

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 65 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Angela Sustaita.

AGE: "I'm 21."

BIRTHPLACE: Torrance.

MARITAL STATUS: "Single, but I have a daughter. She lives with her father over in MacArthur Park."

FAMILY: "I have two sisters and a brother, but I haven't seen them since 2006. I think my sister is in Downey."

PARENTS MARRIED/DIVORCED: "They were never married."

EDUCATION: "I went to Azusa High School for ninth grade but dropped out after a couple of weeks."

PLAY SPORTS IN CHILDHOOD? "I ice-skated for six years."

TROPHIES: "Lots of them. My mom has 28 ice-skating trophies of mine."

MILITARY SERVICE: "No."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here at Third and Main."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "At Third and Main."

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I ran away from foster care. My mom and dad physically abused me, and I was sexually molested starting when I was three," Angela alleges. "Eventually I ended up in foster care around age 12. But that didn't work out, so I ran away as soon as I could. My real dad apparently was deported to Mexico recently, and my mom lives in Bellflower."

RELIGION: "None."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Leprechaun."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Tom Cruise."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Girlfriends."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Now and Later."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Cheeseburgers."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I like YG; it's like hip-hop."

LAST BOOK READ: "Goosebumps, but that was a long time ago."

LAST JOB: "I was a caretaker, and I hope I'll have my job back this Friday."

STRONGEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Being beat up by my parents."

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have acquaintances but no true friends. It's hard to trust people down here."

POSSESSIONS SHE CARRIES WITH HER: "My tent, blanket and clothes."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My cellphone."

LAST THING EATEN: "A bacon double cheeseburger from McDonald's."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:

"Don't end up on Skid Row. Get an education."

ADVICE TO THE MAYOR TO HELP THE HOMELESS:

"Build shelters. That's what we need, a place to sleep safely."

ORGANIZATION THAT'S THE BIGGEST HELP:

"Just regular people who stop by with pizza and food. They drive right up to this corner and hand it out, right out of their car."

WHERE SHE WILL BE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: "Not here on the street. I see myself with my child."

WHAT SHE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "I'd put half away for my daughter and then save the other half in a savings account. I would also use some for rent."

MAKE A WISH: "To get out of this life."

The Club gave Angela a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place May 22 at Main and Third Streets. Interview by Isaiab Hawkins (shown below), student of Heritage Christian School and son of Club President John Hawkins. Photos by John Hawkins.



Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



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