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Medical Marijuana Dispensary Blazes the Trail for Community Service

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WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 17, 2012 /PRNewswire-iReach/ — Over the past 9 years, humanitarian Andrew Kramer, owner of Zen Healing of West Hollywood, has become well-respected for pioneering on the forefront of the medical marijuana debate always fighting for patients' rights. Zen Healing is committed to protecting the rights of patients, including Veteran patients, and doctors by advocating for safe and [legal](#) access to medical marijuana for all appropriate therapeutic uses. The Department of Veterans validated medical marijuana "as a legitimate course of treatment for soldiers returning from the front lines" in July 2010. Zen Healing offers Veteran patients that provide proof of military service, a free glass container with a free quarter (seven grams) of high-quality medicine every harvest, which is every three months. Kramer believes that patients have the right to participate in their own recovery and that doctors have the right to recommend [medication](#) at their discretion.

Since 2006, every Saturday at Social Services at Blessed Sacrament in the [heart](#) of Hollywood, California, Zen Healing, rated the #1 Medical Marijuana collective in West Hollywood by 420 Magazine, sponsors a barbeque feeding the homeless. Located at 6636 Selma Avenue, Hollywood, California 90028, they begin serving food at 10am and go until noon or when they run out of meals - whichever comes first. Crediting word of mouth, the number of homeless that is served each Saturday has grown significantly - recently about 150 plates were passed out. Kramer explains that "according to Los Angeles [Almanac](#), there are an estimated 254,000 men, women, and children that experience homelessness in Los Angeles County. That's 254,000 mouths to feed. My hopes are that we can continue to feed more and more of those mouths."

Joe Klare of The 420 Times recently published an [article](#) about Zen Healing's efforts entitled, "Medical Marijuana [Dispensary](#) In CA Feeds Homeless Every Saturday" detailing Zen Healing's community service efforts by explaining how "all the great things dispensaries do and what they add to a community" is swept under the rug given very little press or acknowledgment. The article outlines how "a Google News search of 'Zen Healing Collective' returns ZERO stories about the program" and how "[f]eeding the homeless is undoubtedly a great human-interest story, the kind news outlets love; so why the lack of coverage? And not just from written media; TV stations like to put [videos](#) and stories online as well, yet nothing mentioning this dispensary and their feeding of the downtrodden".

The more coverage Zen Healing's community service efforts receive, the more people in the community can be helped so let us all follow the community service trail Zen Healing has blazed for us. Kramer opened Zen Healing to help the patient community and he explains that he and Zen Healing are "only seeking to make a difference in the community in more than one way."

About Zen Healing

Zen Healing, rated the #1 Medical Marijuana collective in West Hollywood by 420 Magazine, first opened its doors to patients and the community in 2003. Committed to providing their members with natural alternatives to treat their pain and suffering with an ample selection of the highest quality medication at the fairest prices. They are dedicated to keeping their members safe, discreet, and comfortable while providing them with the best medicines to aid in chronic, debilitating and life threatening illnesses. Their members come from all walks of life and suffer from various illnesses and [diseases](#) including [AIDS](#) / HIV, Cancer, Glaucoma, Multiple Sclerosis, Scleroderma, Chronic Pain, Nausea, Anxiety, Seizure [Disorder](#) Insomnia, [eating disorders](#) and Crohn's Disease just to name a few.

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