Our CEO Adam Cheshire accepted $500 in store vouchers from Goodwill of San Joaquin Valley President and CEO David Miller at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Stockton. These vouchers will go to our clients who are transitioning to permanent housing and need to replace some of the items they may have lost when they became homeless. Thanks Goodwill for supporting our clients and our mission!

We got a surprise donation from UOP’s Dental Hygiene Class of 2015! Thank you so much for your support!

The Shelter has a brand new baby! His name is Dominic and he was born last week. Everyone has been giving him lots of love!

Kyle brought a donation of 9 large bags full of toilet paper and other hygiene items. He is in the Boy Scouts now and this was his project to get into the Eagle Scouts.

Good Luck Kyle!

Are You Moving?? If you would like to continue receiving the Stockton Shelter Newsletter please contact us with your new mailing info at: info@stocktonshelter.org or call (209) 465-3612.
TEN WAYS
YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SHELTER

1. MAKE A CONTRIBUTION monthly or otherwise
2. SHOP AT THE SHELTER THRIFT STORES
3. DONATE new or slightly used items
4. REMEMBER A LOVED ONE with a charitable gift
5. MAKE A BEQUEST in your will—there are tax breaks!
6. ASK YOUR CHURCH or civic organization to place the shelter needs list in their newsletter
7. JOIN THE SAFETY NET TEAM by donating $500 or more annually
8. VOLUNTEER—There are many individual and group projects which would suit your talents
9. ADOPT-A-ROOM: do a make-over of a family room (new flooring, paint, fixtures & bedding)
10. TOUR THE SHELTER and give us your feedback!

We received a phone call a couple of weeks ago from a church in Minden, NV. They had a group of 16 girls (ages 12-17) and 7 women who wanted to volunteer with the kids here at the Shelter. They were on a week long journey they called “High Adventure”. While on this adventure they visited the Golden Gate in S.F and Half Moon Bay. How cool is it that we were one of their stops along the way?! Thank you so much girls!

Thank you Red Robin of Tracy! They donated a few boxes of plates, bowls and serving dishes. These will be so useful here at the Stockton Shelter.

We are extremely grateful for the community support.
This summer is my first at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless and I am so glad to be here! We have a beautiful campus and I consider myself lucky that I get to come to work here every day. Certainly the drought has taken its toll on us, and our grass is more brown than green these days, but that’s just temporary. I feel proud knowing that we are providing the best possible environment for Stockton’s homeless families to live while they get back on their feet. The support I’ve gotten from the community for the projects we’ve been able to accomplish and the ones we are hoping to undertake has been so encouraging. It’s these improvements to our facilities, big and small, obvious and not so obvious, that gives us the ability to provide an environment that is often better than the place that many of our homeless families came from.

We know that living at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless is probably not where our residents want to be and not what they want for their children. We are usually the last resort for people desperate to make sure their kids have a safe place to sleep. Our programs and services are designed to help our clients leave the Shelter and get into a home of their own as quickly as possible, but people have different circumstances. Some have an easier time getting a job and finding a place to live, but for others it can seem impossible. We do everything we can for everyone that comes to us for help, and it’s through your support that the people of Stockton and San Joaquin County have somewhere to turn when they run out of time and are facing a night on the streets. Our clients come into a safe, clean and pleasant environment with lawns, flowers, trees, a playground, picnic tables, the list goes on. We often take these simple amenities for granted. When you come to a homeless shelter for the first time you don’t know what to expect and it’s natural to fear that it might not be a good experience. We are able to surprise our clients with the kind of park-like environment that many facilities such as ours simply do not have to offer, and it’s all because of our donors and supporters. One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is the joy I feel when a resident tells me that they’ve found a place to live. Often the next thing they say is that they’re sad to leave. That tells me we’ve done our job: to give someone a place to live instead of the streets, and to make that experience a positive one while they’re here. For some of our residents, living in a home that is stable, calm and nurturing is a new experience. The beauty of our campus is as much a part of our ability to provide that environment as the staff that work here every day to reinforce the positive attitude that makes it all possible.

I can’t wait to see what the future holds for our organization. If you haven’t already, come to our campus and let me give you the tour so you can see firsthand what I mean when I say I work in one of the most beautiful places in Stockton. And not just because of how it looks, but because of what we accomplish here every day for our homeless families.

Adam Cheshire
Chief Executive Officer

 Summers at the Shelter!
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**Shelter Wish List**

**FOR THE SHELTER**

- Towels & Wash Cloths
- New Sleeping Bags
- Pillows and Twin-sized Sheets
- Twin-sized Blankets
- Sports Bras/All Sizes
- Diapers (4, 5, 6) & Baby Wipes

**FOR THE THRIFT STORES**

Gently used items of any kind including Furniture.

**MAJOR PROJECTS**

- Metal Storage Lockers
- Metal Bunk Beds
- New Twin Vinyl Mattresses
- Siding for the Buildings
- Painting Inside and Out

**SHELTER FACTS AND FIGURES FOR LAST MONTH**

- 31 families with a total of 76 children were provided food, clothing & shelter
- The singles shelter averaged more than 138 men and 31 women per night
- 3,816 dinner meals were served
- The HIV/AIDS program assisted 3 families and 4 single adults with transitional housing
- Six homeless veterans enrolled in our enhanced Veteran Services Program