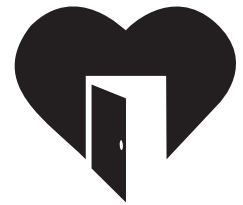


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HAPPY NEW YEAR! HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

IT WAS A WONDERFUL AND EXCITING SEASON 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. EACH WEEK IN DECEMBER THE FAMILIES ENJOYED A DIFFERENT CELEBRATION.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WAS A VERY SPECIAL HANUKKAH PARTY. SPEARHEADED BY OUR BOARD MEMBER STACEY HENDLER ROSS, A GROUP FROM TEMPLE EMANU EL ALONG WITH THEIR RABBI AND CANTOR PROVIDED A WONDERFUL EVENING FOR THE FAMILIES HERE. STACEY CAME TO THE SHELTER DURING THE DAY AND DECORATED THE DINING ROOM. THE REST OF THE GROUP ARRIVED AFTER DINNER. RABBI DANA MAGAT TOLD THE STORY OF HANUKKAH AND LIT THE MENORAH. THE CANTORIAL INTER, MEEKA SIMMERLY TAUGHT THE CHILDREN HANUKKAH SONGS. THEY PLAYED DREIDEL GAMES, HAD SOME COOKIES AND EVERYONE RECEIVED A GOODIE BAG AT THE END OF THE EVENING. IT REALLY WAS A GREAT NIGHT. THE CHILDREN LEARNED SOMETHING NEW AND HAD A LOT OF FUN IN THE PROCESS.



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS AND THE EFFORTS OF MANY HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE SURE EVERYONE WAS WELL TAKEN CARE OF. THE SHOPPE OPENED ON FRIDAY MORNING OVERFLOWING WITH TOYS, CLOTHES, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS, GAMES, STUFFED ANIMALS, AND MUCH MORE. THE PARENTS SHOPPED ALL WEEKEND WITH THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF WHILE THE CHILDREN WERE KEPT BUSY WITH ARTS AND CRAFTS ACTIVITIES. ON MONDAY THE CHILDREN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP FOR THEIR PARENTS. EACH CHILD WAS ABLE TO CHOOSE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO GIVE TO THEIR MOM AND DAD. IN ADDITION, THE FAMILIES IN OUR AFTERCARE AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS WERE ABLE TO COME SHOPPE.



SUE RUNSVOLD AND DEBORAH LEMBERGER FROM TURNING WHEELS FOR CHILDREN MADE SURE EVERY CHILD LIVING AT THE SHELTER WOULD GET A NEW BIKE, HELMET AND LOCK FOR CHRISTMAS. THE CHILDREN WERE WIDE EYED AS EACH ONE CAME INTO THE DINING ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. EACH BIKE HAD A GREAT BIG BOW AND A BRIGHT NAME TAG. EACH CHILD RAN AROUND LOOKING FOR THE BIKE WITH THEIR NAME AND UPON FINDING IT SQUEALED WITH JOY. THE PARENTS WERE EQUALLY SURPRISED AND THRILLED FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IT WAS QUITE A SIGHT - A SIGHT THAT BROUGHT MANY SMILES AND TEARS OF JOY TO NOT ONLY THE PARENTS, BUT THE STAFF AS WELL.



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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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING TIME AT THE SHELTER. IT IS NICE TO HAVE THE FLURRY ACTIVITY FINISHED. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THAT ACTIVITY. SO MANY PEOPLE WERE PRESENT FOR THE FAMILIES AT THE SHELTER. IT WAS A GREAT SEASON FOR THE FAMILIES AND FOR THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELPED. THE SEASON STARTED WITH A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE WHO CAME AND DECORATED THE SHELTER. THEY CERTAINLY SET THE TONE FOR THE SEASON. THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, A GENERAL PLAN CHANGE FOR A PIECE OF PROPERTY NEARBY TO BUILD A NEW SHELTER. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT MADE THIS HAPPEN. WE ARE BEGINNING THE PROCESS TO BUILD A BETTER PLACE FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES TO STAY. THIS IS A GIFT THAT WILL HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. A LOT OF WORK IS AHEAD BUT WE ARE FINALLY ON THE WAY.

ALL OF THE FAMILIES IN THE SHELTER AND THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LEFT AND MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING WERE ABLE TO SHOP FROM THE LARGESSE OF THE WONDERFUL DONORS. THIS YEAR AGAIN WE WERE BLESSED WITH NEW BIKES FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SHELTER. THANKS TO TURNING WHEELS FOR KIDS, THIS BROUGHT GREAT JOY TO THE CHILDREN AND TO THEIR PARENTS. THE FAMILIES IN THE SHELTER HAD A FESTIVE HEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY TO TOP OFF THE CELEBRATIONS. DANCING, GAMES, JUNK FOOD AND A BIT OF BUBBLY FOR ALL. THE SEASON WAS COMPLETED WITH A CELEBRATION FOR LITTLE CHRISTMAS, GIFTS AND A SPECIAL MEAL FROM AAUW OFFICIALLY ENDED THE CELEBRATIONS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED THE FAMILIES AT THE SHELTER.

TRISH CROWDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SHINING STARS!

TWINKLE TWINKLE CHILDCARE IS A PRESCHOOL IN LOS ALTOS WHO COMES EVERY YEAR WITH GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS YEAR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS SPENT THE DAY AT THE BUILD-A-BEAR FACTORY MAKING AND DRESSING BEARS AND THEN BROUGHT THEM TO THE SHELTER TO GIVE TO THE KIDS. THEY MADE SURE EACH BEAR HAD A "HEART AND A HOME" BEFORE LEAVING THE FACTORY. IT WAS SUCH A BUSY DAY FOR THESE LITTLE GUYS THEY ALL FELL ASLEEP ON THEIR WAY TO THE SHELTER, BUT AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVED THEY FOUND NEW ENERGY. THEY WERE SO HAPPY TO BE HERE AND EXCITED TO GIVE THESE SPECIAL BEARS TO SOME SPECIAL KIDS. WE ARE SO LUCKY HAVE TWINKLE TWINKLE SHINE THEIR STARS ON US EACH YEAR.



THANK YOU!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF 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 HAVE A VERY SPECIAL "CHRISTMAS" HOLIDAY.

Joe Scuncro	The Pasta Market	The Data Media Source	Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Riban Nipbal	Ruth Harrell	Cathy Budd	Ballet San Jose
Bethel Lutheran Church	Bob DeHertel	Lori Gaspar	Cynthia Slaughter
Kim Potter	Enayet Issaq	Carol Dahout	St James AME Church
Bridget Patten	Shapell Homes	Bobbie & Alex Cox	Juanita Carrasco Hernandez
Jean Noennick	Palo Alto Nursing Center	Elvia Lares	Marilyn DeNike
Alice Teng	Samsung Electronics	Rod & Laura Robnyver	Mary Rep
Cynthia Stevenin	Blaine Walker	Tabatha Stansberry	Satoshi Nagase
Cynthia Rotwein	Cambrian Park United Methodist Church	Marilyn Houser	Manny Lema
Terry Healy	Sanjay Goel	Shayna Vance	Rebecca Munson
Cheryl Denzler	Mike Sbarbaro	Adeline Mendoza	St Andrews Giving Tree
Paul Marak	Joe Bergmann	Lourdurs & Jaime Lopez	Ellen Washburn
Boy Scout Troop 263	Veraz Networks	Alum Rock Library, SJPL	Francisco Morales
Sally Doelling	Victor Lam	Claudia Soto	Jim LaPlante
Reynaldo Arellano	Karen Lee	Andrej Matlosz	SJV
Dottie Cronk	International House	Mr. & Mrs. Castro	Nyrene Aviles
Anita Virshup	Girl Scout Troop 1105	Stefanie Naillon	Dell Vossbrink
Laura Patton	Diane Whitworth	Errol Emrich	Angie Halstern
Rodel & Patricia Gnuzet	Joyce Kazanjian	Tonya Oravetz	AAUW San Jose
Dadmaja Iyer	Michelle Riggs	Laume	Angie Smith
Kendra Spath	Shah Capital Partners	American Family Charity	Kaiser Santa Teresa
Perfect Carpet Company	St Francis of Assisi Pre-school	Beta Sigma Phi	Twinkle Twinkle
Helen Serna	Stacey Ross	San Jose Moose	Project Night Night
Hans Heller	Hector Mehta Boudreau	Patricia Somora	Kirsten Hecton
Diane Amaral	Michelle Boudreau	Choice Communications	Foothills Christian
MBCU Airstream	Saroj Pathak	St Andrews School	Literacy Center
Nayer	Kirsten Heaton	Pat & Lloyd Sargent	St. Andrews School
Michele Holbrook	Hillcresters	Flor Ramones	West Valley Mission College
Dany Hoody	Robin Willhalm	Project Yarn	St. Francis of Assisi
Richard Field	Maria Eva Carradero	Tung Ho	Women's Service Club of
Keri Kopriva	Los Altos United Methodist Church	Kelly Korry	Campbell
Second Harvest Food Bank	NCL - Jenni Eisenberg	Kellenberger	Sandy Killian
First United Methodist Church	Merryhill School	Jerry Szelong	Graystone Elementary
Brenton Ahrens	Michael Aubrey	St Claire School BoyScouts	Mike Sborbaro
Foothills Christian Literacy Center	Inna Vogel	Scott Coscarelli	Blaine Walker
Tzu-Chi Foundation	Loretta & Bob Jaramillo	Sandy Killian	Girl Scout Troop 1105
Victor Lam	Denise Miller	Balaji Matha	Candace Chow
Judy Williams	Brownie Troop 134	Josephine Roll	Ralph Holiday
Jeremy Chapman	San Jose Christian	Syrophine Lamb	Mary Rex & Santa Maria
Trader Joes	Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati Trademark Group	A Choper	Ramalen Group
Nandalala Mission	San Jose Moose #401	Monterey Bay Airstream California	
Lidabelle	Amy Morris Pickens	Portia Franklin	
Beth's Donuts	Tammy Hernandez	Heidi Chadwick	
Filomena Cota	Marina Carrada	Cathy Harris	
Sonali & Deekap Aatresh	Castro School	West Val Calia	
Hiroaki Ophelia	Alvinia Parker	Lura Halbert	
Neil Katahira	Edmund Daos	Joyce Tisdale	
Patrice Gibner	Abby Garcia	Marty Chiechi	
J Young	Century 21 Champion Foundation	Luvirn Crawford-Owens	
Mimo Mocri	Shapell Homes	Michele Marsh	
Lois Schultz	Lorie Bernal/AG Edwards	Yaata Brewer	
E Merevess	Sandie Oberle	Mt Pleasant High School	
Ray Avina	Precious Preschool	Brenda Owens	
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Volunteer Meal Teams

FEBRUARY 2007

BREAKFAST TEAMS

Feb 3	Sat.	St. Joseph
Feb 4	Sun.	Sai Seva
Feb 10	Sat.	SJ Christian Reform Church
Feb 11	Sun.	Sai Baba
Feb 17	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian
Feb 18	Sun.	
Feb 24	Sat.	Sathya
Feb 25	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Heart Org.

LUNCH TEAMS

Feb 2	Sat.	Bansal Family
Feb 10	Sat.	Freeman First Church
Feb 11	Sun.	Orchids
Feb 17	Sat.	CRC
Feb 24	Sat.	South Bay Bible Church

DINNER TEAMS

Feb 3	Sat.	St. Francis
Feb 4	Sun.	West Minster
Feb 10	Sat.	NRC
Feb 11	Sun.	Friends of the Families
Feb 16	Fri.	St James AMEC
Feb 17	Sat.	St. Justin's Parish
Feb 18	Sun.	Mother's Kitchen
Feb 24	Sat.	Willow Glen UMC
Feb 25	Sun.	Good Samaritan

MARCH 2007

BREAKFAST

Mar 3	Sat.	St. Joseph
Mar 4	Sun.	Sai Seva
Mar 10	Sat.	SJ Christian Reformed Church
Mar 11	Sun.	Sai Baba
Mar 17	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian
Mar 18	Sun.	
Mar 24	Sat.	Sathya Group
Mar 25	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Heart Organization
Mar 31	Sat.	Siemen's

LUNCH TEAMS

Mar 17	Sat.	CRC
Mar 18	Sun.	St. Andrews
Mar 31	Sun.	West Valley Christian Youth

DINNER TEAMS

Mar 2	Fri.	Renaissance Academy
Mar 3	Sat.	St. Jude
Mar 4	Sun.	SJ Scales of Justice
Mar 10	Sat.	West Valley Christian Church
Mar 11	Sun.	Calvary Church
Mar 16	Fri.	St. Paul
Mar 17	Sat.	St. Justin's Parish
Mar 18	Sun.	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Mar 23	Fri.	San Jose Pioneer Lion's Club
Mar 24	Sat.	St. Andrew's
Mar 25	Sun.	Good Samaritan
Mar 31	Fri.	Prince of Peace

Thank you to our dedicated meal teams. We are still looking to fill some spots in January. If you can help please call Sarah at 408.926.8885
Thank You!