in our Food Pantry Distribution

The Karsh Center will limit the number of grocery bags at the Sunday and Tuesday Food Pantry distribution. The Karsh Center has seen record numbers of food pantry recipients this year. We know food prices have increased dramatically, and buying and providing food is challenging. Unfortunately, due to our limitations in capacity, we can no longer guarantee we will have enough bags of groceries every Tuesday and Sunday. *Effective December 5, 2023, food pantry recipients will receive a ticket when they arrive. To receive a grocery bag, you MUST HAVE A TICKET. Once our tickets run out, the Karsh Center food pantry distribution will close regardless of the time.*

Community Resources

Immigrant Students & Families

The Children's Partnership is hosting a webinar to learn more about policies impacting immigrant students and families, including public charge and how it impacts families today, the expansion of Medi-Cal to all income-eligible Californians regardless of immigration status or age, and newcomer educational rights. Register here.

KYCC Holiday Carnival

Join the Koreatown Youth + Community Center (KYCC) for their annual Holiday Carnival. The event is a fun-filled holiday celebration for children and families in Koreatown. There will be games, arts and crafts, live entertainment and an opportunity for children under 10 years old to meet Santa and receive a holiday gift! It will take place on December 9th from 10 am to 12 pm at Hobart Elementary School 980 S Hobart Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90006. No registration necessary! For more information, click here.

QUEENSCARE

QueensCare's 3rd annual Holiday Health Fair

Join QueensCare this holiday season for their Annual Holiday Fair! The event will include toy giveaways, food pantry distribution, health education, health screenings, dental screenings, flu and COVID-19 vaccines, entertainment, food,

music, and more! The event will be held on December 16th from 11 am to 3 pm at the Vons grocery store at 3461 3rd Street, Los Angeles 90020. No registration is necessary! However, if you would like a vaccination, please make an appointment. Vaccines are free with most insurance, including Medi-Cal and Medicare. For more information, click here.

About us

The Karsh Center offers services focused on food and nutrition security, child and parent well-being, health and wellness, and legal services. We believe that, by assessing community need, collaborating with other mission-aligned service providers, providing direct services, promoting volunteerism, and analyzing results against our goals, we will systematically create and support a safety net for individuals and families who are often marginalized in our society, so that they may stand with dignity and create a future in which they grow and thrive.

Karsh Center will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

Friday, December 22
Monday, December 25
Friday, December 29 (closing at 12 pm)
Monday, Junuary 1, 2024

Our Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 3 pm
Closed 11:45 am - 12:45 pm for lunch

Food Pantry Hours:

Sunday at 8 am
Tuesday at 12 pm

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