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## SAEHC in the News

Sacramento Area  
Emergency Housing  
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Shelter Gives Families 60  
Days To Stay

Shelter Provides Food,  
Housing For Families

Families In Need Can  
Turn to Sacramento  
Emergency Center

'One Day' Homeless  
Campaign Starts Locally

## 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.

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 our fan on Facebook or follow our activities on Twitter.

## A New Beginning Family Shelter Fire Rehabilitation Construction Complete.



**By Carolyn Brodt, Executive Director**

In early December, 2009, our Family Shelter suffered an electrical fire that destroyed a six room dormitory and all six families lost all of their personal possessions left behind during the evacuation. We reported in our January newsletter that SAEHC was fortunate to have excellent insurance to cover the agency's and client's losses due to the fire and that we would be able to re-build the structure this spring and once again house 13 families on our premises.

I am pleased to report that the building is finally complete after being taken apart down to its rough frame. The fresh, new structure includes skylights, energy efficient windows, tile flooring, an updated bathroom, a laundry room including a changing

table for infants and a new sidewalk. The beds, cribs and mattresses will be moved in by the end of this week, while clients will hopefully start their stay the week of the May 23.

The Board of Directors and agency staff are very appreciative to those individuals, families, and organizations that assisted the Family Shelter through monetary and in-kind donations. SAEHC could not have managed this significant setback without those of you who gave so generously to our agency and the clients in our time of need. Thank you for your support.

## New Building Complete! Continued... By Devon Good, Director of Community Partnerships

As Carolyn mentioned, we are excited to announce that our fire damaged building will be re-opening before the end of the month. Many supporters have asked for an update on the progress and we would like to share an assortment of photographs that provide a visual progression of the building through its phases of destruction and repair.



For those of you looking to further contribute to the re-opening, we are looking for **40 new plastic milk crates** – see <http://amzn.com/B0001ACQQA> for an example. Please email Janice at [jwagaman@saehc.org](mailto:jwagaman@saehc.org) if you are interested in donating this much needed item.

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## Donation Corner

### May Donation Drive - PILLOWS & TOWELS

Each night when you snuggle into your cozy bed, give a thought to those who don't have a bed to call their own. The Family Shelter is in need of new or clean, gently used pillows and pillowcases. YOU can make a big difference in someone's life with the simple gift of a pillow! We are also in need of new and/or clean, gently used towels and washcloths.

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 95817.

[Donate online](#)

## Special Requests Donations Needed!



The Mather Community Campus is in need of 2-3 **new** high chairs for their Children's Services Program. Please call Janice at (916) 454-2120x302 if you are able to help out!

## SAEHC is an Excellent Community Partner! By Devon Good, Director of Community Partnerships

As many of you know, SAEHC received plenty of air time during the "One Day to Prevent Homelessness" campaign in March. Our Family Shelter had visits from Brian Hickey, Leticia Ordaz, and Walt Gray of KCRA who all vocalized their appreciation for the work we do and their support for the agency. Although the campaign was raising money to match federal funding for the "Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-housing Program" (HPRP) administered by Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army, and Volunteers of America, it is our clients whose lives are being changed by this influx of rental assistance and case management as they settle in their permanent homes.



Throughout the network of homeless service providers and external stakeholders, SAEHC's Family Shelter staff and clients have been complimented on their integrity, excellent work ethic, and kindness during this developing program. Case Managers from Lutheran Social Services report to their leadership the welcome reception they receive each week, and the collaborative nature in which our staff operate to achieve the overall goal of finding permanent housing for each family we serve.

If you missed the KCRA coverage of our Family Shelter, or just want to see us again, please click on the links on the left.

## Meet our new Fund Development Officer: Bill Knowlton



After time on the Board of Directors, and stepping up to explore the realm of homeless services, Bill Knowlton has joined SAEHC as its first Fund Development Officer. Bill comes to us with many achievements, personally through being a wonderful father and role model to those in need, and professionally as a successful General Manager of auto dealerships. We are excited to have someone as dynamic and savvy as Bill with SAEHC to, among other activities, liaise with the business community and cultivate our individual donor base. Please join us in welcoming Bill to the team!

## 2010 Drawing Contest Winners For the Fairytale Town After Hours Event



Congratulations to the 2010 Drawing Contest Winners! These talented kids competed for the honor of having their drawing featured on all of the promotional materials for Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center's 18th annual Fairytale Town After Hours gala event. Each child had the opportunity to draw a picture of their very own "Home Sweet Home." The entries were all wonderful - it made a very difficult decision on the parts of the judges!



Four talented kids from the Mather Community Campus were awarded prizes: *Honorable Mention* goes to Rian for his amazing Banana Tree House, *First Place* for ages 9 and older goes to Sierra for her Yellow House and Pets, *First Place* for ages 8 and younger goes to Marilyn for her White House and Birds, and the overall *Best of Show*

winner is Ayonna for her Pink Home Sweet Home!



The Family Shelter Summer Kids Program welcomes donations of tickets to the Sacramento River Cats. Have tickets to a game, but can't go? Donate them to kids in need. Please call Janice at (916) 454-2120 x302 if you are able to help out!



Help our kids stay cool this summer! Donations are needed to help our kids at Mather Community Campus get to the Rancho Cordova Community Swimming Pool. As we continue to see municipal cutbacks, we need YOUR help to make this fun summer activity a reality for our kids. Just \$2 sponsors summer fun for one child. Please call Janice at (916) 454-2120 x302 if you are able to help out.

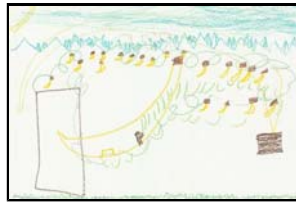
### SAEHC Volunteers

In the month of April, over 40 volunteers contributed more than 256 hours to Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center. This gift is valued at more than \$5,377 according to the Independent Sector's estimation of the value of volunteer time.

THANK YOU SAEHC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!

"Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." -- Danny Thomas

United Way



## HomeAid Donation Drive All the Essentials



Thank you to HomeAid Sacramento and its volunteers for the incredible donation of essential items to our housing programs. Hundreds of diapers and hundreds of ounces of formula were delivered by HomeAid volunteers Del and Rose Barbray on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at our Administrative Offices. Perfect timing, as these two drove all the way down from Roseville just when we received a call from the Family Shelter pleading for more diapers.

The generosity shown by those who donated to HomeAid Sacramento's essentials drive is so appreciated by our staff and clients alike. Items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula, bottles, and disinfecting wipes are always needed at our sites and are often too expensive for the Agency to purchase in the large amounts necessary.

HomeAid's involvement with SAEHC extends past the donation drive, as they have voted to sponsor Phase 1 of our Family Shelter expansion/renovation project. We are currently working with Jon Westphal, architect, and USA Properties Fund to complete the preliminary master plans. HomeAid's mission is to build and maintain dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives.

## Father's Day Family Fun Run Coming Soon on June 20th!



It's not too late to register for the 1st annual Father's Day Fun Run to benefit SAEHC! Thanks to our community partner, Zealous Event Management, all of the 5k's proceeds will go to the Agency with the overall goal of making sure families of all sizes and compositions have a place to stay if they become homeless in the Sacramento region.

Join us in Roseville on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Miner's Ravine Trail for this family oriented, fun event. Registration begins at 7:30 AM at Sculpture Park, runners start at 9:00 AM, and walkers/strollers start at 9:05 AM. Help make this a tradition to celebrate all of the dad's, granddads, stepdads, and others who make our lives so special.

Visit [active.com](http://active.com) to register for the event online. If you would like some brochures to distribute to friends, family, or co-workers, please contact the agency at [dgood@saehc.org](mailto:dgood@saehc.org) or 916.454.2120 x304.



## Day of Paint: April 24th Transformation at the Women's Refuge

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As a wonderful conclusion to National Volunteer Week, Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> was an amazing day of transformation at the Women's Refuge! Two groups came out and with a lot of love and sweat made an incredible difference.

The first transformation was of Hope Clinic, the public health office located above the Women's Refuge. Volunteers from United Way donated the paint, supplies and the labor to turn this dream into a reality. The Hope Clinic now has beautiful, warm golden brown walls, much improved from the dingy, dull white. The makeover will be complete when our own dedicated volunteer, Wilma Champlain, adds a colorful butterfly mural!

On the same day, students from the UC Davis chapter of CalPIRG (California Student Public Interest Research Group) spent their time renovating the patio area in back of the Women's Refuge. With paint donated by Lorenzo Guajardo of LG General Contractors, they transformed the fence into a beautiful, soft green background for tiles of mosaic art. The art tiles were continued on the building itself, and the stoop and door frame were painted a complimentary brown. Wilma will add to the color and beauty with some potted plants, a trellis, and a privacy screen. The once stark area is now warm and inviting.

For more information on how you or your group can get involved in the fun, please contact Janice Wagaman, Community Partnerships Coordinator at (916) 454-2120 x302 or [jwagaman@saehc.org](mailto:jwagaman@saehc.org).



## Summer Kids Club

Your chance to get involved!

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? Look no further! The Family Shelter Children's Services Program is in need of some dedicated volunteers to assist with Summer Fun Activities! This is your chance to spend some quality time helping our kids to achieve their potential. Ideal volunteers are outgoing, friendly, patient and enjoy working with children. Potential volunteers must complete the interview and screening process and pass the Department of Justice background check. For more information, or to apply as a volunteer, please contact Janice Wagaman, Community Partnerships Coordinator at (916) 454-2120 x302 or [jwagaman@saehc.org](mailto:jwagaman@saehc.org).



## Employee of the Month:

Cherelyn Alisha Lacy-Travis, Family Shelter



Please give your congratulations to Alisha, our Family Shelter's CSBG Housing Specialist. Alisha is a busy mom of two boys, ages 12 & 5, and a sweet baby girl, age 1, who enjoys shopping, meeting new people and has a passion for helping others. With a heart as big as her purse collection (180 at last count), she has worked with SAEHC for more than 2 years. She says, "This agency makes you feel like a part of the family. We all work together as a team and help support each other."

## Volunteer of the Month:

Mather Children's Services



Emmanuel Hunter and Daniel Owens are the Mather Community Campus Children's Services homework lab tutors. Emmanuel and Daniel are California State University, Sacramento Federal Work Study students. Both students are majoring in Psychology. Emmanuel and Daniel work three days a week here at MCC. They tutor the youth with homework, projects, computer skills and they even have been seen outside shooting hoops with the youth. They are patient, understanding and very caring to the youth

here on campus. They have become an important part of the children's lives and valuable members of the MCC Children's Services team.

Mary Anne Wheeler  
MCC Children's Services Program Supervisor, SAEHC