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(Photo courtesy L.A. County) - L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger (left), who has a track record of addressing homelessness and assisting those with mental illness, presented a \$40,000 check to the Rev. Megan Katerjian, the executive director of Door of Hope, a Pasadena-based organization that helps families overcome homelessness.

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Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger recently presented a \$40,000 check to Door of Hope, a nonprofit organization located in Pasadena that helps families overcome homelessness, while meeting with its management team, caseworkers and board members.

The funds will be used to extend Door of Hope's services to communities surrounding the city of Pasadena, including Altadena and South Pasadena. The organization's goal is to serve 190 families this year.

"Door of Hope is running a successful homelessness prevention program that's continuing to grow and is helping stabilize families," Barger said. "I am a proud supporter of their mission to end family homelessness and commend their successful client-centered approach. I wholeheartedly know these funds will be put to good use and, most importantly, will help struggling families in this part of my district thrive."

"Supervisor Barger has been a great advocate in addressing the homelessness crisis," said the Rev. Megan Katerjian, Door of Hope's executive director. "She is taking a proactive approach by supporting prevention and understanding the vital role that faith-based organizations can play in this endeavor. Through these funds, she is offering much-needed relief to housing insecure families in her district, and Door of Hope is honored to partner with her to help vulnerable families stay housed."

Door of Hope's homelessness prevention program debuted in 2018 and has steadily grown since then. In 2022, it served 176 families. The nonprofit's services prevent evictions and help families retain their existing housing.

Approximately 96% of their clients retain their housing for at least one year. In 2021, 83% of their clients either increased or maintained their income including savings in comparison to their financial status when they first joined Door of Hope.

For more information about Door of Hope, visit doorofhope.us.

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