

MAY 2016

Stockton Shelter for the Homeless

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Stockton Shelter for the Homeless was invited to be a part of Stockton is Magnificent this year and we had a blast! It was held at Delta College and it was awesome. The weather was beautiful and they had a great turnout. What a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the many ways in which Stockton really is Magnificent.



Emergency Shelter

TEN WAYS

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SHELTER

1. **MAKE A CONTRIBUTION** through our “new and improved” website. stocktonshelter.org
2. **SHOP AT THE SHELTER THRIFT STORE**
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!



Spring is in full bloom at the Shelter and it looks great! If you've ever visited our campus you know how big the grounds are, and it can go from manageable to a jungle in no time. The extra rain this year has made a HUGE difference and we're seeing a lot more green compared to this time last year. It's inspiring to see how beautiful it can get around here when the weather cooperates.

While our main campus in Downtown Stockton at 411 South Harrison Street is where we do most of our work for the homeless of San Joaquin County, **did you know that we provide housing for the homeless all over the city?** For over 15 years we have operated a transitional housing program for homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS. With a group home in central Stockton, 5 condominiums in southwest Stockton and a single family home in north Stockton, we have provided longer-term housing to thousands of HIV positive individuals over the years. There's no other program quite like it in

the county, and we're very proud of its success! We also provide transitional housing opportunities for homeless military veterans through an arrangement with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Our primary mission is “emergency shelter”, which is the service we provide for the community at our main campus. This is a short-term housing program intended to get homeless individuals and families off the street quickly while they find other shelter. “Transitional housing” is the essential next step for those who aren't quite ready to get back on their feet but need a longer-term housing solution than emergency shelter offers. They are “transitioning” from living on the streets or an emergency shelter into permanent stable housing. Addressing the homeless problem for an entire community requires a comprehensive approach that offers many different options for the many, many different needs of each individual or family. Without multiple programs working in collaboration to guide the homeless through their unique path to self-sufficiency, we often see individuals taking two steps back for every one step forward. Solving homelessness is something *we can achieve*, but it is important to recognize that solutions to homelessness can and usually are as varied and complicated as the people and the communities we serve.

It is this comprehensive approach that Stockton Shelter brings to our clients whenever possible. There are many wonderful organizations working to help the homeless in our community, and I am deeply encouraged by how much cooperation there is between us. We rely on these partners to provide the services we can't, and they rely on us for the same. We do our part as the safety net, sometimes called “crisis response”, for the homeless in our community. With over 3,000 people seeking shelter with us each year, we often have little left over for the other things we'd like to do, such as expanded case management and greater transitional opportunities.

I am dedicated to staying focused on the mission we've had since 1986: emergency shelter, the “safety net” for our homeless families and individuals. But there's always more work to do, and we will continue to find ways to make this community a better place for everyone through every means at our disposal. Your support is what makes it possible. *Thank you!*

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

~ Adam Cheshire,
Chief Executive Officer



This time last year the drought was affecting our region in a big way, and here at the Shelter it looked sort of like a desert. This year the rain has made a HUGE difference and it's starting to look like a jungle out there! We're not complaining with views like this one...

Gaining Knowledge

Stockton Collegiate came to tour our campus and see firsthand what the Stockton Shelter is all about! CEO Adam Cheshire answered their questions and had a great time teaching the kids a little about what the Shelter does for our community.



STOCKTON COLLEGIATE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS



Stockton Collegiate!!



Stockton Collegiate 2016

Easter 2016!

209 Cares came to the Shelter for Easter again this year! The Easter Bunny is always a big hit! There was arts and crafts, face painting and of course Easter baskets for the kids. Thank you for bringing all of this fun to the Shelter and giving the children who live here a day to remember.



in-store savings coupon

SHELTER THRIFT & DONATION CENTERS

"Where the entire community can help the homeless"

7540 Pacific Avenue
(at Hammer Ranch Center)

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Shelter Wish List

FOR THE SHELTER

Socks for men, woman and children
Feminine Hygiene Products
Laundry Detergent
Baby Play Pens
Sports Bras/All Sizes
Diapers (4, 5, 6) & Baby Wipes

FOR THE THRIFT STORE

Gently used items of any kind including Furniture.

MAJOR PROJECTS

New flooring in Family Shelter
Redoing the Front Lobby/
New Box Truck w/Liftgate
Siding for the Buildings
Painting Inside and Out

SHELTER FACTS AND FIGURES FOR LAST MONTH

- **48 families with a total of 97 children were provided food, clothing & shelter**
- **The singles shelter averaged 157 men and 32 women per night**
- **The HIV/AIDS program assisted 3 families and 3 single adults with transitional housing**
- **Four homeless veterans enrolled in our enhanced Veteran Services Program**