

February/March 2004

## Happy New Year — And Thank You!

Thanks to all of these wonderful people, the families at the San Jose Family Shelter had a wonderful holiday. We had a great Thanksgiving party, many parties for Christmas, shopping for the children and shopping for the parents, visits from Santa, fun vacation activities for the children, a New Year's Eve party with appropriate (junk) food, a bit of the bubbly (sparkling cider) and dancing. All of the residents thoroughly enjoyed the joyful experiences. We are also having a Chinese New Year's party. Thank you for all your work to make this time so special for the families.

The families in the Bridges aftercare program and in the Transitional Housing Program also benefited from your generosity. All of the families were adopted for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. They, too, were able to shop in Santa's Shoppe for their children. With your help, we were able to provide a "Christmas" holiday for over 360 people!!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all these wonderful donors/volunteers.

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## Mission Statement

San Jose Family Shelter provides shelter and supportive services to homeless families in Santa Clara County to empower them to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your work to make Thanksgiving and Christmas a special time for the families in the Shelter. It was a very tiring time but well worth the effort. As always it is the sparkle in the children's eyes that makes a difference.

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, St Patrick's Day and then Easter. We have already started plans for the summer vacation. All year long there are opportunities to offer special activities for the families. Each activity 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.



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## Fundraising

### Soup Kitchen Dinner

The Soup Kitchen Dinner was a wonderful success. It far exceeded financial expectations and, more importantly, introduced many more people to the exciting work happening at the San Jose Family Shelter. Mark your 2004 calendars for next year's event to be held in mid-November.



Upper left: Co-chair Kathy Imwalle  
Lower left: Co-chair Carole Marks and her husband Michael  
Above: Bellarmine alumni volunteers helped with the event  
Right: Judy Marcus and Anne Kellenber served wine.

# Thank You to these wonderful donors/volunteers!

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*Left: Santa Claus and friends from the Shelter  
Above: Pizza for everyone during one of the  
Christmas parties.  
Below: Each resident received a holiday gift.*



## *Food*

Meat of all kinds, lunch foods and fresh fruit are always appreciated. Here is your chance to get rid of those oranges and other winter vegetables from your garden!

## *Bedding*

Warm bedding and blankets are needed.

## *Other*

Diapers (an on-going necessity!) and hand tools for the garden.

## February 2004

### Breakfast Teams

Feb. 1	Sun.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Subbu
Feb. 7	Sat.	St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
Feb. 8	Sun.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Gopal
Feb. 14	Sat.	San Jose Christian Reformed Church
Feb. 15	Sun.	Bethal Lutheran Church
Feb. 21	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
Feb. 22	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Hearts
Feb. 28	Sat.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Jayshree Jain
Feb. 29	Sun.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Gopal

### Dinner Teams

Feb. 1	Sun.	Westminster Presbyterian Church
Feb. 7	Sat.	St. Francis Church
Feb. 8	Sun.	Jesse Rosette
Feb. 14	Sat.	First Baptist Church
Feb. 15	Sun.	Almaden Hills
Feb. 20	Fri.	St. James
Feb. 21*	Sat.	St. Justin Catholic Parish
Feb. 22	Sun.	Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
Feb. 28	Sat.	Willow Glen United Methodist Church
Feb. 29	Sun.	Mother's Kitchen

\* Birthday Party by River of Life Christian Church!

## March 2004

### Breakfast Teams

March 6	Sat.	St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica
March 7	Sun.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Subbu
March 13	Sat.	San Jose Christian Reformed Church
March 14	Sun.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Gopal
March 20	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian Church
March 21	Sun.	St. John Vianney Church
March 27	Sat.	Sathya Sai Seva Group Jayshree Jain
March 28	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Heart

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March 6	Sat.	St. Jude Church
March 7	Sun.	Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 13	Sat.	First Baptist Church
March 14	Sun.	St. Stephen in the Field Church
March 20*	Sat.	St. Justin Parish
March 21	Sun.	Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 27	Sat.	St. Andrews
March 28	Sun.	Good Samaritan United Methodist Church