

Thrivent Member Network – Southwest Region

Network News

About the newsletter

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

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Use your Action Teams and Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Now is the perfect time to dust off your Action Team ideas and designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Even in these unprecedented times, there are opportunities to give back. For example, contact your local Department of Health Services or vaccination site to see if you can use an Action Team to provide water and snacks for the volunteers. Attend one of our Thrivent Member Network webinars to hear about Thrivent Choice charities that are making a direct impact in our communities and potentially designate to one that touches your heart.

Only 18% of our members in the Southwest Region have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars. The process is very simple! Go to thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html and select an organization to receive your funds



Thrivent Action Teams create impact.

designation. Every dollar counts to these organizations that are experiencing tough times for fundraising due to the pandemic. Your designation of 2020 choice dollars must be complete by March 31, 2021.

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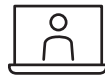
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2020 By the Numbers

2020 was certainly a year for the record books! We all learned new ways to communicate online, support our friends and families, and stay healthy. For our Thrivent Member Network, the pandemic put a temporary hold on our in-person workshops and Live Generously events, but this was an impetus for us to find new and exciting ways to engage with our members and prospective members through Zoom opportunities. This pivot allowed us to reach more of you than ever before. Here are some impressive numbers:



45 TMN workshops provided
(50% increase over 2019)



1,398 Thrivent clients in attendance



846 Prospects/guests in attendance

We love it when our clients invite their family and friends to our webinars, as they are open to everyone. Please continue passing along the RSVP links so we can reach as many people as possible with our educational and inspiring online opportunities.

We still have time to make an impact on the Thrivent Choice Dollars numbers because the deadline isn't until March 31, 2021, so designate your dollars today and make an immediate impact in your community!

Nonprofit Spotlight

The mission of [Grandma's House of Hope \(GHH\)](#) is to "Empower the invisible populations of Orange County through three core programs: Rescued & Restored Housing, Nana's Kidz food distribution, and HopeWorks! Education and Enrichment Center." The organization provides emergency, bridge and healing housing, food, education and trauma-informed services for unstably housed women, men and children, who often also are survivors of abuse or dealing with mental health disabilities, chronic illnesses or substance use disorders.

In 2020, GHH provided 370 women and men experiencing homelessness with housing and trauma-informed support. 63% of their housing program participants graduated to permanent housing. That is an impressive outcome.

Grandma's House of Hope firmly believes no child should go to bed hungry, so they partner with nine



distribution sites across Orange County, CA to distribute 35,000 nutritious meals each month to hungry children and their families. Due to COVID-19 and many children no longer receiving nutrition at school, they expanded food bag distribution by 473%.

To learn more about how you can help, please visit their website at grandmashouseofhope.org.

2021 Calendar of Events

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website thriventfinancial.com/member-network/southwest or email southwesttmn@thrivent.com.

March

08 Women and Money

Join us on International Women's Day! Women today have never been in a better position to achieve financial security for themselves and their families. But women often face unique financial challenges. Many different life stages and characteristics define women: single, married, widowed, employee, small business owner, breadwinner, stay-at-home mom, empty nester, retired, knowledgeable investor, novice saver and so on. It's likely you'll face at least some of these challenges, so it's important to recognize them and take necessary steps to move forward financially.

Grab your favorite beverage and join us for some girl time! Webinars are open to everyone, so please share this information with your friends and family.

Zoom, 6:30 p.m. PT

To RSVP:

Women and Money
bit.ly/FCFWemSW0308

23 Be Inspired by Your Power of Membership

Are you designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars® and using your Action Teams? Join us for this educational and inspiring webinar to learn about your benefits as a Thrivent client or refresh your memory about the benefits you know and love.

Zoom, 6:30 p.m. PT

To RSVP:

Power of Membership
bit.ly/WWWemSW0323

31 Home Wise: Planning for Your Purchase

If you're a first-time home buyer or looking for your next home, this workshop can help you prepare. Learn tips and strategies to take the stress out of the process.

You do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend, so please invite friends and family to join us.

Zoom, 6:30 p.m. PT

To RSVP:

Home Wise
bit.ly/HWemSW0331

April

13 Understand Annuities and Social Security with Robin Mueller

Join us for an upcoming exclusive event with nationally recognized Social Security speaker, Robin Mueller. You'll gain valuable insights on the impact of annuities and Social Security so you can continue to live a more content, confident and generous life.

This information is valuable for everyone, so please share the RSVP link with friends and family. You do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend.

Zoom, 12 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. PT

To RSVP:

Understanding Annuities and Social Security
bit.ly/SSemSW413

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