

Dear Belinda,

Happy National Caregivers Month! While Bet Tzedek provides services for seniors, dependent adults, and their caregivers year-round, each November, we recognize and uplift the **63+ million family caregivers** across the U.S. These individuals devote their time, energy, and love to supporting a family member or friend with health needs.



This month shines a light on the importance that family caregivers play in our healthcare system, educating communities about the challenges caregivers face, and providing resources for caregivers. See our social media accounts, found at the bottom of this news digest, to learn more. And visit our website to get details about our programs for seniors and caregivers, including conservatorships, advance planning and supported decision-making, elder justice, estate planning, and more.

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Celebrating Native American Heritage!

November is also **National Native American Heritage Month**, a time to learn about and honor Los Angeles' Native American tribes and history.

Bet Tzedek acknowledges that the County of Los Angeles occupies land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the **Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples**. The Tongva People have lived in Tovangar — the 4,000+ square mile region now known as the Greater Los Angeles Basin — for at least 10,000 years.

Injustices endured by Indigenous communities — through broken treaties, land dispossession, forced displacement, and countless other harms — reflect broader patterns of systemic oppression that continue to shape inequities today. **However, today's Native Americans in Los Angeles are a vibrant, resilient community** with new hubs, youth engagement, community events, and cultural preservation.

Follow along on our social media accounts, found on the bottom of this news digest, as we recognize Native Americans' enduring connection to the land and their advocacy for justice in their communities, while reaffirming our commitment to building a more equitable future for all.

📣 Taking Action Against Hunger! 📣

Even with the federal government shutdown ended, November and upcoming CalFresh benefits are likely to be delayed as the government reopens. This may affect 5.5 million Californians — including 2 million children.

See the graphics for key steps you can take to help families put food on the table and prevent hunger.

More info + resources: cdss.ca.gov

[🔗](#) Share this post to spread the word and support your community.



Our Collaboration with Cutting-Edge Platform, Paladin

Thank you, Paladin, for spotlighting us for Pro Bono Week! We are proud to be using Paladin — a cutting-edge pro bono platform — to power our volunteer engagement and expand access to justice across Los Angeles.

We have launched Paladin to help our attorneys and legal professionals to discover, sign up for, and track meaningful pro bono opportunities.

💡 Why this matters:

- Streamlined access to real-time, curated opportunities
- Personalized matching based on interests and expertise
- Data-driven insights to grow and strengthen our pro bono network

By embracing platforms like this, we're shrinking the justice gap and building a more equitable legal system for all.

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🔴 Help Us Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth 🔴

We need your help to provide vulnerable youth with access to life-saving protections. New USCIS fees for SIJS, asylum, and T/U Visas create **insurmountable financial barriers that prevent children from receiving the humanitarian relief they need**. With your support, Bet Tzedek can continue advocating for these children.

New USCIS fees are putting humanitarian relief out of reach for children:

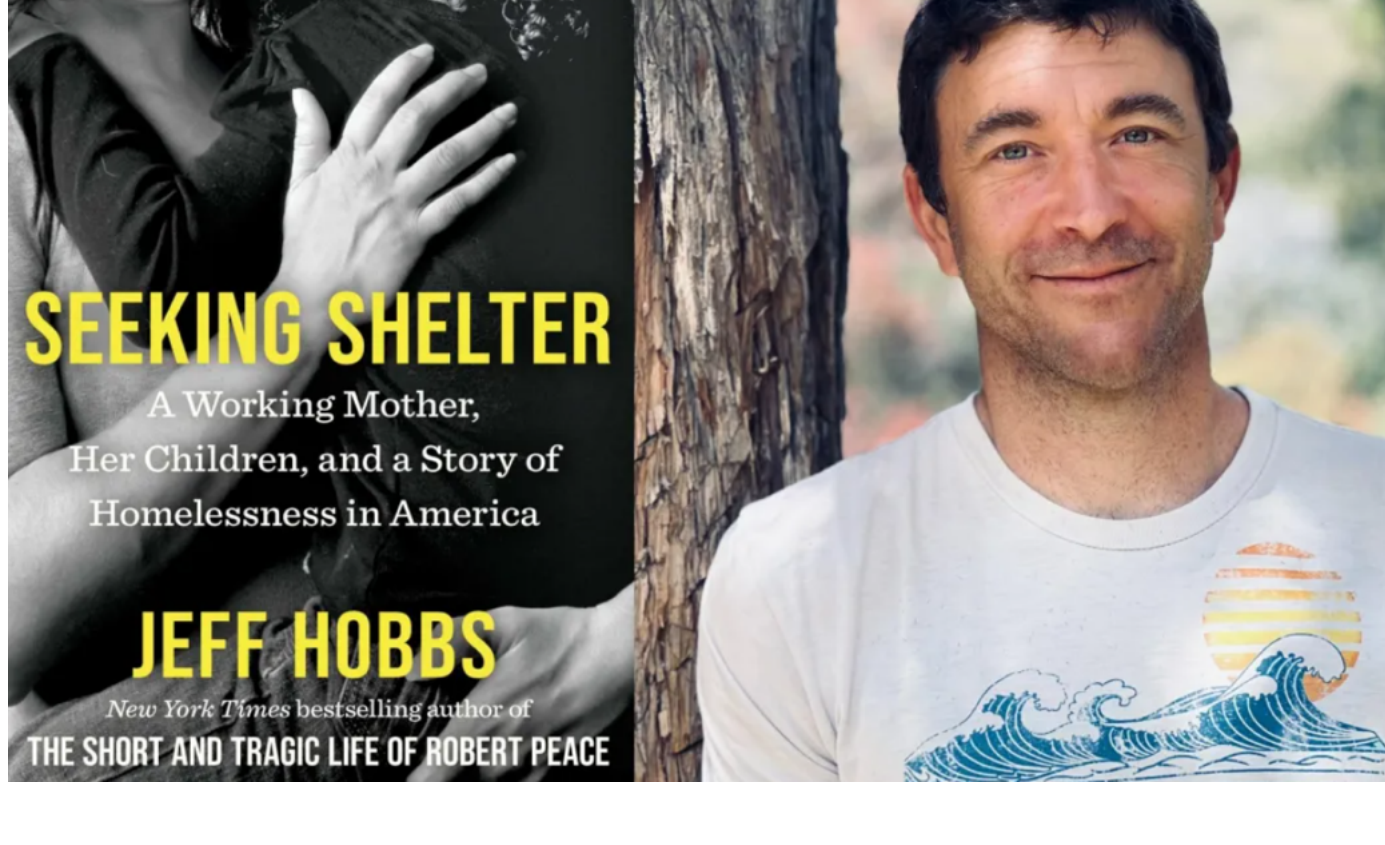
- SIJS I-360 petition: \$250 (previously waivable)
- Defensive adjustment of status: \$1,500 (previously \$495)
- Work permits: \$275 (previously waivable)
- Appeals/motions: \$275 (previously waivable)

These fees may force children to forgo critical immigration benefits, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation, homelessness, and deportation.

Your donation helps Bet Tzedek cover these fees and continue advocating for vulnerable youth.

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What We're Reading: *Seeking Shelter* & Our Fight for Housing Justice



Jeff Hobbs' *Seeking Shelter: A Working Mother, Her Children, and a Story of Homelessness in America* offers a powerful, human-centered look at the realities of housing insecurity. Through the story of Evelyn — a working mother navigating shelters, systemic barriers, and the struggle to keep her family together — the book exposes the structural failures that perpetuate poverty and homelessness.

At Bet Tzedek, we work with mothers like Evelyn every day. Our advocates constantly fight to dismantle the same barriers highlighted in Hobbs' narrative. From securing housing rights and preventing unlawful evictions to ensuring access to public benefits and fair wages, our Housing and Economic Justice initiatives provide critical legal support to families like Evelyn's. This work is about legal representation — and it's about restoring dignity and stability to those most vulnerable.

Seeking Shelter reminds us why this fight matters. It calls on all of us to stand with families facing housing insecurity and to push for systemic change. If you are interested in standing with us in our efforts to support clients like Evelyn, consider volunteering with Bet Tzedek.

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JOIN OUR FIGHT FOR JUSTICE: WORK WITH US!

See our job listings below, and share them with your network!

Join the Bet Tzedek Team!

Have a passion for helping underserved residents in the community? Please apply for a chance to take a leadership position with dedicated staff and volunteers who help over 60,000 people per year.

Here are some critical positions we need to fill:

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