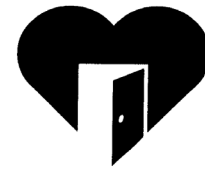


Family Supportive Housing, Inc. San Jose Family Shelter

Serving homeless families in Silicon Valley



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February/March 2006

Happy New Year!

Christmas 2005

Christmas was a wonderful and exciting time for our residents, donors and volunteers this year! We had parties, carolers, 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 was "adopted" by individuals or companies who took responsibility for making sure that everything on their Christmas lists were taken care of.

Sue Runsvold with Turning Wheels for Children made sure every child living at the Shelter would get a new bike, helmet and lock for Christmas. The families came into the dining room on Christmas morning to find it filled filled with bikes of all sizes! The children raced around finding the bike with their name on it. It was quite a site, one that brought a smile to everyones face.



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!

Special Request

The shelter is in need of the following items:

Kitchen Needs:

Cold cuts, fruit, bread, desserts, dinner meats

Shelter Needs:

Pillows, linens-full and twin sheet sets and pillow cases, boxed valentine cards

Thank You!

San Jose
Family
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Mission Statement

To support and empower homeless families in Santa Clara County on their path to self-sufficient living.

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Director's Report

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you did to make Christmas a special time for the families in the shelter. It was a very tiring time but well worth the effort. This year we had a unique opportunity; "Turning Wheels for Children" provided new bikes and helmets for all of the children in the shelter and in "Aftercare". The bikes were a surprise for the families in the shelter, no one knew about them until the families came into the dining room for breakfast early Christmas morning. The bikes, with all of the other gifts made it a very happy time for the families. As always, it is the sparkle in the children's' eyes that makes the difference and makes the effort worth while. Now that the holidays are over it is back to the boring regular life - NOT!! The Christmas holidays are over but now there is Chinese New Year's, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and then summer. There is always something going on. We have already begun the planning for the summer camps. All year long there are opportunities to offer special activities for the families. Each is special and each is a learning experience. We do have a challenging and exciting job. How often are you asked to use all of your skills, all of your knowledge, all of your life experiences and all of your heart to develop a plan to help a family find a permanent place to live. It is rewarding work because success happens often. You are welcome to join us in this work. We need kind hearts and generous souls and occasional helping hands. The rewards are great and so often found in the smile of a child.

Trish Crowder
Executive Director

Employee Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Diane Wesson to Family Supportive Housing. She comes to us with a long history of fundraising for political and non-profit organizations in Santa Clara County spanning over 20 years. Born and raised in San Jose, CA Diane is third generation native and her son Aaron is fourth.



She began her career in fundraising in 1981 as a Political Consultant/Fundraiser for Santa Clara County Supervisor, Rod Diridon. She developed and coordinated all phases of major fundraising projects, from community picnics to private senatorial and presidential candidate fundraisers.

In 1987 Diane left the Board of Supervisors office and began her non-profit career. She worked for the American Red Cross as Director of Financial Development where she coordinated a \$3.5 million capital campaign. The millions of dollars donated in the first two weeks immediately following the 1989 earthquake and the incredible outpouring of support during that time is what led to her defining moment - non-profit was where she wanted to stay and make a difference.

Since that time, she has had the opportunity to lead other organizations in their fundraising efforts including, Emergency Housing Consortium, San Jose City College Foundation, Goodwill Industries of Silicon Valley, and most currently, Notre Dame High School. With long time family roots in Silicon Valley, she brings many years of Fund Development experience and contacts which she plans to share with Family Supportive Housing in hopes of making a difference in the lives of the many homeless families as they work their way toward self-sufficient living.

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!

Village PreSchool -MaryLou Snowden
Mom's Club of San Jose
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Alexandra Anenza
North Valley Christian Fellowship
Nadalala Mission
Manny Abundiz
Kabob and Beryani Isfahan
Panteha Ebrahimi
Olga Sanchez
St Francis Cabrini School
Paul, Laurene & Laura Skinner
Marie Rubio
F. Jensen
Virginia Schleichburg
Raghu Gururangam
Ruth Harrell
St Elizabeth's Day Home
Mr & Mrs Plant
Hope Lutheran Church
St Timothy's Lutheran Church
Linda Kingsbury
Art Scott
Katie Miller
Los Altos United Methodist Church
Willy Gardner
Gals ad Dolls Doll Club-Jane Buckner
Don Wallace
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John McSorley
Gene Clough
Flextronics-Lori Kenep
Marilyn Denike
Ernest Austin
Lori Gaspar
Heidi Boyd
Branham High School
San Jose Area Council of Beta
Sigma Phi
St Anna Philoptochos
Nick Lombardo
Clare McDermott
PEO Chapter DY
Delta Sigma Pi - Christmas of the Heart
Ramon Castro
Campbell United Methodist Church
Andrea Puck
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Ellen Loebel
John Romero
Gregory Ruf
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Lorie Bernal-AG Edwards
Brent Ahrens
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Kevin Chiang
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Bernyce Oliver
Thelma Clausen
Jacqueline Engelhardt
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Robert Seipel
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Art Taylor
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Mary Oliver
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
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Ana Marie Perea
Helen Marzolf
Anusha Philiponiteh
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Cambrian Park United Methodist Church
San Jose Surgical Supply
Sacred Heart School
Xerox

Old Stokers Bowling Club
The Tabard Theatre Company
Sun Microsystems Employees
Marietta Flynn
Jessica Wang
Karen McNenny
Melissa Efland
Wayne Sabetelli
Emily Yue
Diane Hendrickson
Pat Daly
Chris Olsen
Shirley Chen
Kim Foster
Tiffany Hodson
Maureen Heatley
Pinakin Sheth
Ursula Schorn
Cory Brill
Steve Lee
Jennifer Wang
Evergreen Valley High School
Christian Club
Bobbie Cox & son
First American Title Employees
Corrine Fimbrez
Anita Fimbrez
Nico Mendoza
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Sara Richardson
Allie
Meenakshi & Nikhil
Michelle Hood
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Michael Ngo
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Kim Le
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**The smallest act of kindness is worth
more than the grandest intention.**
-- Anonymous

Volunteer Meal Teams

February 2006

Breakfast Teams

Feb 4 Sat. St. Joseph
Feb 5 Sun. Sai Group
Feb 11 Sat. SJ Christian Reform Church
Feb 12 Sun. Sathya Group
Feb 18 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian
Feb 19 Sun. Bethel Lutheran Church
Feb 25 Sat. Sathya Group
Feb 26 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Org.

Lunch Teams

Feb 11 Sat. Sai Group-Health Faire
Feb 12 Sun. Bansal Family
Feb 25 Sat. South Bay Bible Church

Dinner Teams

Feb 3 Fri. Ellie Shorka
Feb 4 Sat. St Francis
Feb 5 Sun. West Minister
Feb 10 Fri. San Jose Scales of Justics
Feb 11 Sat. NRC
Feb 12 Sun. Grace Community Covenant
Feb 18 Sat. St. Justins
Feb 19 Sun. Mother's Kitchen
Feb 24 Fri. St. James AME
Feb 25 Sat. Willow Glen United Methodist
Feb 26 Sun. Good Samaritan

March 2006

Breakfast Teams

Mar 4 Sat. St. Joseph
Mar 5 Sun. Sai Group
Mar 11 Sat. Sj Christian Reform Church
Mar 12 Sun. Sathya Group
Mar 18 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian
Mar 19 Sun. St. John Vianney
Mar 25 Sat. Sathya Group
Mar 26 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Org.

Lunch Teams

Mar 4 Sat. Universal Unity
Mar 18 Sat. CRC

Dinner Teams

Mar 4 Sat. St. Jude
Mar 5 Sun. West Minister
Mar 10 Fri. Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Mar 11 Sat. St. Stephen in the Field
Mar 12 Sun. Calvary Church
Mar 17 Fri. St. Paul
Mar 18 Sat. St. Justins
Mar 19 Sun. Immanuel Lutheran Church
Mar 25 Sat. St. Andrews
Mar 26 Sun. Good Samaritan

Thank you to all our dedicated and loyal meal teams!