SHELTER FACTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE-JULY 2014

- 46 families with a total of 88 children were provided food, clothing & shelter
- The singles shelter averaged more than 145 men and 24 women per night
- 6,510 dinner meals were served
- The HIV/AIDS program assisted 4 families and 2 single adults with transitional housing
- Nine homeless veterans enrolled in our enhanced Veteran Services Program

Did you know...California has 22 percent of America’s homeless population. California also has the highest number of chronically homeless. The chronically homeless person is someone who has been without shelter continually for at least one year or four times in the past year and has a debilitating condition, such as substance abuse issues or mental illness.

Did you know...For singles, the three most common causes of homelessness are domestic violence, lack of affordable housing and mental illness. Stockton Shelter for the Homeless offers referral-based programs for these causes. When all is said and done, it is the client who must choose to follow through with the referral and make the change for their life.

Did you know...Stockton Shelter for the Homeless has been providing services to the homeless population in the city of Stockton and San Joaquin County since 1987. It is the largest provider of emergency shelters in the county. We shelter over 60% of the total people sheltered during the winter months, and 40% during the rest of the year, even though there are 9 other shelter agencies in the county.

Did you know...What does it take to be homeless? It takes a loss of a job, being a crime victim or a victim of domestic violence, mental illness, bad credit, disability, abandonment, substance abuse, death of wage earner, and the list goes on.

That’s why we exist. To help homeless families and individuals start a new chapter of their life.

Did you know...Homelessness is not simply an issue that pertains to single men and women, but is experienced by thousands of families a year—one of the fastest growing homeless populations is families with children.

BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED...

“Being taken for granted can be a compliment. It means you’ve become a comfortable, trusted element in another person’s life.” Dr. Joyce Brothers

What if the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless did not exist?
More than 3,000 homeless community members on an annual basis would be sleeping on the streets, in their cars, or in your neighborhood. That’s about 350 people every night with no emergency shelter services. This number would include 80 children from 0-17 and 270 adults (men, women, veterans, seniors, and the disabled). Over 100,000 hot meals and 65,000 additional cold meals would not be served to those 3,000 homeless community members. Are we taken for granted?

About seven years ago the economy took a turn for the worse. In that turn, it left many non-profit organizations wondering what would happen to them. A few of the smaller organizations shut their doors. Places like Stockton Shelter for the Homeless continued to serve. Even through local government and grant funding reductions, we continue to serve. Now, more than ever, we rely on our community residents who are able to give to support our most vulnerable community members.

They come to our door asking for shelter and receive it. They come to our door hungry, we feed them. They came to our door for clothing, we cloth them. They come not knowing what to expect and find ways to begin again.

Seven years later, we continue to shelter, feed, and cloth our community’s homeless men, women, and children. Are we taken for granted? You betcha!
TEN WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SHELTER

1. MAKE A CONTRIBUTION monthly or otherwise
2. SHOP AT SHELTER THRIFT
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. LEAVE A LEGACY. Contribute to the Endowment Fund ($1,000 or more)
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)
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Sorry I don’t have spare change.

Please contact the following agencies in Stockton for assistance in obtaining:
- Food, shelter, showers, clothing, and other support services.

- Emergency Shelter: Open 24/7
  - Stockton Shelter for the Homeless
  - 411 S. Harrison St. (209) 465-3612
- Dining Room: 7 Days a Week
  - St. Mary’s Interfaith Community Services
  - 945 W. Sonora St. (209) 487-0703
- Emergency Food Bank: Mon-Fri
  - 7 W. Scotts Ave. (209) 465-7389
- Women’s Center of San Joaquin: 24/7 Crisis Lines
  - Domestic Violence: (209) 455-4878
  - Sexual Assault: (209) 465-4897
- Mental Health Services: Crisis Line:
  - (209) 468-8888

Lo Siento, no te puedo dar dinero

Por favor contacta a las siguientes agencias por ayuda en obtener:
- Comida, refugio, baños,ropa, y otros servicios.

We would love for you to come “Take the Tour” Anytime, just call and make an appointment!
(209) 465-3612

Panhandling...it’s something we see everyday and probably don’t give much thought to. Has it become “a norm” in the city of Stockton? Do we turn a blind eye to those asking for money on the street corners? Do we dismiss those outside the local grocery store begging for food? For money? While some have panhandled for years, it has become a way of life. There are others who don’t know resources in the community exists to help them during their time of need. Now, when a decision is made to turn a blind eye or dismiss someone asking for help, offer them help. Hand them the below card and give your spare change to agencies providing services offering positive changes in people’s lives.
Every Friday between 3:30 and 4:00pm Susan Valdez, Lead Shelter Aide goes down the halls of the shelter and outside hollering for all of the kids to “LINE UP”! I’m sure there is only one thing racing through their mind... ICE CREAM!

On January 15, 1999, an ice cream man came to deliver ice cream to all of the children at the shelter for the very first time. This same gentleman has continued to come without fail, rain or shine, for the last 15 years.

We have donation boxes in both of our thrift stores and one in the courthouse cafeteria to help raise money to pay for all the children who want ice cream on Fridays. Donation are sent to us earmarked, “Ice Cream Fund”.

On any given Friday, there are usually between 20 and 30 children ready to choose their own ice cream. To all who have supported the Shelters’ Children’s Ice Cream Fund staff and parents thank you! With your support, a long time tradition of Friday ice cream can continue.
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KEEPPING THE HOMELESS SHELTERED

Donor Spotlight
Thank You Academy of Student Pharmacists for your thoughtfulness in choosing our Shelter to be one of the organizations you supported this year at your 2014 Picnic!

Shelter Wish List

FOR THE SHELTER
- Towels & Wash Cloths
- New Sleeping Bags
- Pillows and Twin-sized Sheets
- Twin-sized Blankets
- Reading Glasses
- Diapers (4, 5, 6) & Baby Wipes
- Bars of Soap & Laundry Soap
- Financial Assistance

FOR THE THRIFT STORES
- Gently used items of any kind including Furniture.

MAJOR PROJECTS & COSTS
- Adopt-a-Room, Family Shelter
- Update Shelter Security
- CCTV Systems
- Lawn Mower & 3 Trimmers
- Bicycle Racks