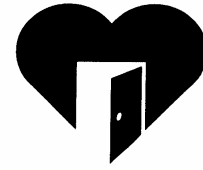


Family Supportive Housing, Inc. San Jose Family Shelter

Serving homeless families in Silicon Valley



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February/March 2005

Happy New Year!

Christmas 2004 Recap

Christmas was a wonderful and exciting time for our residents, donors and volunteers this year! We had parties, dance performances, visits from Santa Claus, many delicious meals and fun activities for adults and children alike. Our annual Christmas Shoppe was a huge success thanks to the efforts of many hard working volunteers.

On Friday morning the Shoppe, overflowing with toys, clothes, electronics, books, games, stuffed animals and much, much more, opened for its first customers. The parents spent the weekend Christmas shopping for their children. Volunteers assisted the residents with their "purchases", then helped them wrap the gifts, while others entertained the kids. On Monday the children were able to shop for their parents. Volunteers were also on hand to help the little ones pick out the perfect gift for their mother and father and then helped them wrap it up.



In addition, every family from the Bridges Aftercare Program and the Transitional Housing Program benefitted from the generosity of our donors. They all were able to come to the Shelter and do their Christmas shopping.

Every year Therma, Inc. creates a winter wonderland on their front lawn. Complete with tons of snow and "ski runs" everyone enjoyed a day in the snow. This year Therma invited the children here at the Shelter to join in the party. What fun they all had slushing through the snow, making snowmen and snow angels!



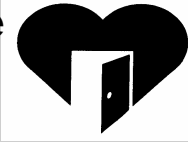
On Sunday, December 26th, sixty parents and children from the Shelter boarded a chartered bus and headed up to Monster Park to see the 49ers play their final home game of the season. The Shelter packed lunches for everyone and supplied warm coats, hats, mittens and scarves for all. In spite of the cold, rain, and final score, the day was SO enjoyed by all the families. What a great time!

New Year's Eve was quite a party here at the Shelter. All the tables were moved out of the main dining room to make room for a dance floor. The families danced to their favorite songs, ate junk food and there was even a pinata for the kids! It was a great way to ring in the new year.



Donors, volunteers and staff were able to see and share the many smiles of residents young and old during this holiday season. We all had joyful experiences!

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Supports and empowers
homeless families in Santa
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Director's Report

Dear Friends,

The Holidays are over and life is back to "normal" at the shelter. Christmas was great fun, the families in the shelter and the families in our Aftercare and Transitional Housing Program were all well taken care of. There were lots of parties and lots of gifts and lots of caring. Thank you to all who participated and helped to make the Holidays happy and bright for the folks here at the Shelter.

School is back in session and we have a new teacher working with the children in the evening. Thanks to her and our faithful volunteers, this program is really being enhanced and the children are really benefitting from the instruction they receive. We are looking forward to setting up more classes for the parents in the evening.

Your faithful support for the families living at the shelter is greatly appreciated.

Trish Crowder
Executive Director

Special Request

Easter is just around the corner! We need Easter baskets to give to the children at the Shelter. If you can donate baskets, goodies, etc. or you can volunteer some time to help assemble the baskets, give Nikki a call at:
408.926.8885

Success Story

Steve and Sue Block resided at the San Jose Family Shelter for 3 ½ months with their two children William and Jessica. After living here for a month Mr. Block secured a position in telecommunications. During the time they stayed here the family was able to save money to put towards their moving costs. The Block family contributed \$1400 and the shelter assisted them with \$600. The family moved into a duplex near Mr. Block's place of employment. The children transferred to a new school and once they were settled, Mrs. Block was able to enroll in some training programs and search for employment. The family worked on a budget with their Case Manager at the Shelter and they have started saving for their own home.



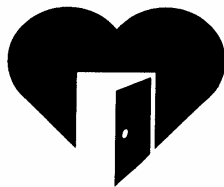
Thank You!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors and volunteers who gave of their time and efforts during the holiday season. Because of your generosity the families participating in the Bridges AfterCare program, the GlennArt Arms Transitional Housing program and the families here at the Shelter all had a VERY special "Christmas" holiday.

We are very grateful for all of you!

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Volunteer Meal Teams

February 2005

Breakfast Teams

Feb 5 Sat. St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
Feb 6 Sun. St. Francis Church
Feb 12 Sat. S. J. Christian Reformed Church
Feb 13 Sun. Sathya Group
Feb 19 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Feb 20 Sun. Bethel Lutheran Church
Feb 26 Sat. Sathya Group
Feb 27 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Organization

Dinner Teams

Feb 4 Fri. Haitian American Community Church
Feb 5 Sat. St. Francis Church
Feb 6 Sun. Westminster Presbyterian Church
Feb 12 Sat. New Restoration Church
Feb 13 Sun. St. Andrews
Feb 19 Sat. St. Justin's Parish
Feb 20 Sun. Mother's Kitchen
Feb 26 Sat. Willow Glen U.M.C.
Feb 27 Sun. Good Samaritan U.M.C.

March 2005

Breakfast Teams

Feb 5 Sat. St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
Feb 6 Sun. Sai Group
Feb 12 Sat. S. J. Christian Reformed Church
Feb 13 Sun. Sathya Group
Feb 19 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Feb 20 Sun. St John Vianney Church
Feb 26 Sat. Sathya Group
Feb 27 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Organization

Dinner Teams

Feb 5 Sat. St. Jude Church
Feb 6 Sun. Westminster Presbyterian Church
Feb 12 Sat. St. Stephen in the Field
Feb 13 Sun. Calvary Church
Feb 19 Sat. St. Justin's Parish
Feb 20 Sun. Immanuel Lutheran Church
Feb 26 Sat. St. Andrew's Church
Feb 27 Sun. Good Samaritan U.M.C.