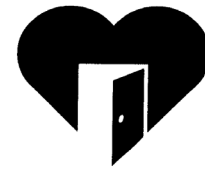


Family Supportive Housing, Inc.
San Jose Family Shelter

Serving homeless families in Silicon Valley



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October/November 2005

Don't Miss
The 19th Annual Soup Kitchen Dinner
Thursday, November 17, 2005
Bellarmino College Preparatory

Please join us as we celebrate our 19th Annual Soup Kitchen Dinner. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, soups, salads and desserts from top flight Silicon Valley restaurants. You will be entertained by the fabulous Magnolia Jazz Band as you delight in the company of friends and family. Reserve your table soon as this is a very popular event and sells out quickly. Please refer to the insert for all the details.

Summer Events

We had two great family events this summer. The first was a fundraiser put on by the Amythest Dreamers. They organized a motorcycle run with all proceeds benefiting the Shelter. The run started in South San Jose and ended at the Shelter with a BBQ, games and a live band. The children here at the Shelter were assigned the task of making mile-markers for the riders. They were each given a big piece of construction paper and were instructed to draw a house. The houses were posted up along the route. It was fun for the riders to look for the fabulous art work displayed along the way and the children were awarded certificates for their great work! The families were given the opportunity to get on the bikes and have their picture taken with the riders. Everyone came away with at least one picture to remember their day by. The Rusty Sterling Band was also a big hit. In fact, Rusty said he would love to come back to play for the families again! Thanks to Jenn, the day was a huge success!



The second event was put on by a senior at Notre Dame High School. She organized a Hawaiian Luau for the families living here at the Shelter. On a warm Saturday morning, Stephanie arrived with many helpers. They set up games, face painting and races in the back playground. The children won tickets and, at the end of the day, turned them in for prizes. Everyone had a great time! There was a delicious BBQ lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers, salads, fruits and special home made cupcakes! Thank you Stephanie! There were many smiles and much joy here at the Shelter because of you.

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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,

Happy Autumn! The school year has started. Thanks to the generous gifts from many different people, the children went back to school with new backpacks and lots of new school supplies. The children in Bridges AfterCare also received new backpacks, supplies and new shoes. Thank you all for making such a difference for the children.

There are lots of fun activities going on for the children this Fall. The afternoon activities program has started up again and the evening tutoring is back to more academics. The routines of the Fall are so much better for the children and their parents.

New classes have been added to the regular schedule for the parents. San Jose State students are presenting a 12 week health session. There will be a different health topic each week, such as nutrition, first aid, and parenting. We are looking forward to the parents benefiting from these new classes and are grateful to the students for assisting the families.

The aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has left many people displaced and homeless. It is so sad and we can understand the terrible stress these people are under. The Red Cross has been able to take care of the few people who have come to the bay area in need of shelter.

Thank you for all you do for the people living in the shelter. Your ongoing support is truly appreciated.

Trish Crowder
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Success Story

Juan Alejandro, a single father of two girls aged 12 and 15, lived in Visalia, CA. Juan had cared for them for the past 11 years. He worked hard to provide for his girls give them as many opportunities for success as possible. On a hot summer afternoon in June, Mr. Alejandro was summoned to his supervisors office at work. He entered the office with confidence and left with his head hung low, his future uncertain. He had been laid off. Mr. Alejandro decided to pack his belongings and move his daughters back to the city of his birth. He came to San Jose with limited funds, no job, and no home.

Juan and his two girls came to the San Jose Family Shelter determined to rebuild their lives. He immediately enrolled the girls in a school close by and began working on his goals. He worked closely with his case manager, taking a class in resume writing and interviewing skills. He interviewed for jobs and soon secured employment. His next goal was to save enough money to move out of the Shelter. Again, with the help of his case manager, he developed a working budget and was able to save the money. He found an apartment in the area and used his savings for the deposit and first months rent.

His hard work and utilization of the shelter's programs have allowed Mr. Alejandro to successfully move into self sufficient living and has permitted him to join the Bridges Aftercare Program, a case management program that follows families for nine months after they have moved from the shelter into permanent housing. There is no doubt that Mr. Alejandro's determination and hard work will promote his continued success.

Employee Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Susan Webster as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Susan comes to us with extensive experience in managing people. She has been with the Shelter for only three months and has already made great strides in expanding and strengthening our volunteer base. Susan is a valuable member of the Shelter team and we are so glad to have her on board. The next time you are at the Shelter make sure you drop in and introduce yourself to Susan.

Special Request

Kitchen Needs:

lunch meats
bread
fruit
sweets

Special Need:

meat slicer

Room Needs:

pillows
sheet sets-twin and full
blankets

Family Needs:

coats
sweaters
socks/underwear

Wish List Items

The holidays will be here soon and it is almost winter! Here is a wish list of much needed items.

Halloween:

If you have old costumes or costumes that you no longer wear, why not send them over! We are eager to receive Halloween costumes for every child and adult, so all sizes are welcome!



Thanksgiving:

We need Thanksgiving sponsors for the families in the Bridges AfterCare and Transitional Housing programs. Provide a family with a Thanksgiving food basket to celebrate the spirit of thanks. We are also in need of turkeys and gift certificates to food stores.

Winter:

It is getting cold outside! We are in desperate need of blankets and comforters. We always need sheet sets and pillows too. A small 2x3 throw rug to lay next to the beds would be so appreciated!

Christmas

Our annual Christmas Shoppe is scheduled from Friday, December 16 - Monday, December 19. The Christmas Shoppe is a room that is arranged like a store where parents can "shop" for their children's presents and children can "shop" for gifts for their parents.

Please donate new items such as pajamas, slippers, mittens, books, CD players, board games, dolls and other toys. Wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and gift tags are also needed.

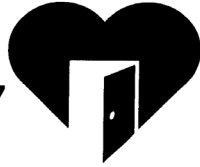
You can also volunteer to work in the Christmas Shoppe. Become one of Santa's elves and help the families shop and wrap, or decorate Christmas cookies and sing carols with the children. We also need help with set up and clean up.

For Christmas Shoppe donations or volunteering, please contact Susan Webster at extension 106.

Thank you!



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Volunteer Meal Teams

October 2005

Breakfast Teams

Oct 1 Sat. St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
Oct 2 Sun. Sai Group
Oct 8 Sat. SJ Christian Reform Church
Oct 9 Sun. Sathya Group
Oct 15 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Oct 16 Sun. Bethel Lutheran Church
Oct 22 Sat. Sathya Group
Oct 23 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Org.
Oct 29 Sat. Siemen's
Oct 30 Sun. Sathya Group

Lunch Teams

Oct 15 Sat. CRC
Oct 22 Sat. N. Valley Christian Fellowship
Oct 30 Sun. Gerste Family

Dinner Teams

Oct 1 Sat. Campbell Church of Christ
Oct 2 Sun. Westminster Presbyterian Church
Oct 8 Sat. New Restoration Church
Oct 9 Sun. St. Clare's School
Oct 14 Fri. Cornerstone Community Church
Oct 15 Sat. St. Justin's Parish
Oct 16 Sun. Mother's Kitchen
Oct 21 Fri. St. Paul
Oct 22 Sat. Willow Glen UMC
Oct 23 Sun. Good Samaritan UMC
Oct 28 Fri. Lion's Club & Boy Scouts
Oct 29 Sat. Faith Lutheran Church
Oct 30 Sun. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

November 2005

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Nov 5 Sat. St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
Nov 6 Sun. Sai Group
Nov 12 Sat. SJ Christian Reform Church
Nov 13 Sun. Sathya Group
Nov 19 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Nov 20 Sun. St. John Vianney Parish
Nov 26 Sat. Sathya Group
Nov 27 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Org.

Lunch Teams

Nov 19 Sat. CRC

Dinner Teams

Nov 5 Sat. St. Jude Church
Nov 6 Sun. Westminster Presbyterian Church
Nov 11 Fri. St. James
Nov 12 Sat. St. Stephen in the Field
Nov 13 Sun. Calvary Church
Nov 18 Fri. St. Paul
Nov 19 Sat. St. Justin's
Nov 20 Sun. St. Andrews Parish
Nov 24 Thurs. THANKSGIVING! St. Justin's
Nov 26 Sat. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Nov 27 Sun. Good Samaritan UMC

Thank you to all our loyal and dedicated volunteer Meal Teams!