Summer at the Shelter!
It has been an interesting month in Stockton, and at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless! Our Family Shelter and Day Shelter are getting a new roof (keep an eye on our Facebook page for pictures once the work is complete). We were not anticipating that it would rain this summer and so we got started on tearing up the roof. Well it did rain…and we got enough water in the building that we had to shut down power for a night, which meant our homeless families were going to be left with nowhere to go. Of course we weren’t going to let that happen!

Our resourceful staff scrambled to find alternatives for as many clients as they could, placing them temporarily in motels, with friends and family, and in other programs. They were able to find somewhere safe that night for 39 men, women and children. That left 120 other people that needed an alternative, and fast. We had room for 50 clients in our Day Shelter, which is normally open from 7a – 3:30p. On this night we kept the building staffed and open, with homeless families sleeping on mats on the floor. Now we were down to 70 people that needed our help and had nowhere else to turn. That was when St. Mary’s Dining Room came to us and asked what they could do to help. They graciously allowed us to use their facility right next door to shelter our homeless families for the night. Everyone grabbed a mat and settled in, while staff from both Stockton Shelter and St. Mary’s stayed with them throughout the night to make sure everyone was safe and happy. The Family Shelter was back in business the next morning.

And so what started as one of the greatest crises in the history of our organization turned into perhaps the greatest example of how our partnerships and the incredible support we receive from the community are so essential to our ability to keep hundreds of homeless individuals off the street every night of the year, even when we have a building that is temporarily closed. There is a recognition that our mission to help the homeless is a critical service for the entire region, and that we all have a stake in ensuring that Stockton Shelter for the Homeless continues to be the place where so many can find safety from the streets. I was incredibly encouraged at the number of people reaching out to me, letting me know that they had heard about our problem and offering to help. That’s how I know that no matter what happens, we have the support and understanding of an entire community helping us succeed. THANK YOU!!!

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.

Shelter Thrift & Furniture Store
Each day our stores receive new merchandise through community donations. We never know what amazing items we will receive. Come and take a look for yourself! Here are a few examples...
Success Trio Donation Drive & BBQ

The Shelter was honored to be the recipient of UOP Success Trio program's efforts and generosity. In February, we were contacted by Nathan Biggerstaff, who was the project lead for the program. Equipped with an ambitious and altruistic team, he proposed holding a donation drive to benefit Shelter residents.

The donation drive was kicked off with a resource fair held at UOP, in which Our CEO had the opportunity to showcase information about homelessness and the Shelter’s mission to provide shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals and families.

The drive concluded with the Success Trio hosting a BBQ and family-oriented activities, where the donated items were distributed. Success Trio also raised over $500 in cash donations. Their efforts to raise awareness and community support exceeded all expectations. It is truly an honor to be the recipient of all their effort and time. Community involvement is essential in combating homelessness. Thank you Success Trio for supporting our mission!

Taco Luncheon

The Shelter is very fortunate to receive the community support that it does. Individuals and groups contact us regularly to schedule donations and activities that help out our residents and enrich their lives. One Saturday, a group of compassionate individuals wearing yellow vests from Calvary Christian Fellowship Discovery Bay held a luncheon and donation giveaway.

The group hired a taco truck that provided a full-fledged taco luncheon. Asada tacos with a variety of salsas and condiments were served. Our residents were treated like royalty. They also brought clothing and neatly organized it, allowing our clients easy access. They had an array of sizes for men, women and children.

Even further, the group set-up several tables and passed out hygiene supplies, sleeping bags, blankets, water and dog and cat food.

We would like to express our appreciate to Calvary Fellowship Discovery Bay for going above and beyond in making our resident’s day a little brighter. Thank you! We look forward to working with you again.
Facility Wish List

Siding for the Building
Front Lobby Renovation
Ceiling Insulation Repairs

Thrift Store Wish List

Gently Used Items & Furniture

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Stockton Shelter Provided
Shelter Services for:
1,165 Men
519 Women
298 Children
238 Families

HIV/AIDS Program
39 Men
31 Women
11 Children
19 Families

Veteran Program
122 Individuals

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