THANK YOU to everyone who supported Stockton Shelter for the Homeless by participating in the Festival of International Cuisine on October 14th! This year’s event was the biggest we’ve ever had. The food was amazing (and plentiful!), and the organizers, staff and volunteers did a wonderful job making sure everything was perfect. I especially want to recognize some of our Event Committee participants: Co-Chairs Julie Watts and Darlene Canepa, Toni Taboada, Terry Cope, Shirley Dozier, to name a few. We had a HUGE group planning the event this year and there are too many to thank here, but they know how much I appreciate their help. We could not be the safety net for the homeless in our community without the help and support of friends like these!

As the holiday season approaches and the weather turns cold, windy and wet, I am reminded that our work continues. It was a privilege to be a part of the Festival again and we’re still all so excited for how successful this year’s event was, but now is the time when we need to come back to the Shelter and ensure that your generosity and support is put to good use. As summer leaves us and fall turns into winter, this is the time when our community needs us most, when we see so many more homeless men, women, and children seeking a warm, dry and safe place to sleep.

This is a hectic time for our organization as the Holiday Season approaches and so many in our community reach out to us looking for ways to help. 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 our residents are so grateful for the support they receive from the community every year around this time. 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.

We are a home for our clients, but only a temporary home. Our mission is to help every homeless person find a home of their own, which is something that we all as human beings deserve. For now, during this time of celebrating home and family, we are the next best thing. I am so proud to know that I and my staff can help provide a place for homeless families in our community to feel less alone this Holiday Season. 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!

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.

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)
A BIG THANKS goes out to our community that continues to come together year after year in support of the homeless!

We look forward to seeing you next year!
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

Visit Shelter Thrift & Furniture Stores for our Harvest Holiday Sale!

Contact us at info@stocktonshelter.org if you would prefer to receive our newsletter in an email.

Facility Wish List
- Siding for the Building
- Front Lobby Renovation
- Ceiling Insulation Repairs

Thrift Store Wish List
- Gently Used Items & Furniture

Shelter Thrift, Furniture & Donation Center
- 7540 Pacific Avenue
- “Where Your Purchases & Donations Help the Homeless!”
- 20% Off Purchase
- *not valid with any other offer*

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