The Kindness Initiative

STANDARDS OF CARE

Every Jew in San Diego County should have:

- **Dignity and Self-respect** – the right to be treated by others in a respectful, friendly, and communicative manner, with the knowledge that someone cares about them
- **Food Security** – at least two nutritious meals per day, every day, prepared consistent with their religious beliefs
- **Housing** – a roof over their head, a private bathroom, and access to a kitchen every day and night; a stable location; access to home maintenance services
- **Health and Wellness** – access to the full array of basic medical services including physicians, dentistry, vision care; auditory services; medications; mental health and physical disabilities services; substance abuse and domestic violence support; as well as home healthcare, fall-prevention, and Alzheimer's and Dementia services
- **Transportation** – an ability to access services needed in a dignified manner
- **Information** – electronic access to information for services and socialization
- **Job** – a living wage from a vocation that is safe
- **Basic household goods** - clothing, furnishings, toiletries, toys, basic personal care products and services
- **Life Cycle Events** – an ability to celebrate weddings, a brit milah, bar/bat mitzvah or hold a funeral or burial for loved ones
- **Socialization and Support services** – access to group activity programs/day care; legal services; tax and accounting services
- **Communal participation** - access to Jewish communal life without cost being a barrier to participation
- **Jewish Education –** optional access to basic Jewish education for children
- **Poverty prevention options** – access to financial advisory services and interest free loans
- **Support of fellow Jews -** the support of Jewish individuals and organizations to ease access to all the above in a timely manner
- **Confidentiality –** privacy and confidentiality on matters they prefer not to be in the public domain