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Stockton Shelter for the Homeless

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Christmas

by Anonymous

Every time a hand reaches out
To help another... that is Christmas.
Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding
That is Christmas.

Every time people forget their differences
And realize their love for each other
That is Christmas.

May this Christmas bring us
Closer to the spirit of human understanding
Closer to the blessing of peace!



A Season of Giving

A Message from Our CEO

Ways You Can Support the Shelter

Tour the Shelter & spread awareness

Adopt - A - Family: adopt a family for the holiday season

Work with your civic group/church to hold a furniture drive

Make a contribution via stocktonshelter.org

Shop at Shelter Thrift

Volunteer your time and talent at the shelter

Adopt - A - Room: make over a family room (paint, flooring, blinds & bedding)



As another Christmas approaches and 2017 draws to a close we have a lot to be thankful for at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless, and to be proud of. This year we replaced the roof on the Family Shelter and expanded our programs to accommodate the rising demand for emergency shelter for homeless families and single women. And as the weather gets colder and wetter, we inevitably see an increase in that demand. Our staff are working every day to make sure everyone who needs our help can get it. They could not do their jobs without support from the community... *and from people like you!*



The Holiday Season is as much a celebration of home as it is of friends and family. Without a home, it can feel like there's nothing to celebrate. That can be particularly difficult for a young child to understand. That's why we are so grateful for the support we receive from the community every year around this time. It means that homeless families have somewhere to go on Thanksgiving, and can share a meal with people who understand what it's like to be homeless. They may not be "family", but it feels like the next best thing, as much a family as some of our residents have ever known. It is so important to the process of healing from the past and moving forward toward a brighter future for themselves and their children, and you help make it happen through your support of our mission.

It means that Christmas really is a time of celebration, even in a homeless shelter. We are a home for our residents, but only a temporary home. Our mission is to help our residents find a home of their own, which is something that we all deserve. For now, during this time of celebrating home and family, Stockton Shelter for the Homeless is the next best thing. We could not do that without your support, and it is so wonderful to see how much support there is this time of year. It proves how much our volunteers and donors really care about this community!

Sadly, there are more homeless in Stockton and San Joaquin County today than a year ago. It has become impossible to ignore. But for those who are ready, there is an alternative to that life here at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless. That is because of the support we receive from our community. And that is why we need your help more than ever. Homelessness won't go away on December 26th, and Stockton Shelter for the Homeless will be there on that day and every day of the year to be the safety net for families that desperately need escape from the streets. With your help we are making a difference together for the benefit of our entire community. Thank you for supporting Stockton Shelter for the Homeless this holiday season, and every day of the year!

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 Updates



Halloween at the Shelter

Day in and day out, Shelter staff spend time working one-on-one with our residents. Great joy is experienced when staff have the honor of sharing holidays. Here are some pictures that demonstrate the excitement and resiliency of our children on Halloween.



Burlington Warm Coats & Warm Hearts



The Shelter is honored to partner with Burlington Stores, Delivering Good and Good Morning America to bring warmth and comfort to our residents through their "Burlington Warm Coats & Warm Hearts Coat Drive". Visit your local Burlington store to receive \$10.00 off your purchase when donating a new or used coat!



**Please Visit
Shelter Thrift &
Furniture Stores
7540 Pacific Ave**



Adopt-a-Family

During the holiday season, the Shelter operates the Adopt-a-Family program. The goal of the program is to match community members and organizations that support our mission with families to ensure that they don't go without presents and necessities on Christmas.

So far this year, two families have been adopted. The Simple Act of Kindness Campaign lead by Joey Travolta (John Travolta's brother) provided gifts for the families. Joey is collaborating with Lodi Unified School District's (LUSD) film students to produce a holiday segment for CBC's nightly news based on acts of kindness and San Joaquin County's 211 resource and referral program. Joey, along with LUSD students, filmed their shopping trip to various stores

to purchase presents. Below you will find a picture of one of the families interviewed.

Please contact the Shelter for more information about our Adopt-a-Family program. Ask for Mary 209.465.3612.

Merry Christmas





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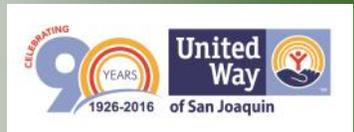
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Facility Wish List

- Air Conditioning for Men's Shelter
- Front Lobby Renovation
- Television for Multi-Purpose Room

Thrift Store Wish List

- Gently Used Items & Furniture

Shelter Thrift, Furniture & Donation Center

7540 Parkway Avenue

"Where Your Personal Donations Help
the Homeless"

20% Off Purchase

not valid with any other offer

SHELTER FACTS & FIGURES 2016

Shelter Services Provided 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

