

Thrivent Member Network – Southwest Region

# Network News

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Network News provides financial insights, local stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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## Celebrating Our Q1 Successes

We kicked off 2021 with a bang! Your Thrivent Member Network – Southwest Region provided eight webinars in Q1, serving 567 members and 210 guests for a total of 777 individuals. This is a significant increase when compared to the same time last year with 275 total served. This increase is because of your commitment to attend our online workshops and share the workshop links with friends and family. Thank you for spreading the word! You can view upcoming webinars at the end of this newsletter, and we hope to see you online soon.

During COVID-19, we realize completing Action Teams can be a challenge. Nonetheless, 877 members in our region completed Action Teams in Q1, tackling 1,004 projects with 4,161 volunteers, dedicating 27,737 volunteer hours, and raising \$322,824 for their partner organizations. We are

so impressed by your commitment to your community. The number of Action Teams is down 42% compared to the same time last year, so please read the article in this newsletter about ways you can still do Action Teams and stay safe. Go to [bit.ly/TAteam2021](https://bit.ly/TAteam2021) to apply now!

Finally, we are thrilled member designations of Thrivent Choice® dollars is up compared to the same time last year. 17% of our region's members have designated a whopping \$778,079 to Thrivent Choice charities. Just imagine the impact we could create if 50% of our members stepped up to designate! Help us continue to increase these designations by going to [bit.ly/TCDollars2021](https://bit.ly/TCDollars2021) to make your selections today. Our charities are in tough times and can really use your Thrivent Choice dollars to continue their programs for community members in need.

## COVID-19 Socially Distanced Thrivent Action Team Ideas

During a time of social distancing, there are still ways to make a difference in your community. Reach out to your church groups, support groups, book clubs and neighbors to invite them to be part of your project. You can still make an impact—even from a distance.

Please click [here](#) to see a list of creative ways you can have fun, give back and utilize your Action Teams.



## Nonprofit Spotlight on Fellowship Monrovia/Harambee Ministries



Fellowship Monrovia Church, in partnership with Harambee Ministries, consists of a group of people encompassing a wide range of races and classes. Their mission emphasizes that while they look, live and vote differently, the Gospel penetrates these differences. They intentionally choose to lay aside their differences to have communion with one another and with God. As a community, they strive to live out the Gospel.

Centered in an area once called “blood corner” in northwest Pasadena,

California, this 12-block area has been revitalized by Fellowship Monrovia/Harambee Ministries through love, dedication and service. The children, families and community have been nurtured and equipped with leadership skills to holistically minister through Biblical truths, rebuilding and revitalizing these urban neighborhoods.

Because of this organization’s inspiring work, the Thrivent Member Network – Southwest Region awarded grant funds to expand the work of Harambee Ministries within their Fellowship Center. Their aim is to create a Gospel centered environment that leads to active engagement, with difficult conversations

taking place over long periods of time, resulting in individual and systemic reconciliation. The grant funds focused on bringing awareness and education to the community through the lens of the Gospel via workshops, webinars and the distribution of materials and resources.

Thrivent is proud to invest in Fellowship Monrovia to support their work. For more information, please visit their website, [harambeeministries.org](http://harambeeministries.org).

If you’d like to direct any Thrivent Choice dollars to this organization, you can find them in the Thrivent Choice Catalog [here](#).

## Nonprofit Spotlight on Door of Hope

Door of Hope, with shelters located throughout Southern California, was founded in 1985 with a mission to equip families and children experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives. Unlike most homeless service organizations where families are separated, the Door of Hope program keeps the family unit together as they work toward their goal of achieving permanent housing. Door of Hope has an 82% success rate with families who graduate from the program.

Housing 25 families at a time, Door of Hope’s transitional housing programs help families overcome the practical, emotional, and financial challenges they face to transition into permanent housing. Door of Hope’s comprehensive services are designed for the whole person and the whole family to permanently break the cycle of homelessness for this generation and the next.



As the COVID-19 pandemic devastated families facing homelessness, many parents were faced with the unbelievable decision to have food on their table or pay their rent. With generosity from the community, Door of Hope expanded their homeless prevention program by 296%, serving 132 families. Yet, there are so many families desperate for a safe place to call home. Door of Hope is currently operating at capacity and for every

family that walks through their doors they turn away seven others due to capacity challenges. But there is hope! With community support, Door of Hope will open a new transitional shelter soon, helping families on their journey toward stable housing. For more information, go to [doorofhope.us](http://doorofhope.us).

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# 2021 Calendar of Events

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website [thriventfinancial.com/member-network/southwest](http://thriventfinancial.com/member-network/southwest) or email [southwesttmn@thrivent.com](mailto:southwesttmn@thrivent.com).

## June

### 08 Rise Above with Bethany Hamilton

Bethany Hamilton has become a source of inspiration to millions through her story of determination, faith and hope. At the age of 13, Bethany lost her left arm to a 14-foot tiger shark, which seemed to end her career as a rising surf star. One month after the attack, Bethany returned to the water and within two years had won her first national title.

In 2007, Bethany realized her dream of surfing professionally and since then, her story has been told in a New York Times bestselling autobiography and in the 2011 film, Soul Surfer. Bethany is passionate about helping young women be unstoppable in life and faith. Her greatest joy is being a wife and mother.

#### Zoom, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. PT

Click [here](#) for more info and to RSVP. Sharing is caring, so please share this newsletter and webinar links with friends and family so they can also benefit from this inspiring message.

### 22 Cyber Security, Identity Theft and Safeguarding Your Home

Jeff Lanza was an FBI agent for over 20 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this discussion. This dynamic presentation will focus on how to keep our homes safe from intruders, and how criminals try to trick us, steal our identity, and commit cyber fraud. It demonstrates the simple steps we can deploy to keep our identities safe and stay protected from the plethora of cyber scams and frauds that pervade our society.

#### Zoom, Noon or 6:30 p.m. PT

Click [here](#) for more info and to RSVP. In today's unpredictable world you can never be too safe, so please share this newsletter and webinar links with friends and family so they can also benefit from this educational webinar.

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