

Building Connections for Youth and Families

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May 4, 2022

Ewell Sterner Chief Executive Officer Hunger at Home 1560 Berger Drive San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Ewell:

The work that Hunger at Home is doing to combat food insecurities for homeless youth in Santa Clara County is truly commendable. Bill Wilson Center is proud to have been one of your inaugural partners in San Jose, and the connections we made through Hunger at Home continue to provide hot meals to homeless youth. Through the generous support of Hunger at Home, Bill Wilson Center has been able to provide delicious and nutritious hot meals to youth at our Drop-In Center in downtown San Jose, youth and families residing in our transitional housing programs, and current and former foster youth who access The HUB in San Jose. Thank you for your continued efforts to connect food and goods with those in need.

In addition, I want to applaud your efforts to assist homeless young adults who struggle to find employment due to a lack of skills and education. Your Hunger at Home Connects training program provides young people with the training they need to begin a career in the culinary arts – a field that offers many opportunities for career growth.

Once again, thank you for your support of Bill Wilson Center and our mission to end youth and family homelessness in Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

Pilar L. Furlong

Chief Community Resources Officer

Counseling • Housing • Education • Advocacy

Hello, Hunger at Home is valuable to the community that I serve, Alviso California and the Guadalupe. Hunger at Home has come through for all the unhoused people here in Alviso. I'm happy to help Hunger at Home fight against homelessness and poverty. Hunger at Homes leadership is a lifesaver. I hope that Hunger at Home continue to do the excellent work of people helping people.

What a blessing Thank you Cathy George



## Igniting Hope. Restoring Lives. May 11, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hunger at Home for partnering with CityTeam Renew Shelter Kitchen. Three years ago, Hunger at Home invited CityTeam to be part of their food donation Program. This partnership completely changed how we could serve our community from the Renew Shelter Kitchen. Hunger at Home provided food donations from Levi Stadium plus donations from a local cater. We now provide hundreds of hot breakfast sandwiches every morning. We allow our homeless community to take sandwiches, yogurts and pastries to go. Our food program grew from 550 meals per day to 700 meals per day.

Hunger at Home daily commitment to the community has allowed CityTeam In The Neighborhood Program to service the critical needs of those living below the poverty line in Santa Clara County by providing them with the resources they need to overcome the hardships they are facing, and to break out of the cycle of poverty. Individuals and families visit our 20 pantries set-up in Santa Clara County to receive food boxes.

Hunger at Home we appreciate your heart, to help us bring real hope, real life, and real change to those in need in our community. Thank you for your professionalism and high quality of service.

Blessings,

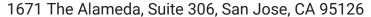
If you have any further questions, or if I may be of any further service to you, please feel free to give me a call at (408) 288-2185 Ext 3314.

Sincerely,

Reynolds Stewart

Reynolds Stewart Chef/Food Service Manager/Case Manager City Team

#### **HEADQUARTERS OFFICE**





April 25, 2022

#### To Whom It May Concern:

As Chief Program Officer for Downtown Streets Team, I enthusiastically support our partners Hunger at Home in their dedicated effort to feed, employ and support the most vulnerable in our community. As a service provider in homelessness, Downtown Streets Team bears witness to the traumatic experiences of extreme poverty and hunger. For several years we have partnered with Hunger at Home to serve this population and to remove barriers to homelessness and meet our shared population's basic needs.

Hunger at Home has consistently provided its invaluable services to Downtown Streets Team since coming to Silicon Valley and has been an exceptionally collaborative partner. Throughout the partnership Hunger at Home's leadership has continually answered in a big way when called upon.

Every year Hunger at Home has catered our holiday party for hundreds of Team Members ("clients"), which many of them cite as the highlight of their time with us. Even more, Hunger at Home stepped up as a partner throughout the pandemic, literally saving lives and keeping others of the streets. Their dedication and authentic approach make Hunger at Home a trusted and welcome ally in the fight against homeless and poverty.

With our deepest thanks,

Chris Richardson

Chief Program Officer

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April 22, 2022

To whom it may concern,

As the founder of the Farmworker Caravan, I am excited to support Hunger at Home in their continued efforts to connect food and goods with those in need. Ironically, hardworking agricultural workers that help to place food on the tables of everyone across America are the ones suffering from food insecurity the most.

Since 2020 the Farmworker Caravan has been partnering with Hunger at Home to distribute essential food and goods to farmworkers in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties. Together we have served thousands of farmworker families in isolated and rural areas of these counties.

We serve Mexican, South-American and indigenous communities and Hunger at Home has made a consistent effort to provide culturally relevant nonperishable food boxes and hot meals. During the food distributions the Farmworker Caravan has collaborated with multiple agencies to provide information on their different programs: financial assistance, immigration and citizenship services, SNAP and Medicaid application assistance, information regarding Public Charge, Know your Rights, and the COVID-19 virus prevention.

As a valued partner, I have witnessed the commitment of Hunger at Home to serve this often ignored and forgotten community. I am most impressed by their innovative nature and ability to immediately pivot to fill the needs of the community. Their professionalism, thoughtfulness and high quality of service is outstanding.

In partnership,

**Darlene Tenes** 

Farmworker Caravan, Founder

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#### 04/29/2022

#### Dear Hunger At Home:

From all of us at Hello Angels Foundation, we would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much Hunger at Home and your team mean to us. As a small non-profit organization, it can sometimes be a challenge to give back as much as we would like. Only through teamwork can we possibly make a dent in our community's needs. We need volunteers, donors, and other organizations working together for the greater good. Hunger At Home has been there for us and others and is making a huge difference to those who need it most, and Hello Angels Foundation couldn't do without you. We just wanted to let you know how we feel about what you have done for us as an organization in part, and for the community as a whole, so please accept our humble thank you...

Thank you Hunger At Home for all of your support, we are extremely grateful and those who we helped are forever thankful! The supplies that you provide to our organization are vital to our ability to help the community. We couldn't give as much as we do without your help. We look forward to our continued teamwork to help the less fortunate in our area. Keep up the good work!!!

Best regards,

KellyLaHamilton

Kelly La Hamilton



May 2, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

As the CEO of HomeFirst Services, I am excited to support Hunger at Home in their continued efforts to connect meal services with those most vulnerable in our communities.

Since 2015 HomeFirst has been partnering with Hunger at Home to distribute essential food and goods to homeless families, individuals, and Veterans in Santa Clara County. Together we have served thousands of people who are staying in our shelters and/or temporary housing sites.

HomeFirst is the largest provider of homelessness services and emergency shelter in Santa Clara County. We provide shelter to approximately 1000 people every night, which includes three meals a day, seven days a week, year-round. We have one industrial kitchen for up to 14 locations in the cold weather months. That makes the task of feeding everyone very daunting. Therefore, our relationship with Hunger at Home is critical if we are to provide quality care for everyone.

As a valued partner, I have witnessed the commitment of Hunger at Home and its staff to serve this often ignored and forgotten community. I am most impressed by the quality of their food, their innovative nature and ability to immediately pivot to fill the needs of the community. Their professionalism, thoughtfulness and high quality of service is outstanding and I highly recommend them.

In partnership,

Andrea K. Urton

Chief Executive Officer

HomeFirst Services of Santa Clara County













To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Iglesia Cristiana La Hermosa (CCN: 3553479). I have been working with the church for 13 years in a Hispanic community. Here at the church, we provide counseling, we listen to those that come with problems, and we offer advice. We have helped various individuals find jobs, we collect and provide clothing to those in need, and when we are able to, we make meals for homeless individuals. La Iglesia Cristiana La Hermosa has been working with Hunger at Home for roughly three months. Through their generous donations of produce, we have been able to support many families in need. The first time I visited Hunger at Home, I met Michael, Michelle, and Cristian who have been kind, friendly, and eager to help me out. They have made our experiences and interactions with Hunger at Home run smoothly and keep us coming back. I want to thank the people who keep Hunger at Home up and running. I have seen first hand the wonderful impact they have made in helping our community.

Dulce Zavala

Treasurer of Iglesia Cristiana La Hermosa

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# Iglesia Evangelística Pentecostal Para Las Naciones Inc.

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To whom it may concern,

Iglesia Evangelística Pentecostal Para Las Naciones Inc. (IEP) is a Christian church on the outskirts of Downtown San Jose, California. IEP has established a track record of being a resource for predominantly low-income Latinx, whether it is assisting with a translator to a legal appointment or connecting them with other resources to meet their needs.

We've become acquainted with the backgrounds of our members. To make ends meet, a few of the members work multiple jobs. Others skip meals, which causes additional health problems. Our church host food sales on weekends as part of raising funds for any additional expenses. Following the sale, our team uses any leftover food to prepare additional meals, which are then distributed to homeless people or neighbors in the surrounding neighborhood.

We are grateful to Hunger at Home for allowing us to contribute to their mission of supplying "food and other goods to the homeless, individuals, and families in need" as of late 2021. When we were first exposed to the concept by one of our members, who is a volunteer for Hunger at Home, we did not hesitate in taking part in this. It was a simple process loading our truck with merchandise, transporting it to our facility, and displaying it for our members and visitors to enjoy while supplies last until the next pick-up.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Hunger at Home to do our part in reducing the number of people who are hungry. We appreciate the dedication and drive that Hunger at Home has shown to the community.

In Christ,
Marcelino Benitez
Pastor

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Hunger at Home made our farm goal to be sustainable, reusable, recyclable and reduce waste possible. They provide us with their leftover food and vegetables that we used to feed our animals instead of letting it go to the landfill where it can cause harmful gas to be released in to the atmosphere. Not only are they helping individuals with their food distribution, but they are also conscious about environmental impact.

We are witnesses of how hunger at home personally helped make a difference to individuals especially fixed income senior citizens at the monte vista senior community. We helped deliver cook meals from Hunger at Home to some elderly at this community. These elderly are not able to sometimes cook for themselves due to physical pain. These meals along with fresh fruits and vegetables help these elderly obtain nutritions so that they can go on each day. Please help Hunger at Home continue their mission to help these individuals.

Thanks you
Jamie Do
Three MC Sunol Family Family

#### Laurel United Methodist Church

Dear Ewell,

I am writing to thank you and Hunger at Home for your contribution of food to distribute in our Oakland Community.

Your truck delivered to us, Laurel United Methodist church every Monday. Our multiracial neighborhood like Caucasian, Black, Asian, Hispanic, and Pacific Islanders come and received food from us. Most of them are underprivileged and they are very thankful to receive free food during this time of pandemic and very high inflation.

I pray and hope your sacrificial services will continue to serve poor people like my community. Thank you again for services.

#### Blessings

Sifa Hingano Laurel United Methodist Church Cell: 408-613-5005



Dear Hunger at Home,

Light Dream Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization, would like to thank you for supporting us during the pandemic. We have been working with Hunger at Home since April 2019, and in the past few years, we have run programs, such as our Meals of Love Food Program where about 20k meals were donated to seniors and families with young kids in need. We also did weekly meal pickups from Rongbien, a Vietnamese Restaurant located in Grand Century Mall from 2019-2021, distributing around 180-200 meals every week. We relied on Hunger at Home to prepare meals, provide produce and groceries, necessities such as toilet paper, etc. to those who needed it and the less fortunate. We would even make at home drop offs for people without cars or people who could not leave their homes during the peak of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone at Hunger at Home and we hope to always have your support to continue to keep doing the good work.

Our staff are all volunteers and do not receive any compensation for their work and time. You can find more information about our Foundation on our website <a href="www.LightDreamFoundation.Org">www.LightDreamFoundation.Org</a>. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to email <a href="change@lightdreamfoundation.org">change@lightdreamfoundation.org</a> or call (408) 645-6007. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

Hormoz Barandar

President & Co-Founder

04/22/2022

309 N 17<sup>th</sup> Street San Jose, Ca, 95112

Date: April-25-2022

Subject: Hunger at Home, one of our first and most valued partners

To whom it may concern.

My name is Pastor Ralph Olmos. I'm the CEO growing food pantry in San Jose, Ca called Lighthouse Food Rescue and Distribution, or LFRAD. This entity is the result of many interfaith partnerships in the Silicon Valley including the Buddhist Temple, Catholics such as Martha's Kitchen and Loaves and Fishes. Other developing partnerships include Second Harvest Food Bank, and the City of San Jose. Among these partnerships is the first and most valued, Hunger at Home. I met their CEO, Ewell Sterner, in mid-2020 and discovered just how we think alike and how dedicated we both are to our common mission; "Eliminate all Food Insecurity Within the Silicon Valley". We discussed each other's food sources and distribution models. Then we discussed the possible ways that we could help each other.

Here's a personal example, when Ewell learned that one of our food distribution methods is through our <u>Free Farmers Market</u>, he suggested that they start supplying us with high quality produce as well as other items requiring refrigeration. Hunger at Home still provides most of our produce as well as items requiring refrigeration today.

In summary, it is accurate to say that Lighthouse Food Rescue and Distribution would not be where it is without the continued help from Hunger at Home.

Ewell, Thank you! We are very Grateful

Pastor Ralph Ólmos, CEO

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Pastor Ralph@LFRAD.org

4.26.22

Date

To whom it may concern,

As an individual committed to helping the working poor, the unsheltered, low income seniors and, more recently, newly arrived refugees in the great Bay Area, I have the privilege of collaborating very closely with Hunger At Home to provide much need food and other items to those in need.

A prime example of HAH 's ability to respond quickly and effectively in fulfilling gaps in the food insecurity landscape happened when I received a call from a refugee informing me of over 150 refugees staying at a hotel in San Jose who were in need of fresh produce, snacks, dairy and other products. All it took was a phone call to the management team, who immediately asked for a list of items needed and for me to drive over to pick up. The management and staff filled my SUV to the brim with all the items on the list for distribution at the hotel. All this in less than 60 minutes!

Over a period of more than 2 years, I, along with my group of friends, have provided food, and other needed items, all with the help of HAH, to three senior housing complexes – two in Santa Clara County with over 400 apartments and one in Manteca with 82 families, meals 3 time a week to 150 unsheltered people, and to over 300 refugees on a weekly basis. We could not have done this without the help of HAH.

It has also been my privilege to introduce other nonprofits, who together are serving over 1800 families, to HAH, an organization with an open door, and more importantly, a generous heart to do what needs to be done – which is to ensure anyone suffering with food insecurity knows there is a place that will fulfill their needs. And that organization is HUNGER AT HOME!!

Having worked with many nonprofits, the one that never disappoints is Hunger at Home. I look forward to many years of continued collaboration in helping those in need. A huge thank you to Ewell, Dinari, Michelle, Michael and every staff member, who always greet you with a smile and "How can we help?"

| Please feel free to contact me should y | you have any questions. |
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Sincerely,

Madhu Kohli



April 28th, 2022

Mr. Ewell Sterner Hunger at Home 1560 Berger Drive San Jose, California 95112

Dear Mr. Sterner:

I've heard the 'God Works in Mysterious Ways' and how we connected surely falls into that category. Many Paths One Destination has been picking up donated food from Safeway and Food Max for years but with the onset of the Pandemic we were stymied from using our normal distribution. They were afraid to receive, and the volunteers were afraid to pick up and deliver. Then I met one of your Board Members Andrea Urton, CEO of HomeFirst who recommended I contact you. What a miracle that turned out to be.

Our once a week pick up became twice and then four times a week as other volunteer organization dropped off. That meant MPOD needed more volunteers to pick up the donated meat, dairy, pastries, and bread, and Hunger at Home was always there to assist us.

Because of our relationship we were able to do a Food Giveaway with Hunger at Home that helped over 250 families on Christmas Eve at Lincoln Glen Church in Willow Glen. I ran into a friend of mine there I hadn't seen since 1987 at that event. Another Miracle!

I want to thank Hunger at Home for their caring assistance in helping our Many Paths One Destination volunteers. We were at Berger Drive again today dropping off food donations.

Sincerely, William G. Fritz

MPOD Board Members:

Mary Crocker Cook Bill Fritz Terry Estioko Patricia McGuffin Gary Govola

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Milpitas Musallah / Muslim Sisters Helping / Madness2Miracles

March 01,2022

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations Madness2Miracles, Milpitas Musallah, Muslim Sisters Helping, it has been an honor working with Hunger at Home on an almost daily basis for two years. This organization has been our biggest donor in providing the homeless, low income and needy individuals, families and refugees with much needed items such as food, drinks, clothing, furniture and many other items. Without the existence and execution of Hunger at Home, thousands of those in need in the Bay Area would be without. They are truly a living example of people helping people and I hope they continue to not only do the amazing work that they do but grow even more as their progress means progress for those less fortunate.

Rehanna Gaffoor 669-293-2162

Milpitas Musallah – President / Muslim Sisters Helping - Vice President/ Madness2Miracles



#### CREATING HOPE THROUGH THE DIGNITY OF WORK

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April 24, 2020

Hunger at Home has played such a pivotal role in assisting those in need by bridging a much needed gap in our community. Not only has H@H provided millions of meals to our most vulnerable, they have also repurposed countless numbers of sheets, towels, blankets, comforters, dishes, glasses, flatware and furniture to numerous nonprofits in our area! My greatest joy in working with Ewell, Dinari and the Hunger At Home crew has been at our Downtown Streets Team's Annual Holiday Parties, where year after year they have provided thousands of meals to the most vulnerable in our community! When pandemic hit, the need for providing food became even more significant! Hunger at Home did not miss a beat in helping those with food insecurity by providing millions of meals during their food distribution program. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with an agency who brings this level of commitment and integrity while serving as an exemplary Community Partner!

Annette Hancock

Downtown Streets Team Advisory Council

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Phoenix Founder

### SIKH GURDWARA - SAN JOSE

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April 23, 2022

To: Ewell Sterner Hunger at Home 1534 Berger Dr San Jose, CA

Subject: MOU

This is to verify that Sikh Gurdwara San Jose is non-profit organization. Any produce we take from your place, are being used to serve free (complementary) lunch/diner to all who visit Gurdwara every day.

I have witnessed Hunger at Home serving food/grocery to ignored and forgotten community. I am very impressed with that.

Sikh Gurdwara - San Jose has been operating in Santa Clara County since 1985, has Federal Tax ID 77-0009-0043 and is registered as a non-profit religious organization with the state of California. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (408)274-9373 or write to us at the address given. Also, please visit Gurdwara website at www.sanjosegurdwara.org for more information.

Kirpal Singh Atwal

Board of Director

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#### **Skyland Church**

Hunger at Home is a very special place and we LOVE working with them. Our food pantry in the Santa Cruz mts feeds 100 families a week and every week Michael and Michelle are there finding treasures for us. We kind of feel like we have a little bit of Christmas every Sat when we find the wonderful gifts of food that they are able to give us from their generous community. It is a consistent truck full of goodies for which we are so thankful! One week they have amazing meats to share, huge blocks of cheese, lovely crates of fruits and veggies, toiletries, snacks, breads, pastries and so many other surprises. The most popular items are their premade single meals for the many families that we feed who are the working poor. These items leave our outdoor pantry in hours! Last week we got lucky to get the great staples that keep our clients coming. Milk, cheese, meat and eggs and they even had cat and dog food! Thank you, thank you, thank you... we could not do it without you all! Kindly,

Shannon Edwards
Skyland Church Community Pantry coordinator
408-353-1310

#### St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



May 3, 2022

A huge thanks to everyone at Hunger at Home for your partnership and support the past two years.

Without Hunger at Home, we would not have been able to run our food distribution program. We have served so many in the community, from the homeless, to families lacking food security during the pandemic, to the elderly that are homebound. We have served families along the Peninsula from San Francisco to San Jose, and also provided relief to refugee families from Afghanistan and the Ukraine. Many have expressed their thanks and appreciation for the effort put forth by Hunger at Home to provide them with food on their tables not just on a daily basis, but also during the holidays when they would have otherwise not had their special meals.

We hope to continue the relationship with Hunger at Home to be able to serve the community and provide food security. We are blessed for all you have done for us thus far, it is a program very near and dear to our hearts.

Blessings,

Reverend Saulisi Kanongata'a



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#### To whom it may concern

I have been working with Hunger at Home Since the beginning of the shelter in place. Since then, I have had the pleasure of collaborating with this amazing organization to create integrated programs that provide food and resources to help alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Through the partnership we have cultivated over the last two years, my organization has provided 80,000 bags and boxes of free groceries to families in crisis in the 14 cities across Santa Clara and San Mateo County. Hunger at Home's excellent food recovery program has allowed us to repurpose surplus food to feed low-income families, unsheltered families, the unstably housed, and other vulnerable groups.

Throughout the last two years of working with this organization, I have been impressed by their unwavering commitment to their partners and the community. It is a well-known fact that Hunger @ Home is considered the most valued partner to a vast number of faith-based groups and nonprofit organizations that provide food to families and individuals in crisis. The creativity and professionalism are evident from senior management to junior staff level. The quality of work and the drive to ensure that every customer receives a first-class experience is clearly a high priority for hunger at Home.

My personal experience with Hunger at Home is one that I will always treasure. The support and guidance they have given me have been instrumental to my success in creating an impact in multiple communities. They have also helped me on my journey from faith-based community outreach leader to a recently incorporating as a 501c3 nonprofit organization. This organization has been a joy to work with. The ripple effect of their work has a positive

impact on multiple communities. Their passion and dedication to helping others are always inspiring.

Janet Abbey

CEO and Founder of STAND4 INC

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Dear Hunger at Home,

Support Life Foundation is reaching out to you express our utmost gratitude for the partnership we have continued this year. The quality and quantity of produce have been exceptional; and what we receive from Hunger at Home is truly second to none. The produce is distributed to hundreds of families in the communities we serve, of whom have found it to be an amazing and irreplaceable support. The genuine cooperation of service that our two organizations have cultivated is a true gift, and we hope to continue it for years to come. It is an absolute privilege to be able to provide for the less fortunate, and we could not ask for a better partnership.

Respectfully,

Salah Eddin elbakri

Executive Director Sal@supportlives.org 510.541.6293 When Wesley United Methodist Church decided in May 2020 to start a weekly Food Distribution for our neighbors in San Jose's Japantown, we were referred to Hunger at Home for help. Soon, Ewell Sterner and his amazing staff were loading us up with as much food as we could carry to take back to our church facility to pass out to people in need. At first we used our volunteers' SUVs, pickups, and vans to haul the food. We soon upgraded to a rental truck to keep up with the demand. Hunger at Home weekly fixes us up with produce, pre-made meals, and a wide variety of other groceries to pass on to our thankful clients. Through the nearly two years that we have been distributing food, Hunger at Home has been a great partner, enabling us to help meet the food needs of literally thousands. They make our Food Distribution possible, and the people of Wesley Church and San Jose's Japantown are forever grateful.

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#### Mark Teagle

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