

## Donor SPOTLIGHT

We have the best donors in the whole wide world!

We can't name them all here now, but we want to recognize our donors who are loyal throughout the year. Here are a few who are so faithful in their giving to help us fulfill our mission to help the poor!



Cece Stone



O'Carroll Family



Lisa Heim



Tim Greenwood Ministries  
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# The Encouragement Center

Hope & Help for the Needy

2024 IN REVIEW

## Celebrating 28 Years of Ministry!

**28 years!** What a journey this has been!

It was 28 years ago when I found myself at a stoplight in Oceanside watching a down-&-out homeless woman. I asked God, "Help me see her with Your eyes, Lord!" That prayer changed everything; from then on, I saw homeless folks all over the place!

I LOVE to feed people so my first thought was to buy them food, but often the people disappeared before I returned with the meal. I recruited my good friend, Cece Stone, and we began making up bountiful sack lunches and going directly to the streets to meet the

hunger of the poor. As it grew, many volunteers came on board to give hope & help to the needy by meeting physical & spiritual needs.

TEC evolved to helping the **Working Poor** with groceries and household supplies. They only need a hand up to keep them from being homeless.

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TEC now devotes most of our resources to the **Working Poor**, providing groceries, fuel & other necessities.

**BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD!**



## Our 14th Christmas Adopt-a-Family!

Through your kind donations we celebrated our 14th Annual "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas event. We changed it up this year to help several families with much-needed \$ for essentials.





**Stacey Walker, RE/MAX Connections  
Realtor Extraordinaire**

For the past **14 years**, Stacey has hosted her annual Holiday Open House for her friends, family & clients. Her guests bring donations of non-perishable groceries, gift cards, cash & checks for those we help here at The Encouragement Center! We are grateful for her love & loyal generosity!

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If you'd like to host an event for us, please let me know! 760-271-8331

## A Mission Close to My Heart..... Lorena



Lorena & her family have been a big part of our TEC life for over 23 years. They have had almost unbearable tragedies over the last few years: Lorena has had cancer 3x and beat it, been in a major car accident, and many members of her family have died unexpectedly. Her husband had been ill for a long time and could not work for years. Sadly, at only 52 yrs old, he died and left her a young widow. She is a terrific housekeeper; her work is her sole financial support. There was no life insurance and she cannot collect his social security for 8 more years.

We are doing our best to help her and are praying that more people will step up to help her on a month basis.

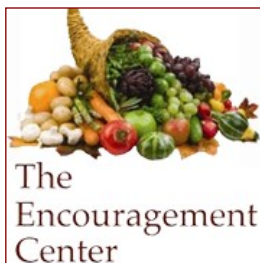
**Please consider setting up a designated monthly donation for Lorena!**



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JUSTICE. DEFEND  
THE OPPRESSED.  
TAKE UP THE  
CAUSE OF THE  
FATHERLESS;  
PLEAD THE CASE OF  
THE WIDOW.  
Isaiah 1:17



## YOU! How You Can Help Us Help Those In Need!



- ✓ Become a Monthly Partner with The Encouragement Center! Or make a one-time donation.
- ✓ Donate by credit card online at [www.TheEncouragementCenter.org](http://www.TheEncouragementCenter.org) Click [Donate Online](#).
- ✓ Donate by check: Mail to P O Box 4350, Carlsbad, CA 92018
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*The one who gives to the poor will never lack....*

Proverb 28:27

*Whoever sows generously will also reap generously!*

2 Corinthians 9:6

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