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### Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center. We would not be able to continue in our mission of helping homeless families become self-reliant without you! If you would like more information on the features below or would like more frequent updates, please visit our website ([www.saehc.org](http://www.saehc.org)), become our fan on Facebook or follow our activities on Twitter.

### SAEHC Celebrates 40 Years

#### Dave Mowery, Board President



In the spring of 1974, Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's Executive Director, Heather Andrews, was faced with renewing the shelter's lease at 2943 22nd Street. The landlord was unwilling to make repairs to bring the

property up to code, so the decision was made to look for another home for the homeless program.

Heather and the Board of Directors found their new home at 4516 Parker Avenue. The proposed site was well suited for the program and would allow them to increase the number of persons sheltered from 17 to 25. Since a County-funded program could only lease property and the Board of Supervisors was unwilling to purchase the property, the next step was to find a private buyer who would lease the property back to SAEHC.

A public appeal was made and program supporters Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lewis of Carmichael stepped forward to purchase the property for \$36,000. Mr. Lewis, a retired carpenter, made the necessary move-in improvements and SAEHC staff and families began operations in their new home on July 1, 1974!

Over the years, many SAEHC "angels" have stepped forward to make a difference, but none so important as Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lewis. Their gift has been with us for 40 years.

### What SAEHC Means To Me

Motorcycle Club/Students  
Team Up to Bring Easter  
Baskets to Needy Children  
(KCRA)

## Keeping Families Together

SAEHC runs one of only two shelters in Sacramento that accepts two parent households, single fathers, and sons over the age of 14.

## Board of Directors

Holly Bloesser  
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## Markeyetta's Story

*Growing up as a child, I've always had a permanent place to stay, whether there were arguments, fights or just any type of drama going on. As many times as I've moved, from age 7 til now, I've always had a place to call my home. Despite the many moves, I've always done the most important thing in my life and that was going to school. I might not have been the perfect child growing up, but I was always doing my best to stay out of trouble and keep my head in the books.*

*As a resident at SAEHC in September of 2011, I am still staying strong until this day. I've met some wonderful staff members, and not only do I respect them, but I love them as family! I have so much respect for the staff here at SAEHC that I don't regret a second of it and I never will.*

*Being homeless isn't the worst thing that could happen. I say that because everything I experience is something that I can take within myself and keep it in mind for future reference. Being at SAEHC has changed me to the fullest, in a good way, because I do what I can to show my appreciation to everyone and I do what I have to do for myself, and that is focusing on school even more. In the future, I hope to keep in touch with most of the clients and staff members as I'm accomplishing my goals at Sacramento State University and completing my Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. I, honestly, just want to say thank you to every single person at SAEHC for not only letting me into their arms, but letting me into their life. This is one thing I will never forget!*

*Markeyetta, age 21*

## Donations Needed!



Do you have some clothing laying unused in the back of your closet? You can help others by donating to Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's new donation center. Each week, our homeless families and clients enrolled in our programs visit the donation center to get the clothing, toiletries and household goods that they need. We need your help to keep the donation center well-stocked so

that each and every one of our clients regardless of age, size or gender can obtain the clothing they need for themselves and their families. We are especially in need of professional clothing that our clients can wear to job interviews, helping to move them towards self-sufficiency sooner!

Please donate your gently used clothing and help others in need. Want to double your donations?

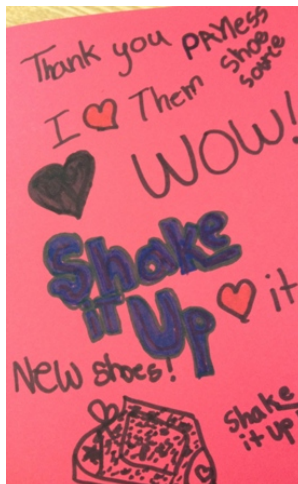
## 2011 - A Great Year For Our Kids

### Stormie Morton, Youth Development Specialist III



Children Services at the Family Shelter had a wonderful year in 2011. We have had so many wonderful volunteers and Family Fun Friday Sponsors. We celebrated over 30 birthdays with the help of Volunteer Center of Sacramento's

BirthdayMAGIC program. We watched Toy Story 3 on a jumbo screen in our parking lot while eating Leatherby's ice cream and we shared many a family dinner with our friends from Reality Church. We made snowflakes with Amanda, pillows with Ms. Wilma and learned about the guitar from Jack. We were spun silly on the tire swing by Jeff, aided with our homework by Jenifer and Colleen and supported in Kids Club by Ana, Jeremy, Crystal, Vivian, Kasey, Tammy, Meagan, Michael, and so many others! We went on many trips to places such as the zoo, movies, fairytale town, and hiking along the American River. We organized our own Fourth of July dance, back to school picnic and spring carnival, with the help of our friends in the OMEGA program. During the holiday season, we were amazed by the generosity in our community. We had so many supporters volunteer, donate, and touch our hearts with their kindness.



2012 has already begun with a bang! With the help of Payless Shoe Source all of our children received new shoes, not only warming our feet, but raising the self esteem of over 40 children. The children's program is continuously striving to create and maintain an environment that is welcoming, warm and supportive to all children. In 2012, we are continuing to grow as a program adding extra emphasis on education. This month we are starting a health and life skills class, teen group, and a toddler/ pre K class. It is my personal hope to continue to provide a place

where our children feel they belong. We look forward to what 2012 will bring! Sign up to volunteer at [www.saehec.com](http://www.saehec.com).



## Puppet Fun at Mather

Mary Anne Wheeler, Children's Services Program Supervisor



The Women's Assistance League of Sacramento's puppeteers came to the Mather Community Campus Children's Services to perform a puppet show called *The New Kids On The Block*. The almost life size puppets spoke to the children about fire safety and being safe. The youth ages K-2 grades were taught how to Stop Drop and Roll in case their clothing catches on fire and how to call for help. The puppets also taught them the importance of learning their area code and phone number and not talking to strangers. The Women's Assistance League staffs and funds nine philanthropic programs benefiting infants through elementary age children, teens, homeless women and seniors in the Sacramento area.

## How You Can Help Community Partnerships Corner



Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's mission is to provide assistance to homeless individuals and families and help them achieve self-reliance. We see the success of this mission reflected in the many people whose lives are changed through our programs. But we can't do it alone! We need the community to be involved and help make a difference.

There are a lot of different ways to be involved in our mission and help change lives. Please add these opportunities to your calendar and help us create hope for homeless families:

- **Host a Donation Drive:** Many things are needed to help keep our programs running smoothly and provide for the needs of the homeless families we serve. Consider hosting a donation drive at your office, church, school or group of friends. For a list of items that are always needed and information on how to set up a donation drive, please visit [www.saehc.org](http://www.saehc.org).

- **Volunteer:** There are a lot of ways to [volunteer with SAEHC](#) this year. Consider volunteering at our Donation Center, Community Resource Center, Kids Club or as an office assistant.
- **Reach out to your Friends and Family:** Join forces with your loved ones and together you can make a big difference! Be the voice for those in need in your community by forwarding the newsletters or emails from SAEHC, joining us on [Facebook](#) (and encouraging your friends to follow us too!), joining with your friends or co-workers to host a donation drive.

*If we all work together, we CAN make a difference!*

## Employee of the Month

February: Ken Whitall, Family Shelter Chef



Please join us in congratulating Ken Whitall for his exemplary work at the Family Shelter. Ken is an amazing employee. His hard work and dedication show through everything he does. He makes it look so easy to create kitchen masterpieces on a shoe string budget! His work load practically doubles during the holidays as he creates holiday feasts for five different programs! But he is always cheerful and brings the holiday joy to all of our families and clients.

Ken has an amazing rapport with his coworkers, volunteers and the clients at the shelter. His kindness and caring spirit shines through.

Thank you Ken for being a shining star at Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center!