

KIM CURTIS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / GOODNESS VILLAGE, LIVERMORE

Curiosity first drew Kim Curtis to the homeless. At age 14, she was riding BART into San Francisco when she saw people living on the street. She wanted to know why, so she asked them. Soon, she was making friends and bringing meals.

Today, Curtis is executive director of Goodness Village, a nonprofit in Livermore that provides affordable permanent housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. On the 35-acre property of Crosswinds Church, 28 tiny homes are situated under mature trees. The 8-by-20-foot units have a kitchenette, bathroom, bed, and flat-screen TV. Curtis's staff lovingly customizes each unit, from the color of the comforter to the sports team banner on the wall.

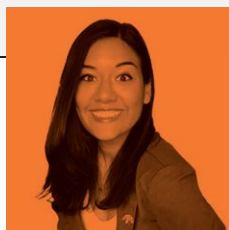
"I was only supposed to be an adviser," says Curtis, who was working as a mental health clinician at Santa Rita Jail when Crosswinds began considering how it could use some of its land to benefit the community. When the vision coalesced—in partnership with Alameda County and HomeAid, among others—Curtis knew this was a perfect fit. "I said, 'Well, if we're really going to do this, I want to oversee the project.' It's the missing piece in treating homelessness—the community."

In addition to support services, mentorship, and vocational training, Goodness Village encourages community through shared spaces and projects such as a large vegetable garden, beehives, a chicken coop, and a workshop. Curtis envisions a future downtown Livermore storefront selling handmade Goodness Village candles, honey, and gifts, with residents running the cash register.

"Ten, 14 years homeless—these are big-time survivors," says Curtis. "To give them a place to rest and recover and then the opportunity to give back and have purpose ... I'm very excited about this." —LeeAnne Jones



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION / OFFICE OF MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF, OAKLAND

Kyra Mungia is the youngest person in Oakland Mayor Libby SchAAF's office in a directorial position, and was named to *Forbes's* 30 under 30 Education list for 2021.

Mungia, who is a former teacher, led the #OaklandUndivided initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase consistent access to the internet and computers for young remote learners. Her current efforts are focused

on teachers, aiming to break down cost-of-living barriers for instructors of color, particularly in STEM and special education classes.

"From a young age, I loved school but soon learned that not everyone had the same opportunities," Mungia says. "My vision for educational equity is one where youth thrive, regardless of race or other predictors of disparity."

—Emilie White