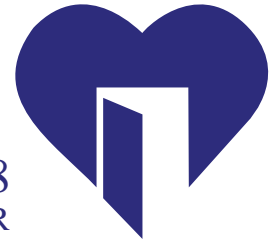


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San Jose Family Shelter
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NEWSLETTER



EMPOWERING HOMELESS FAMILIES

There are many new faces at the Shelter. We will be introducing them to you over the next few issues.

Meet Robert Musallam

Robert was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area--except a three year stint in Managua, Nicaragua.



He graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a minor in Political Science. He is currently working on his Master's Degree in Justice Studies at San Jose State University. He hopes to one day be a professional advocate of Human rights which would come from continuing his education in either the form of a PhD in Sociology, a law degree, or both. Some of his many interests are music, sports--specifically hockey, which he plays competitively--and nutrition. Robert is a great addition to our program staff. He is compassionate and caring and will really be able to make a difference in the lives of the families he serves.

Shelter Updates

building a brighter future

Exciting things are happening at Family Supportive Housing this year. Our plans for building a new Shelter are well under way. The enclosed **building a brighter future** newsletter has a great deal of information. It will bring you up to date with the project and provide all the details on how you can get involved.



Honoring one of our own

On November 15th, Art Charette was honored with the Distinguished Volunteer Fundraiser Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Silicon Valley Chapter. Art received the award at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel. Art has been a member of the FSH Board of Directors for many years and a tireless advocate for the Shelter and the families we serve. Congratulations, Art!



Shelter Wish List

KITCHEN

Lunch Meat
sweets
fresh fruits & vegetables

ROOM

3x5 throw rugs
mattress covers (twin & full)

FAMILY

socks/underwear
sweaters
coats

FACILITY

floor mops
push brooms
6ft folding tables

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

This has been a very exciting time at the shelter. It is nice to have the flurry of activity finished and all of the children back in school. 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, thank you to the wonderful people who helped.

We are moving forward with our building plans and had a very important decision by the City Council, another step along the way.

This will be an exciting year. We have new program staff who are young and very energetic and it is a joy to watch them work with the families. We have been full for the last nine months and so it has become necessary for us to add programs and activities to really focus on making the families as successful as possible as quickly as possible. It is an interesting challenge and I see great things happening.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us. Your generosity and your commitment to our families is greatly appreciated.

Trish Crowder
Executive Director

Community Support

The San Jose Chevy Classic Club surprised us with a very generous donation last month. The San Jose Classic Chevy Club is a non-profit club for owners and aficionados of Classic Chevrolet vehicles. They organize a Car Show/ Toy & Food Drive every year, which has become one of the premier car shows in the South Bay area. All proceeds from this charitable event benefit several local charities. This year we were fortunate to be selected as one of them. Members of their organization arrived in their "Classic Chevys" to present us with a check, take a tour of the Shelter, and let everyone have a look at their beautiful cars. Thank you San Jose Classic Chevy Club!



John Segreto, Trish Crowder, Bill Nevarez, Pat Nevarez, Don

THE 21ST ANNUAL SOUP KITCHEN DINNER

The 21st Annual Soup Kitchen Dinner was held on Thursday, November 8th. Nearly four hundred people attended the event held at Bellarmine College Preparatory. Twenty four restaurants

provided delicious appetizers, salads, soups and deserts. Thank you to Aramark, Buca di Beppo, Cafe Primavera, La Pastaia, CB Hannegan, Charlie's Cheesecake, Chef Chu's, Emile's, Entree's Unlimited, Eulipia, Fairmont, San Jose, Fratello, Gordon Biersch, Il Fornaio, Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company, NOLA, Original Joe's, Paolo's, Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme, Plumed Horse, Roma Bakery, Sent Sovi, Togo's, Pruneyard, Valeriano's, Vin Santo and Willow Street Wood Fired Pizza. The Magnolia Jazz Band entertained us with their wonderful music and the Bellarmine Alumni Council made sure we all had our fill of soup and wine. Dick Pfaff's enthusiasm created an exciting



atmosphere with a lot of spirited Live Auction bidding. Everyone had a great time and the Shelter made some serious money!

Thanks to our event sponsors, King Asset Management, Flextronics, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Imwalle Properties, NVIDIA, San Jose Water Company, & GreenWaste Recovery, Inc.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this evening a huge success.

To all of you who attended, thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you next year!



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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 Susan a call at: 408.926.8885 x106

Please visit our website at www.familysupportivehousing.org and click on **volunteer** to view the meal team calendar. If you see any days that are not filled and would like to come to the Shelter and prepare a meal for the families, please call Susan at 408.926.8885 x106.

We are in need of a handyman to patch our leaking roof! We also are also looking for someone to check out our heating system. If you can help or know of someone who can please call Trish at 408.926.8885

CHRISTMAS WAS A VERY SPECIAL TIME AT THE SHELTER...

Christmas Shoppe 2007



Our annual Christmas Shoppe was a huge success thanks to the efforts of many hard working volunteers. On Saturday morning the Shoppe, overflowing with toys, clothes, electronics, books, games, 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.

Secret Santa

Sue Runsvold, Deborah Lemberger and the Turning Wheels for Kids team made sure all of the children living here at the Shelter, as well as our families in the AfterCare and Transitional Housing programs all had new bikes, helmets and locks again this Christmas. Clay Goodman of S&M Moving Systems provided a 50 foot storage container

assigned "pick-up" time, the 50 foot container arrived at the Convention Center, our bikes were loaded up and the container was then dropped off at the Shelter where the bikes remained "hidden" until Christmas Eve. Volunteers came to the Shelter Christmas Eve morning, unloaded the bikes, placed big bows and bright name tags on each, and then late Christmas Eve night another set of volunteers came in to sneak them into the dining room. The children were wide eyed as each one came in for Christmas breakfast on Christmas morning.

They all 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



Front Row: Molly Vanderbosch, Alyssa Micciche, Kate Vanderbosch, Gabrielle Iseman, Kevin Leary, Jaclyn Iseman
Back Row: Dylan Leary, Sean Leary, Vincent Micciche



of joy to not only the parents, but the staff as well. This is the third year we have benefitted from the generosity of Turning Wheels for Kids. Christmas just wouldn't be the same without them!



Front Row: Mike Lomeo, Rita Becerra, Diane Wesson, Toni Morrella, Darlene Ross, Steve Becerra
Back Row: Rachel Becerra, Marlene Ross, Maggie Crowder, Trish Crowder, Rocky Morrella, Katie Crowder, Nick Becerra

for pick up and storage. Turning Wheels for Kids had its annual "Bike Build" on December 15th at the San Jose Convention Center. At our

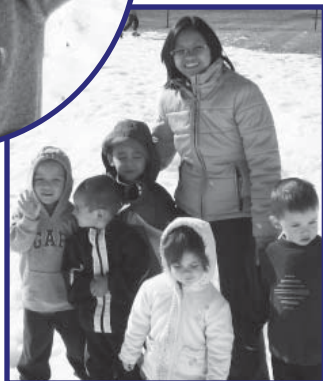
Shopping With the 49ers

The San Francisco 49ers invited five children from the Shelter to come shop with the players at a local Target. Each child was paired with a player. They received a generous budget and spent a couple hours shopping for each one of their family members and themselves. When they finished shopping, they took the gifts they purchased to a special wrapping area. Lunch was provided for the children and players while they waited for their packages. It was a great morning for the children and 49ers!



Snow Day!

On a cold day in December, the children in our Voyager Daycare Program got bundled up and took a field trip across the street where Therma, Inc. had turned their front lawn into a winter wonderland! The children played in the snow, chatted with Santa and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate!



Christmas Feast

On Christmas day, Los Altos Baptist Church came to the Shelter and prepared a fabulous feast for the families. It was truly a "white glove" event. Under the direction of Thomas Alsborg, the volunteers spent their time either cooking, decorating, or spending time with the families doing projects and playing games. When it came time



to eat, the families were invited to sit down together and they were served at their table by the volunteers. It made for a very special Christmas dinner.

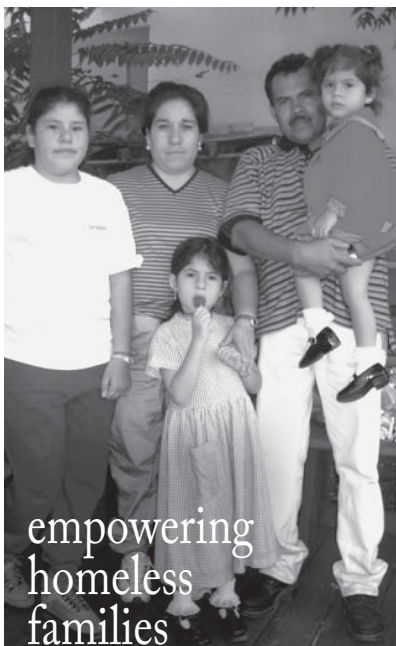
There are so many people who made the holidays very special this year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors and volunteers for their generosity and kind spirit. Please know how grateful we are for your commitment to Family Supportive Housing as we continue to provide shelter and supportive services to homeless families in Santa Clara County to empower them to move from homelessness into self-sufficiency in our community.



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