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## **San Diego Housing Federation honors Father Joe Carroll**

Father Joe Carroll will be honored with an Industry Achievement Award from The San Diego Housing Federation on Thursday, June 11 at the Federation's 14th Annual Affordable Housing and Community Development Awards at the Handlery Hotel with the reception beginning at 5 p.m.

The Housing Federation is honoring Father Joe for "his years of dedication to providing homes for San Diego's neediest and most difficult to house residents." Father Joe, who followed his faith to provide first class housing for the homeless and disabled, this year grew his outreach to help low-income working families and opened two new affordable housing buildings: 16th & Market in East Village and Boulevard Apartments in North Park.

In 1982 Father Joe was assigned to run the soup line and thrift shop on the site that is now 16th & Market. He immediately saw a need beyond just serving peanut butter sandwiches and traveled the country to learn what others were doing. "I couldn't believe the buildings they were using to house families and children; buildings that were unfit for any other use," he says.

In 1987 he opened the Joan Kroc Center where he created the nationally acclaimed and modeled "one-stop shop" of social services. That building grew into St. Vincent de Paul Village and then Father Joe's Villages which today owns 19 buildings, six of which were newly built by Father Joe. Future construction plans include 15th & Commercial, a multi-purpose building at St. Vincent de Paul Village, and "A Children's Village," for 200 homeless and foster youth in rural Campo, Calif.

Daily Father Joe's Villages provides 4,000 meals, child care, assessment, case management, mental health counseling, recovery services, career and education services, education at on-site elementary and high schools, and medical care at its federally qualified health clinic. The Villages has transitional housing programs for more than 881 homeless men, women, teens and children, 142 permanent housing units for low-income individuals with disabilities, and 160 permanent housing units for low-income working families and individuals.

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