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Connecting People of African Descent

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CPAD Representatives join Second Baptist Church of Monrovia members to wrap Christmas gifts for the children of the Angel Tree Program

CPAD's Partnership with Second Baptist Church of Monrovia for Children's Christmas Gift Giving Program

Connecting People of African Descent (CPAD) partnered with Second Baptist Church of Monrovia (925 S. Shamrock Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016) to bring

holiday joy to children of the Angel Tree Program (more information about Angel Tree below) and the wonderful services they provide. On December 4th, CPAD along with Second Baptist Church members gathered to wrap donated Children's Christmas gifts. This year the church blessed approximately 75 children with donated gifts, including 7 donated by CPAD members.



Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship program that gives parents behind bars a way to restore and strengthen relationships with their children through a tangible experience of God's love—especially at Christmas.

They believe every child has a story. For 2.7 million children in the U.S., that story may be filled with the

abandonment, loneliness, and shame that come from having a mom or dad incarcerated. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road. The Angel Tree® Prison Fellowship program reaches out to the children of people who are incarcerated and their families with the love of Christ. While Angel Tree starts with giving a gift, it doesn't end in December. Angel Tree is a year-round program that helps to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families in the community. From Angel Tree Camping® to Angel Tree Sports Clinic™ to mentoring opportunities, there are so many ways for churches, organizations, and volunteers to have a lasting impact on the lives of Angel Tree children, their caregivers, and families.

Angel Tree relies on local churches and groups to give hundreds of thousands of children a gift, the Gospel, and a personal message of love on behalf of their incarcerated parent. This year thousands of partners have already committed to serving close to 300,000 kids, but there are still communities across the country where help is needed to bring an Angel Tree Christmas to children.

Second Baptist Church Monrovia: <https://www.sbcmonrovia.org/>

Angel Tree: <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>

Thank you to Second Baptist Church for giving CPAD the opportunity to join forces this past Christmas!

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- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
- Book Club/Screening
- Annual Sickle Cell Disease Forum
- Fireside Chat

Our Mission





CPAD Joins Forces with SET for LIFE to Participate in City of Hope's Adopt-a-Family Annual Christmas Program

CPAD adopted a family of five from City of Hope's annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. This year, we teamed up with SET for LIFE, a continued supporter and partner of CPAD. Together, we provided this family with almost all of the items on their wish lists. Thank you CPAD and SET for LIFE for representing! Your generosity to give this season allowed this family to have one less worry on Christmas day.

Read more about the family we adopted below and SET for LIFE.



Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Size	Wants/Needs
Jonathan	Self	19	M	Shoes:10 Shirt: L Pants: L or 31Wx32L	Video games for Nintendo Switch (Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., Super Mario Party), Footlocker gift card, GameStop gift card, AMC movie theater gift card
Patrice	Mom	54	F	XL	Dinner/Movie gift card, Footlocker gift card
Courtney	Sister	21	F	Shoes:7 Shirt: S Pants: 7 (ts)	Fujifilm Instax Mini camera (pink), Forever 21 gift card, Gas gift card, Favorite colors: Pink/Green
Briana	Sister	30	F		AMC gift card, Gas gift card, Favorite color: Blue
Donald	Dad	54	M		Portable DVD Player

Grocery Stores: Walmart; Durable Goods: Walmart

Jonathan is an African American, 19-year-old, English speaking male diagnosed with sickle cell disease. He is currently admitted to City of Hope (COH) in preparation for Bone Marrow Transplant in which Jonathan's father is his donor. Jonathan has been admitted to the hospital 10+ times throughout this year alone. The family lives in Northern California, however, when Jonathan is here at COH for appointments or is hospitalized, the family stays at a local hotel. Jonathan graduated from high school this past June 2019 and his sister, Courtney graduated from college in May 2019 and is currently a graduate student. Jonathan's mother is able to work remotely, however, Jonathan's father frequently misses work without pay, causing a financial strain on the family. They were extremely grateful to be a part of COH's Adopt-a-Family program.

SET for LIFE (Senior Education and Training for Living Informed Futures Everyday) is an "All-Volunteer Organization" charitable nonprofit, established in 2004 and federally recognized in 2006. Through strategic partnerships they provide seniors and families access to FREE resources to live healthier, happier and longer lives. Since 2017, they have focused on efforts to improve the social determinants of health among the African American population. SET for LIFE/FAMILIES is able to accomplish their mission through long-term strategic and value drive partnerships.

Their partnership with City of Hope began with the Center of Community Alliance for Research and Education (CCARE) and is built on a common goal of reducing Cancer, Chronic Diseases and other Health Disparities among people who have been minoritized. **Today** their partnership continues to blossom with many new divisions and staff joining their efforts. Including Diversity groups such as Connecting People of African Descent (CPAD), Latinos 4 Hope and the Prayer Warriors. Board-members serve on the Community Benefit Council, and the Breast Cancer and The Environment Research Program Community Leadership Committee. In 2019 they focused on Prostate Cancer education, and screenings of African American men from local churches for early detection and disease prevention.

SET for LIFE: <http://setforlifefnews.org/>



Upcoming event you do not want to miss!

CPAD has partnered with Diversity and Inclusion and the Department of Health Equities for the following events:

January 15, 2020 (Noon - 1:30 pm)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration - "The Fierce Urgency of Now"

Location: Rivergrade Campus –Jade, Onyx, and Cooper Conference Rooms

*A special screening of the event will take place on the Main Campus in the Graff Library Rm 112 during the same time

**Look out for the Eventbrite RSVP link

Upcoming Opportunities to Network and Celebrate Black History Month at City of Hope

February 5, 2020 (11 am - 1:30 pm)

Book Club/Screening

Harriet A. Washington's Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present

Location: Graff Library Rm 112

*Amazon is selling the book for \$11 or it may be available at your local library.

February 21, 2020 (Forum 7:45 am - 5:30 pm, Networking Hour 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm)

CPAD's 2nd Annual Sickle Cell Disease Forum

Location: Cooper Auditorium

*Look out for the Eventbrite RSVP link

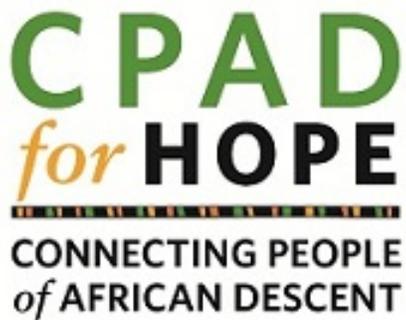
February 27, 2020 (5 pm - 7:30 pm)

Fireside Chat: "The Mentality of Health"

Come hear physicians and researchers discuss diseases that commonly affect minorities and the role of mental health

Location: Cooper Auditorium

*Look out for the Eventbrite RSVP link



Our Vision:

- To create an inclusive community that connects the needs and interests of people of African descent at City of Hope.

Our Mission:

- Leverage the collective experiences of our members to better understand motivations and concerns that may be unique to our community and support City of Hope's efforts to recruit and retain talented people of African descent.
- Serve as a trusted source of insight and creativity for City of Hope as it continues to expand its Diversity and Inclusion initiatives.

Our Objectives:

- Organize and promote events/forums that address topics affecting communities of people of African descent, such as diabetes, sickle-cell anemia, breast cancer, heart disease, etc.
- Provide opportunities for members to grow professionally and personally

HAVE IDEAS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH CPAD?

Reach out to the CPAD leadership with your ideas, and to Stefanie Wright-Golightly: swright-golightly@coh.org with announcements you would like highlighted in the newsletter. We are always looking for ways for CPAD to highlight matters important to our communities.

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