



# Christie's Corner

Christie's Place is a nonprofit social service organization in San Diego County that provides HIV/AIDS education, support and advocacy.

Christie's Place Newsletter

SUMMER EDITION 2022

**Welcome** to the Summer edition of the Christie's Place newsletter. Summer is here and the heat is on! We hope that as you browse these pages you learn more about our programs, services, upcoming events and discover new ways you can get involved.

## Mark Your Calendar

### San Diego AIDS Walk 2022!

Dust off your running/walking shoes and mark your calendars for San Diego's largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser. On **Saturday, September 24**, teams will be able to come together for the walk and a celebration/festival. Consider joining the Christie's Place AIDS Walk team to help us reach our goal. More information to come!



*"Christie's Place is dedicated to the memory of Christie Milton-Torres, a woman who passed away from AIDS-related complications in June 1994. A loving and caring wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend; without her vision, perseverance and courage, this haven would not exist.*

*- Irene Milton*



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## UPCOMING CLIENT EVENTS

- **Annual Back to School Party**

Happening on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Christie's Place. Every year very generous supporters donate over 200 backpacks to give to the children of Christie's Place. To get involved email Karina Rios at [krios@christiesplace.org](mailto:krios@christiesplace.org)

NOTE: This event is for families of Christie's Place.



2020 Back to School Party

- **Annual Dancing with Hope Retreat**

The women's retreat is back! Held in the beautiful mountains of Julian, this annual empowerment retreat is for women living with HIV and is scheduled for September 23-25. For more information contact Kenyatta Parker at [kparker@christiesplace.org](mailto:kparker@christiesplace.org)



2016 Dancing with Hope Retreat

*"We came not to the retreat not only to relax, we came to be empowered and to learn, so we can teach other women who weren't able to come."*

-2016 Attendee

## CLIENT SERVICES

- **Fresh Produce**

Fresh produce is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. Contactless pick-up available!

Please be sure to check our monthly calendar with the most current updates. To access the calendar visit our website [www.christiesplace.org](http://www.christiesplace.org)



- **Hygiene Products**

Hygiene products are available to clients on a monthly basis. Products include shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products, baby products and more!



## Celebrating Pride Month!

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans.

Locally, San Diego Pride Events will begin Saturday, July 9 with She Fest, a woman-centered event that celebrates and supports the talents and contributions of women. A kick-off rally will be held on Friday, July 15 at the Hillcrest Pride Flag followed by the parade on Saturday, July 16. The month's events will conclude with the festival which runs Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17 at Balboa Park.

For more information visit <https://sdpride.org/>

## Christie's Place 26th Annual Healing Hope Community Fundraiser

Held on Saturday June 18, 2022, Christie's Place celebrated its 26th Anniversary with a community brunch at Stone Brewing in Liberty Station. Raising over **\$40,000**, the community celebration was a huge success and a testament to the legacy of the important trauma-informed, gender-responsive support system we have built over the past 26 years. It was an unforgettable day of storytelling showcasing our communities resilience as they shared their unique experiences.



*Thank you to our sponsors and all who donated to make this possible!*

## Miguel Hernandez



**Team Player, Positive Attitude,  
Reliable**

Miguel first learned about Christie's Place from Alfonso Quezada while he was working at the LGBT Community Center. Our agency's mission to support women, children and families that are impacted by HIV is what caught Miguel's attention. While Miguel has several memorable moments at Christie's Place, his most memorable is when he started the Walk and Learn Group. He says, "It was amazing seeing this brand-new group grow at a rapid speed and seeing all the participants really enjoying themselves creating a community." When asked what inspires him, Miguel says that he finds inspiration in his son Alex, in the resiliency of our clients, and from life itself. In his several years case managing at Christie's Place, Miguel has learned the importance meeting clients and staff exactly where they are, and to serve with empathy. Additionally, he has learned not to assume or judge anyone. If he had to write a book about his life, it would be called, *Live, Love, Laugh and Learn*.

## CONTACT US!

## GET INVOLVED

Do you want to make a difference in the community? There are many different ways you can help at Christie's Place.



### Ways you can help us!

- \*Volunteer
- \*Donate
- \*Intern Program
- \*Event Sponsor
- \*Join our team

We need you!

Follow Us On:   

Contact: [info@christiesplace.org](mailto:info@christiesplace.org)

Give us a call for more information about our events, services and support groups.

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