Art Break Day—Together WE Can!
September 23rd, 2017 was my third anniversary as Chief Executive Officer of Stockton Shelter for the Homeless. Being at the center of this organization doing the work we do, which is so important to the health and well-being of our entire community, has been an honor and a privilege. The Board of Directors has wonderful plans for the future of Stockton Shelter for the Homeless, and I am so excited to see what the future brings!

It has been a challenging year for the homeless of Stockton and San Joaquin County, but also a year of great progress for our work. We continue to see more and more men, women and sometimes children living in tents next to the freeway or in empty lots all over town. Our hearts are breaking for these people, and this is what has motivated the incredible support towards helping the homeless of our community. My colleagues are working with elected officials and local law enforcement leaders to improve the situation for so many living on the streets. The goal is to bring them inside, and have a community where no one needs to sleep outside or in their car, where everyone has a home of their own.

I have seen the amazing support from this community for these efforts, and I am so encouraged that the work we are doing will make a lasting difference for our region. Certainly there is a lot of ground yet to cover: we need more affordable housing, more support services for the mentally ill and drug addicted, and more employment opportunities. There are good people working every day to make these things a reality, and perhaps nowhere more so than at Stockton Shelter for the Homeless.

Thank you for your support in making Stockton Shelter for the Homeless a better place!

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.
On September 1, 2017, Stockton Shelter for the Homeless hosted **Art Break Day – Together WE Can!**. Art Break Day is an international event that takes place annually on the first Friday in September. This will be the fifth year that Stockton has joined other cities from around the world to take part in this event, thanks to Joy Neas, Art Break Day Leader. This year Joy invited the Shelter to host the event.

The purpose of the event is to provide a venue in which the public can take a break and make art for free. The theme of this year’s local celebration was “Together WE Can!”. The theme was chosen to celebrate how our community comes together to help the homeless. And, this is exactly what happened!

Rabbobank employees, Stockton 209 Cares, students from Venture Academy and Weber Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology and other community members volunteered their time and resources to help make the day special for our residents and the community by staffing art stations and assisting with food service. Frank Neas, volunteer, headed the efforts of obtaining food donations and supplies from local businesses and organizations to provide a BBQ for attendees at no cost.

Art Break Day included a resource fair as well. San Joaquin County Public Health Department (SJCPH) and Child Abuse Prevention Council and The Organizing and Leadership Academy (TOLA) manned multiple booths, which showcased their programs and resources. SJCPH had health care professionals present to conduct physical exams and other medical services. This allowed attendees to receive medical services at no charge that they might not, otherwise, have access to.
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519 Women
298 Children
238 Families

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39 Men
31 Women
11 Children
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