

In Our Community

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

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continuous support of the Agency. We hope you enjoy receiving this monthly update; if you would like more frequent updates, please become a fan of us on Facebook or follow our activities on Twitter.

Mather Community Campus Update By Carolyn Brodt, Executive Director

SAEHC is pleased to announce that it was selected to continue its presence at Mather Community Campus with its collaborative partner, Volunteers of America (VOA). A panel of community leaders evaluated the proposal based on program design, program experience, and proposed budget and the award decision was confirmed by Paul Lake, Acting Director, Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance on February 26th. SAEHC will retain its role in the supervision of Children's Programs and Family Site Support Staff, as well as regain the Case Management services for the Family Site children and the adults.

VOA has been a great partner of SAEHC's for over 15 years in multiple programs and we are thrilled to be continuing this partnership. We are looking forward to the opportunity to implement best practices in transitional housing with our partner, VOA, as we continue to serve the 55 families and the 185 singles who reside at Mather.

Arts Class Expansion at Women's Refuge By Devon Good, Director of Community Partnerships



We are very excited to announce that we will be adding felting and jewelry making to our Saturday knitting/crochet/embroidery classes at Women's Refuge. We have a wonderful new volunteer, Betty, who is enthusiastic about teaching her favorite crafts to the ladies. Betty is working

together with Amy, our long-time volunteer for the program and 2008's Volunteer of the Year at the Volunteer Spirit Awards, to make the classes be the best that they can be.

The women really enjoy the classes. Not only do they learn a positive method of stress relief, but they also are shown that they can learn something new! Many of the women have given

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Donation Corner

March Donation Drive - DIAPERS AND WIPES

We are in desperate need of diapers and wipes for our Family Shelter clients. Currently we are down to only a few packages of newborn, 5, and 6, and staff is very concerned about our ability to provide this essential item to our homeless families. **So this weekend, while you are at your local Wal-Mart or Target, consider picking up a pack of size 3 or 4 diapers and a container of wipes.**

Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm and Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm at 2411 Alhambra Blvd., Suite 110, Sacramento, CA

up on themselves, and succeeding in making a scarf, hat, pillow or purse is a real boost to their self-esteem.

But we need your help! To achieve Betty's dream we need the following items:

- 2 pairs of wire cutters
- 2 pairs of flat nose pliers
- 2 pairs of round nose pliers
- head pins/ eye pins/ ear hooks/clasps (various kinds) in silver, gold, or bronze colors
- tiger tail (a wire cord that is used for beading bracelets)
- beads/spacers
- crimp beads (these help keep the beads in place and finish the project)
- wool yarn

If any of you crafters out there would like to donate some of your collection or if you would like to make a financial donation to purchase supplies, please let us know. We are estimating that the cost will be \$125 to purchase all of the supplies for the ongoing classes.

[Donate online](#)

Fridays are fun for the family! By Helen Dashiell, Children's Services Staff

On Friday, February 19th, the residents at the Family Shelter gathered on our lawn for a special Family Fun Friday. A local church provided hot dogs on the BBQ as well as a bounce house for the children to play in. Children gathered with various teen volunteers to toss a football around. Even a couple of the parents came to play! While the children were running around, parents sat in clusters talking and laughing, enjoying the last few moments of decently warm weather.

At one point, the volunteers gathered the children to hand out presents. The children who were having birthdays that month got to choose first. Each child got a different, unique gift from markers to bubbles.

It was the first time this church group had come to help out and they were all so excited about this opportunity and expressed an interest to visit more often. The Family Shelter's staff and residents deeply appreciate this church group coming out to provide families a fun and meaningful day of activities. We look forward to them coming out again for another fun-filled day of adventure.

Children's Services is so appreciative of its volunteers and donors, without whom we would be unable to provide excellent opportunities that allow children to escape the trauma of homelessness. If you are looking to assist this program continue its success, we are in desperate need of a DVD/VCR combo for movie nights and a bagless vacuum that can stand up to constant use.

Women's Refuge Library Given a Facelift Generous donation received from Common

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Ground Worldwide

Thank you to Common Ground Worldwide, its Executive Director, Cynthia Eastman, and Chronicle Books for their generous donation of a beautiful new bookcase and over 40 new books full of wisdom and inspiration for our clients.



Common Ground

Worldwide, based out of San Luis Obispo, chose SAEHC to be a beneficiary of its "50, 50, 50 Project" Book Drive. This national project delivers inspirational books and bookcases to shelters for homeless families and survivors of domestic violence.

Employee of the Month: Toby Golden Omega Project, Case Manager



Toby has taken on extra duties as we search for a new Youth Development Specialist. Toby is very good natured and is a natural with clients. He has a very calming effect on the clients. He is also managing our warehouse space.

The Omega Project provides permanent housing with continued supportive services to 15 singles and 15 families who have multiple and severe disabilities. The Omega Expansion program increased the number of families to 22 in 2009.

Volunteer of the Month: Victoria Hunt Family Shelter Children's Services

Victoria recently became a volunteer in the Family Shelter Children's Services department, and has stepped right in to the swing of things. Helen, a Children's Services staff member credits Victoria with a great attitude and natural approach to working with the children, who also enjoy her company. Victoria's time is spent assisting with Homework Club once a week, and supporting special events on Fridays.



If you are interested in volunteering with Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center, please visit our website at www.saehc.org/volunteer.php to read more information and to fill out a volunteer application.