



GRATEFUL GATHERINGS

Dear Head Royce Students and Families,

Please save the date for our first Head Royce Grateful Gathering on **Saturday, February 29th!** Here is some important information about the organization we are helping and the service project:

Who is Grateful Gatherings? Grateful Gatherings is a 501c3 nonprofit organization who gathers quality donated furniture and household goods for those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. They help connect, communities like ours, directly to families in-need.

What? A one-day, community driven, donation drive and move-in for families in transitioning out of homelessness or crisis.

How? Grateful Gatherings provides the people in need through a network of approved nonprofit agencies, they identify items needed and finds a community to host a donation drive. The community picks a date and sends out a request for donations of gently-used furniture and household items to their email lists. On the Grateful Gathering event day, donors drop off items to a specific location and volunteers sort and deliver goods to a family or individual in need. **For more info please visit gratefulgatherings.org.**

How can you help? Please sign up to donate household or furniture items on this Signup Genius link. We are helping two families in need in our local community.

To Donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044BA9AD2EA7F49-head1>

To Volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ba9ad2ea7f49-volunteer5>

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Family Story: Olga (Mom), Fernando (Dad) , Destiny (15 yrs), Danielle (13 yrs), Fernando (10 yrs), Adrienne (9 yrs), Javier (3 yrs), Abraham (1 yr)

Olga and Fernando are the parents of six beautiful children. Fernando works as a painter and Olga stays home with her 3 year old autistic son and 1 year old baby boy.

Olga and Fernando were struggling but were getting by. A job loss coupled with a tragic event caused them to lose their home and everything in it. It has taken months to save enough for the rent and finally a local agency was able to help them. Now in their new 2 bedroom apartment they have nothing. Blankets on the floor, a broken couch and a few kitchen items. Fernando got a new job but it would take months, if not years, to collect all they need for their home.

This is where we come in! We hope to provide all the necessities this family might need and a bit more to be comfortable. We are hoping to be the extended family they do not have in a time of tragedy. Please join us in helping this deserving family in-need.