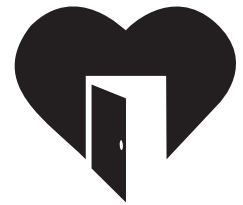


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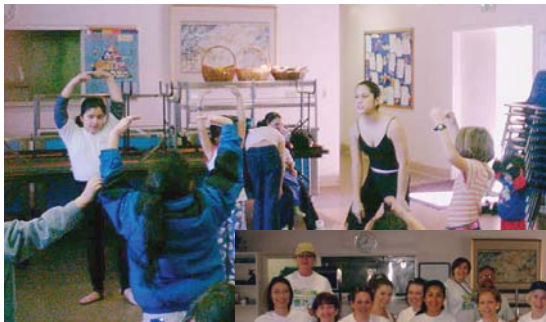
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April/May 2007

Celebrate Our Volunteers!



The month of April is dedicated to celebrating the many generous and dedicated volunteers serving support communities throughout the country. Family Supportive Housing is blessed to have such a strong, dedicated volunteer base. Our volunteers truly are the heart and soul of the Shelter. They are an essential part of every program we run.

Weekend meals are provided by volunteer meal teams every weekend of the year. Many of them have been coming here for 20 years! Our homework program would not exist if it were not for the 40 volunteers who help run the program each week. They provide the children with tutoring, mentoring and supervision. Voyager Daycare relies on at least four volunteers each day; assisting the teacher and ensuring the children are safe, happy and developing all the skills a pre-schooler should possess. Every weekend, volunteers provide organized activities, from arts and crafts to music lessons to family game days. Volunteers facilitate adult workshops and come to help with office duties. Volunteers offer their expertise in many areas on an as-needed basis to ensure our facility is in tip-top shape. Our volunteers represent many affiliations from professionals, retired, faith based groups, corporations, Jr. High, High School and College students. They come from different walks of life but they all have one thing in common - they are here to help make a difference in the lives of the families we serve. We are so grateful to each and every one of them.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MARCH 07

DEAR FRIENDS

HAPPY EASTER! SPRING IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR AT THE SHELTER. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CELEBRATIONS, MARDI GRAS, CHINESE NEW YEAR'S, VALENTINE'S DAY, ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND NOW EASTER. EACH HOLIDAY IS SPECIAL AND HAS SPECIAL FOOD, DECORATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. THE FAMILIES SEEM TO REALLY ENJOY THE CELEBRATIONS AND THE STAFF ENJOYS PUTTING THEM ON. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE A NEW COOK WHO DOES ALL OF THE SPECIAL FOOD WITH EAGERNESS, CREATIVITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS. WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED PLANS FOR THE SUMMER VACATION. ALL YEAR LONG THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILIES. EACH HOLIDAY 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.

EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS.

TRISH CROWDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS!

LAUREL IS A SINGLE MOTHER WHO IS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE GLENNART ARMS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM; HER DAUGHTER DOROTHY IS 2 YEARS OLD. SHE BECAME HOMELESS WHEN SHE LOST HER JOB AND UNEMPLOYMENT DID NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH TO PAY HER RENT. LAUREL IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL TO OBTAIN A DEGREE IN BUSINESS, THIS LAST SEMESTER SHE RECEIVED 2 A'S AND 1 B. LAUREL IS ALSO SEEKING PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT TO HELP INCREASE HER INCOME WHILE SHE IS IN SCHOOL. LAUREL IS VERY DEDICATED TO ACCOMPLISHING HER GOALS AND BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR HER DAUGHTER. SHE IS A PROACTIVE PERSON AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON IMPROVING HER CREDIT BY PAYING OFF HER DEBTS. HER PLAN IS TO BE DEBT FREE BY THE TIME SHE GRADUATES.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ESCRIP TODAY!

WE'VE GOT ESCRIP!

eScrip is a simple way for you to support the Shelter at no cost to you! All you have to do is register your grocery club cards, credit cards, and debit cards with eScrip. Then anytime you use one of them to shop with a participating merchant (check escrip.com for merchant list for Northern California), eScrip will donate up to 10% of the purchase amount to Family Supportive Housing, Inc. Over 150 merchants are already participating, including Safeway, Whole Foods Market, Round Table Pizza, Chevron, OfficeMax, Budget Rent-A-Car, Payless Shoes, Orchard Supply Hardware, and many more.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to your chosen group. Parents, teachers, friends and families are encouraged to register their credit, debit and grocery club cards as supporters with the eScrip program. Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to Family Supportive Housing, Inc.

To participate in this program, simply follow these steps:

SIMPLE REGISTRATION:

Join via the escrip.com website and register.

Enter our name or group ID #500004563.

Register your grocery club cards and all of your credit and debit cards and start shopping! Every time you use your registered cards at participating merchants, up to 10% of your purchase amount will be donated to the Shelter!

ESCRIP ADVANTAGE:

- Ease of use - simply swipe your registered cards at time of purchase
- Participation from a broad and growing base of national and local merchant partners
- Online access for families to sign up
- Monthly funds distribution and reports
- Contributions based on "everyday" purchases

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Volunteer Meal Teams

APRIL 2007			MAY 2007		
BREAKFAST TEAMS			BREAKFAST		
Apr 1	Sun.	Sai Seva	May 5	Sat.	
Apr 7	Sat.		May 6	Sun.	Sai Seva
Apr 8	Sun.	Sai Baba	May 12	Sat.	SJ Christian Reformed Church
Apr 14	Sat.	Sj Christian Reformed Church	May 13	Sun.	Sai Baba
Apr 15	Sun.	Bethel Lutheran	May 19	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian
Apr 21	Sat.	Saratoga Presbyterian	May 20	Sun.	St. John Vianney
Apr 22	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Heart Org.	May 26	Sat.	Sathya Group
Apr 28	Sat.	Sathya Group	May 27	Sun.	Evergreen Caring Heart Organization
Apr 29	Sun.	Sai Baba			
LUNCH TEAMS			LUNCH TEAMS		
Apr 7	Sat.	Cambrian Park United Methodist	May 5	Sat.	Joe Madden
Apr 8	Sun.		May 12	Sat.	Greater Eastside Logic
Apr 14	Sat.	Fremont First Church	May 19	Sat.	CRC AKA New Hope
Apr 21	Sat.	CRC AKA New Hope	May 26	Sat.	First Baptist Church of Los Altos
Apr 28	Sat.	First Baptist Church of Los Altos			
DINNER TEAMS			DINNER TEAMS		
Apr 6	Fri.	Renaissance Academy	May 4	Fri.	Renaissance Academy
Apr 7	Sat.	Grace Lutheran	May 5	Sat.	St. Jude
Apr 8	Sun.	St. Clare's	May 6	Sun.	West Minster
Apr 14	Sat.	Hope Lutheran Church	May 12	Sat.	Friends of the Family
Apr 15	Sun.	Mother's Kitchen	May 13	Sun.	St. Clare's
Apr 21	Sat.	St. Justin's	May 18	Fri.	St. James AMEC
Apr 22	Sun.	Friends of the Family	May 19	Sat.	St. Justin's
Apr 27	Fri.	Linbrook Chef Club	May 20	Sun.	Immanuel Lutheran
Apr 28	Sat.	Willow Glen United Methodist	May 26	Sat.	NRC
Apr 29	Sun.	Prince of Peace	May 27	Sun.	Good Samaritan

Thank you to our dedicated meal teams! Please call Susan at 408.926.8885 to schedule your team to prepare and serve a meal!

Thank You!