

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY  
AWARD: **MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNION**

Mountainside Communion is a church located in Monrovia, CA that's vision is to follow Christ in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. Mountainside has been living into this vision for the last 18 years by prioritizing spiritual formation for kids and adults, facilitating

supportive relationships and friendships, and learning to work with neighbors as we seek the flourishing of our local community together.

Compassionate Action Fund- an initial ministry of Mountainside started in 2005. This fund is stewarded by members of the church and is utilized to support friends and neighbors in need. For 18 years Mountainside members have given of their time as well as over \$300,000 to accompany people during some of their most challenging seasons.

In 2014 Mountainside worked with community partners to establish the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley (IRCSGV). The IRCSGV provides high quality, low cost, or pro bono legal services. Since its inception the IRCSGV has consulted or provided immigration legal counsel to over 1500 neighbors.

Established in 2018 the Housing Displacement Response Program (HDRP) is run by Mountainside as one aspect of the City of Monrovia's overall plan to reduce homelessness. The HDRP is designed to prevent displacement and homelessness for Monrovia renters who are experiencing financial hardship.

Established in 2019 the Monrovia Community Garden (MCG) is also a partnership between Mountainside, the City of Monrovia, and includes the non-profit Food Ed. The MCG exists to provide a space of community building and education through gardening.