



# 5812 Cold Water Way, Inc.

A California Non-profit Corporation

## Mission and Goals

**5812 Cold Water Way** is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose primary objectives and purposes are to provide locations for the building of a relational community; to provide food and clothing for the needy, English language tutoring for those of other nationalities who want or need to learn English, to acquire real property to provide free temporary housing for the homeless and to develop training centers for those who wish to be equipped to provide the above mentioned services.

In addition, this corporation will own and operate businesses as a means to equip and train families to be self-supporting and self-sufficient and to be a primary income provider for sustaining the above services.

## Overview of Purpose

**5812 Cold Water Way** was granted 501(c)(3) status as non-profit corporation on November 13, 2003. It was organized by Rick MacDonald as a means to service the underprivileged in Azusa and the surrounding communities without being a religious organization. Mr. MacDonald chose to serve outside the context of the religious community known as the church, because after years of serving in that arena he found that he was always doing the same thing for the same people and no one was being helped out of their condition. In January 2005, Mr. MacDonald resigned as pastor of the Azusa Foursquare Church to dedicate his full attention to the mission of 5812 Cold Water Way.

**5812 Cold Water Way** does sound like an address and not a business name, but that's exactly what was intended. The choice of the name is based upon the vision to be a destination for the purpose meeting the needs of those who do not have the opportunity to do so on their own, and training them to help others as well.

## 5812

In his State of the Union address in February 1997, President Bill Clinton made this statement:

*Just a few days before my second Inauguration, one of the country's best known pastors, Reverend Robert Schuller, suggested that I read Isaiah 58:12. Here's what it says: "Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations, and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." (KJV) I placed my hand on that verse when I took the oath of office, on behalf of all Americans. For no matter what our differences—in our faiths, our backgrounds, our politics—we must all be repairers of the breach.*

We believe that this verse identifies a crucial part of the spiritual and moral DNA of every person—to be instruments of restoration in lives, neighborhoods, cities and nations.

## Cold Water

Just as President Clinton used Scripture to make an oath on behalf of the American people, we choose to use a Scripture to address how to best serve people.

**Matthew 10:42** - *“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”*

The primary message of this passage is loving people through the simplest of actions. Our culture pays attention to the “somebodies” of this world, but ignores the behind the scenes servants who’ve devoted years of service attracting very little attention. This is because the intention of their actions is for those whom they serve—not themselves. We need to recognize the smallest of effort by these “nobodies” who have a destiny yet to be tapped, even in the simple act of the giving of a cup of **cold water**, and use their passion to train “receivers” to learn how and why to be “givers.”

## Way

There are often many thoughts and ideas about how to best help people find their way.

For those who help out of the context of a community of faith, they rely on their beliefs of what Scripture teaches.

**John 14:6** - *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

In the book of Acts, those who followed after the teachings of Jesus were known as “those of the Way.”

We have found that spiritual formation and direction are key to the transformation of individuals and communities.

For those who believe the way for community restoration to be social justice, we partner with them in hands on participation of rebuilding neighborhoods.

The way of both the community of faith and proponents of social justice have the same motivation - it is simply love for their fellow man. The old adage of *give them a fish they eat for a day, teach them to fish they eat all their life* says teaching people the way to be productive in life is better than just giving them a hand out. We believe the **only** way to give yourself to such tasks is to love people as much as we love ourselves. Love is the only way to truly help people.

## Neighborhood Outreaches:

To date, **5812 Cold Water Way** has served the neighborhoods of Azusa, by having an open ear to hear people’s needs and anonymously or openly meeting them.

Some of the areas we have served include refurnished burned homes, provided clothing for the victims of the fire, paid for dental work for the needy, put air conditioners in the homes of elderly, provided backpacks and school supplies for Homework House kids, put tires and brakes on the cars of single moms, paid rent and provided food for single moms and their children and many other acts of kindness.

Our next step is to restore entire neighborhoods. To change the surroundings from those of hopelessness to a community whose transformation is owned by all, and the lives of those who live and serve in the neighborhood gladly acknowledge that they live in Hope City.