

Time for Change concert warms hearts, fills needs



On Tuesday, November 13 the Time For Change Foundation hosted their annual Spirit of Thanksgiving concert to collect food, clothing and other essential items for the women and children the foundation serves. Shown above is **Vanessa Dominguez**, TFC Civic Engagement Specialist with some of the smiling TFC kids, and above right, TFC client **Rosemary Franco** and her son **Sebastian**, enjoying the concert.

It was an evening of music, friendship and generosity as the Time For Change Foundation (TFC) hosted their annual Spirit of Thanksgiving concert at Cornerstone Church in San Bernardino on Tuesday, November 13. The concert was aptly titled “Taking the Time to Give Thanks,” and apart from spreading holiday cheer, it is also an opportunity to serve those in need; the admission “fee” for the concert was not money but rather clothing, toiletries, bus passes, diapers, food and other basic needs donations which benefit the numerous women and children that TFC serves. The concert was organized by TFC board member, the Rev. Bronica Martindale. Performers included Martindale herself as well as various youth, church and at-large community members from the surrounding area. The evening filled the church and attendees’ hearts with love and music, including those of the women and children who will benefit from the generous donations.

The event brought in about 30 bags of food, clothing and other essential items. “The concert was wonderful. Very empowering, spiritually uplifting,” said TFC founder and Executive Director Kim Carter. “I want to thank ... our board member, Rev. Bronica Martindale, for coordinating such a wonderful experience for the homeless women, and families at time for change foundation. I was over-elated with the spiritual presence during the concert. Tears of joy flowed throughout the entire event.”

The Time For Change Foundation is “dedicated to helping homeless women and children achieve self-sufficiency by using a strength-based approach to address their needs.” TFC has two transitional homes and one permanent housing program where women and children are able to learn and grow in a safe, healthy environment and become self-sufficient. Time for Change offers a wide variety of programs such as job training, job interview skills, financial literacy, basic life skills and a host of other programs to prepare them for life outside the program. They also have programs for the children of the women in transition. Time for Change also recently rolled out a new program called Homes of Hope, which is not a facility or home, but a program that helps TFC clients find a place to live and continues to provide them services.

One of the foundation’s core beliefs is “everyone is deserving of a home that is nurturing and supportive,” and through these residential and supportive services programs, they are able to do just that to women in transition, so that when they are on their own, they can provide the same to their families. “Our dreams for the future are to develop more affordable housing projects for women and children who constantly face the screeningout process as opposed to being screened-in for housing,” Carter concluded.

For more information on the Time For Change Foundation, visit www.timeforchangefoundation.org or call (909) 886-2994.



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Pictured clockwise from top: **The Voices**, group from Los Angeles, performing Negro spirituals; TFC board member and concert organizer and performer **Rev. Bronica Martindale** thanks those who supported the foundation through their generous donations, some of which can be seen in front. **Bronique Martindale**, daughter of Rev. Bronica Martindale.

