

**KEEPING  
FAMILIES  
SAFE!**

**SHELTER FACTS  
FOR THE MONTH  
OF**

**OCTOBER-  
NOVEMBER  
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



# Stockton Shelter for the Homeless

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## Meeting our new CEO!

Getting started here at the Shelter has been an incredible experience. What has been most striking is the overwhelming support our organization receives from the community. Everywhere I go I am asked by my fellow Stocktonians about the work we do. People know about our mission and they want to help. Local businesses see our need for everything from clothes to diapers as well as financial support and they offer their assistance in many ways (special thanks to **Concrete North** for donating their services in adding a wheelchair ramp to the back of our Family Shelter! Thanks also to **Rod Johnson Heating & Air** for donating resources to our men's shelter.)

The Shelter board is an incredible group of individuals dedicated to making this organization as strong and successful as it can be so we can continue to serve our mission now and in the future. It was such a joy seeing

firsthand the immense support from the community at our 30th Annual Festival of International Cuisine.

It has also been an absolute pleasure getting to know the amazing people who work here. From day one it was clear I have a staff truly dedicated towards doing everything they can to help get the men, women and children of Stockton into a safe home. It takes a special person to devote their career to service and I am lucky to have been given the opportunity to spend every day working with a group of people giving hope to our friends who thought they had no hope left.

I have also had the pleasure of working with the staff at other local non-profits and public agencies who partner with the Shelter to move our mission forward. There are many important organizations in Stockton and San Joaquin County that want to improve the

lives of those least fortunate in our community. These groups are also staffed by dynamic men and women who understand that by helping those in need we are helping the entire community be a better place to live.

We all hear people talk about the kind of city Stockton should be. The non-profit community is where we work every day to make Stockton the kind of place it *can* be. Through your support we can make the positive change Stockton desperately needs.

I am grateful and humbled to have this opportunity to be a part of that change, and I look forward to working every day for the staff and clients of the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless.



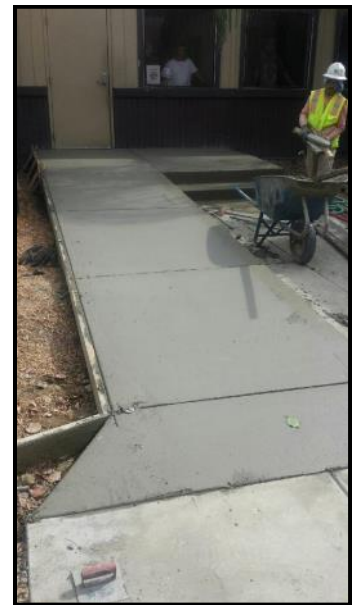
*Adam Cheshire  
CEO*

## 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)
10. TOUR THE SHELTER and give us your feedback



We would like to thank **Concrete North** and all who were involved in adding a wheelchair ramp to the back of the Family Shelter. This will allow our disabled clients to enjoy the backyard more easily. Our backyard has benches under the trees and lots of flowers, making it great place to just sit and relax.



**Rod Johnson Air Conditioning** donated a brand new heating system for the men's shelter. Thank you Mike for being so easy to work with, you've done a great job! With winter fast approaching it was done just in time.



Katie Villa (right) and Elizabeth Swan ran a booth at this years **Stockton is Magnificent**. It was a beautiful day at the park. We made some great contacts there. See you next year!



# DONATIONS!



We received a generous donation of men's jackets and pants from **St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**. Thank you to Rev. Stephen Bentley and his caring congregation for this generous donation. This will be a great start to our cold winter months.

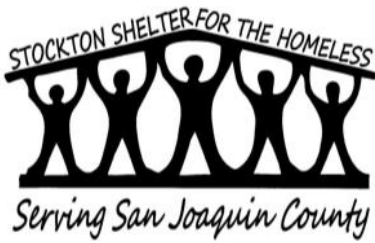
## THANK YOU



We got a call from Rick Romanoff telling us his company, **Romanoff Renovations**, would like to help the Shelter. We told them the story of having 3 babies born within the last week, so he said they would donate baby items for infants. A week later his team showed up with \$1,000 worth of infant products from Costco! Thank you so much Rick, Victor, Nichole, Mario and Joshua. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

**October 18th, 2014** was an epic night for Stockton Shelter for the Homeless. We had our 30th Annual Festival of International Cuisine. The event generated over \$100,000 in donations for the Shelter. Thank you to all who made this extraordinary night a success!





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**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
- Laundry Detergent**
- 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
- Twin Vinyl Mattresses
- Lawn Mower & 3 Trimmers
- Bicycle Racks

**Donor Spotlight**

The Activity Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults here in Stockton donated 6 brand new pairs of kids Nike shoes to the Shelter. Thank you so much for this wonderful donation! Kids are hard on their shoes and will always be in need of a new pair.

