Welcome 2017

With support from our community, Stockton Shelter continues to serve as a safe haven for individuals & families to plan a fresh start!

“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.”

–Melody Beattie
This holiday season has been an especially active time at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless, and we are so thankful and grateful for everyone who made this time a special one for the people who live here. Giving our clients something to celebrate is as important to their health, well-being and recovery as giving them a warm, safe place to sleep at night. There have been wonderful events and parties here organized with the help of caring and generous volunteers who want to make a difference in someone’s life (check us out on Facebook to see pictures and learn more!). We rely on support from our community to make these things a reality. There is still so much to do and I am so excited for the opportunity to help make Stockton Shelter for the Homeless a better place for homeless families in 2017.

Although things can get pretty chaotic around here sometimes, we never lose sight of what’s important - our mission. Our residents are homeless because they lost a job, became sick or injured, ran away from a dangerous relationship, and so many other reasons. We exist to make sure homeless individuals and families have a roof over their heads and to provide a safety net for our fellow human beings who struggle daily just to survive (in 2016 we provided shelter and other services to 356 children and their families). Stockton Shelter for the Homeless is the place people can turn to when they are ready to get off the streets and do something positive with their lives. When they come to the shelter and ask for help, we don’t need an explanation as to why. We invite them in, and let them stay. Our policy is and will continue to be that we never turn anyone away seeking emergency shelter because of their age, gender, background or other factors. Most people coming to us for help just need a place to start again. I am so proud to live in this community where people are given a second chance at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless.

Homelessness is a problem that can be solved, but no one can do it alone. It takes the combined efforts of an entire community. By supporting Stockton Shelter for the Homeless you are supporting the effort to eliminate homelessness in San Joaquin County. It’s a big challenge, and one that requires all of us to participate. I see every day how much we can accomplish as a community by working together. It won’t happen overnight, but if we stay dedicated to the mission it will happen. Help us reach the goal, and make a better world for the homeless children that live at the Shelter and all the children of our community. They deserve to live in a place where everyone has a home. Go to our website and click on the donate button to become a part of the solution. Consider setting up a monthly donation to lend your support all year long. Check us out on Facebook and see what we do with your support all 365 days of the year, and every hour of every day. Through your support and the support of the entire community, we can make Stockton and San Joaquin County a better place for our children, our grandchildren, our friends and neighbors, for all of us to live.

Adam Cheshire, CEO

For more information about the programs, projects and services of Stockton Shelter for the Homeless, please visit our website at stocktonshelter.org, or e-mail us at info@stocktonshelter.org or call us at (209) 465-3612.
Calling All Writers

Stockton Shelter is also holding an essay contest. Communities Can Unite to Help the Homeless is the title of our contest, which is designed to provide youth the opportunity to express their ideas on how communities can strategically unite to assist the homeless population. All submissions should consist of 500 words. Age groups include:

- Sixth - Eighth Grade
- Ninth - Tenth Grade
- Eleventh - Twelfth

Calling All Artists

Stockton Shelter is inviting artists & aspiring artists to enter our “Shelter Beautification” contest to help brighten the lives of our residents. We are seeking individuals and/or groups to paint inspiring murals on our campus - inside and out! This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your work. Contestants should submit a colored draft of their proposed mural project, which will be scored on the merits of creativity, inspiration and message. Winners will be chosen each quarter and featured in our newsletter. All ages are encouraged to participate.

More Information To Be Announced

Contest judges will consist of shelter staff & board members and current clients. Further information will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on Stockton Shelter for the Homeless Facebook posts. Stay connected!

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

~ Degas
47 families with a total of 104 children received services, including food, clothing & shelter

Men’s shelter averaged 175 single men and women's shelter averaged 62 single women per night

The HIV/AIDS program assisted 3 families and 4 single adults with transitional housing

7 homeless veterans are enrolled in our Veteran Services