

Family Supportive Housing, Inc. San Jose Family Shelter

Empowering homeless families



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Summer At The Shelter

Welcome to our Occupational Therapy students from San Jose State University, Tricia Burk and Alicia Rivas. Working under the direction of Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Occupational Therapy Professor, they will conduct individual and group meetings with the children and their parents working on topics such as anger management, goal setting, behavior modification and parenting. The OT's will also run three weeks of day camps for all the children at the Shelter. This valuable program teaches the children many things and introduces them to exciting new opportunities. Each week there is a different theme and they travel off site one day to a different community program. This year they are planning field trips to the Chinese Cultural Center, Happy Hollow, and the Tech Museum.

The benefit of the summer program is twofold. It provides the children fun, education, socialization and structure during the summer months, as well as providing their parents with the time they need to work or actively search for employment and permanent housing.

The OT's are looking for arts and crafts supplies. They need fabric paint, popsicle sticks, small brown lunch bags, clay, small wooden boxes with covers, packages of flower seeds and potting soil. We also need lots of volunteers to help with the camp, especially the off-site days. Last year the volunteers had a great time. The activities are well organized and safe for all participants. If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity this summer and like working with children, contact Susan: volunteer@familysupportivehousing.org. This year's camp dates are: June 19-23, July 17-21, and August 7-11.



Thanks to generous donations from many different individuals and organizations, the children living at the Shelter will be going to a week-long summer camp at Mount Cross Lutheran Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This is going to be the highlight of the summer for these children. They will each be given sleeping bags, pillows, new duffel bags with new clothes, bathing suits, towels, sunscreen, water bottles, bug repellent, cameras and flashlights. They will also have a "credit" at the Camp Store to spend as they wish. This is always such a great experience for the children. We still need more money for the campships and new items for the children to take to camp. Gift Certificates to WalMart would be very helpful to buy the things we need and don't receive.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

We have indeed had a Merry Month of May. For Mother's Day we had a tea-party for the children and their mothers in Voyager Day Care. This was quite a special party. The children made gifts for their Moms, wrapped the gifts with wrapping paper they made themselves, made placemats for the table and party hats! The food was great and everybody was on their best behavior. What a joy it was!! One of the moms even cried because she was so touched. This is what makes this job fun.



We now begin the summer programs at the shelter. It is always a challenge to make it fun and constructive for the children. We have lots of activities planned and need lots of help putting it all together. While entertaining the children, it is so important to insure that the parents are busily occupied with things they need to do to find permanent housing for their families. We are full now with a number of large families. Remember us and thank you for all you do for the families in the shelter.

Trish Crowder
Executive Director

Don't Miss the 20th Annual Soup Kitchen Dinner
Thursday, November 9, 2006
Bellarmino College Preparatory

Please join us as we celebrate our 20th Annual Soup Kitchen Dinner. This is a sell-out event so buy your tables early.

For more information, please contact Beth Leary at dev@familysupportivehousing.org or call 408.926.8885. We look forward to spending the evening with you!

CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS

Jose and Lupe came to the San Jose Family Shelter from Southern California. They knew a few people in the area, but had had no real resources. With family far away in Central America and limited English skills, they had hard work ahead of them. Within five days of their arrival here at the Shelter, Jose had secured his first job at a local restaurant. Lupe enrolled her children in Voyager Daycare and in the San Jose Unified School District. After a few weeks she also found a job at a nonprofit agency that helps families in need. They began saving money so that they could move into permanent housing as soon as possible.

Within six weeks Jose found a second job at a clothing store. Lupe is now preparing for the birth of their third child. This growing family will soon move into an apartment in San Jose. They have worked so hard during their stay here at the Shelter, and with their continued hard work along with the help of their case manager their success in maintaining permanent housing is guaranteed.

SUMMER, CONTINUED...

More summer highlights:

We have so many fun and exciting workshops and activities planned this summer.

- ◆ A local non-profit group is going to come in and give the children guitar lessons! The children will be grouped by age with a volunteer who will teach them basic guitar skills. At the end of the program series they will get to keep their guitar!
- ◆ A high school senior from Notre Dame will come in during the homework program and conduct a 12 week series of science workshops for the children.
- ◆ "Kids Power" will conduct a safety awareness class with the kids and parents together.
- ◆ A high school senior from Notre Dame is going to teach a Martial Arts/Self Defense series to the children in conjunction with the "Kids Power" workshop.
- ◆ A community volunteer will come in and teach a Martial Arts/Self Defense class to the women at the Shelter in conjunction with the "Kids Power" workshop.
- ◆ A student is coming to the Shelter to do a sports camp once a week during the summer months.

This is just a sampling of the many things going on this summer!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Thank You:

A special thanks to all the individuals and companies who donated everything needed to make a very special Easter for the families this year. The Easter Bunny was very busy indeed!

As an extra special Easter gift to the families, Jerry Szelong from St. Francis of Assisi came to the Shelter one Saturday and took family portraits of each of the families. He developed the photos, had them framed and then returned to the Shelter to present them to each family. What a very special gift this was! Thank you, Jerry!



SHELTER SPECIAL NEEDS

Wish List:

The Shelter is grateful for donations both monetary and in-kind. The need is great! Can you help with any of these items?

- Fresh fruit like bananas and apples
- Meat, meat, meat! The Shelter cupboard is quite bare of beef and pork. Please consider a donation of meat.

Thank You!

Volunteer Spotlight:

Family Supportive Housing, Inc. and the families we serve have been the beneficiaries of the Girl Scout organization for years.

The Sunshine Scouts focus on outreach to serve under represented populations. Every Tuesday evening year round college aged Scouts lead an organized activity with 9 to 12 year olds. They bring special events like a spa treat called Uniquely ME! for mothers & daughters. They made a trip to Christmas in the Park possible. Their funding is part grants and part cookie sales (how delightful to think enjoying what may be the best cookie ever helps the children right here at the shelter).

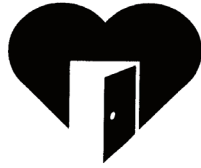
The Art Action Girl Scout Group painted the wonderful mural in the entry to C Court where the children enjoy the Homework Enrichment Program. Stop and admire it on your next visit to the shelter.

So many Troops and individuals working toward their badges have provided meals, and weekend activities. Others have held drives for blankets, sheets, towels, toiletries, canned foods, and art and craft supplies. They have made and donated blankets, greeting cards, holiday goodies, gifts, and decorations.

A bouquet of thanks to the Sunshine Scouts. They come from as far as Fremont and Sunnyvale to support the children and the families here at the shelter. The troops are too many to mention. You know who you are - we thank you!

To the reader I say, Buy an additional box of cookies next year - for the shelter.

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Volunteer Meal Teams

June 2006

Breakfast Teams

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

Lunch Teams

Jun 3 Sat. Prince of Peace
Jun 10 Sat. Sai Baba
Jun 17 Sat. CRC (New Hope)
Jun 18 Sun. Narasimha Nookala & Friends

Dinner Teams

Jun 2 Fri. Ellie Shorka
Jun 3 Sat. Faith Lutheran
Jun 4 Sun. West Minister
Jun 10 Sat. SJ Scales of Justice
Jun 11 Sun. Hope Lutheran Church
Jun 16 Fri. St. Paul
Jun 17 Sat. St. Justin's Parish
Jun 18 Sun. Campbell Church of Christ
Jun 24 Sat. St. Andrews
Jun 25 Sun. Good Samaritan

July 2006

Breakfast Teams

Jul 1 Sat. St. Joseph
Jul 2 Sun. Sai Seva Group
Jul 8 Sat. SJ Christian Reform Church
Jul 9 Sun. Sai Baba Group
Jul 15 Sat. Saratoga Presbyterian
Jul 16 Sun. St. John Vianney
Jul 22 Sat. Sathya Group
Jul 23 Sun. Evergreen Caring Heart Org.
Jul 29 Sat. Siemen's
Jul 30 Sun. Sai Baba Group

Lunch Teams

Jul 8 Sat. Elim Korean Church
Jul 15 Sat. CRC (New Hope)
Jul 16 Sun. Narasimha Nookala & Friends

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Jul 1 Sat. Grace Lutheran
Jul 2 Sun. West Minister
Jul 8 Sat. Calvary Church
Jul 9 Sun. Prince Of Peace
Jul 15 Sat. St. Justin's Parish
Jul 16 Sun. Immanuel Lutheran Church
Jul 21 Fri. St. Paul
Jul 22 Sat. Willow Glen UMC
Jul 23 Sun. Good Samaritan
Jul 29 Sat. SJ Scales of Justice
Jul 30 Sun. Laurie Bernal

Thank you to all our dedicated and loyal meal teams!