

P.A.T.H. Newsletter

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EVENT COORDINATOR, PAM KLEIN... Reports On PATH Activities

BUNCO AGAIN???

Yes, here we go again! More fun than you can imagine! We had such a good turnout last time and so many players wanted us to do Bunco again so now is your chance to join in on the fun! The flyer for the event is included in this newsletter. It will be Friday, April 29th at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Be sure to reserve your tickets early as there is limited space (\$10 donation per person). Visit our web site at www.redbluffpath.org and go to "Events" tab. Click on Bunco for more info.

DINNER/AUCTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

What a great event we had. I could never thank all the people enough for their help. Our men and women from our transitional homes served us and also helped set up and clean up. They were wonderful. And kudos to Liz Keith and John Martin (Allene's Son-in-law) for working in the kitchen all that day and well into the evening washing dishes. The decorations and tables had table settings set to a Western Theme and the hay bales made you feel like you were back in the old days in Red Bluff. Marcy Bettinelli and Darlene Martin did a superb job on these decorations. They were very creative and original. The food was excellent, thanks to Allene's son Rick Dering and her Grandson. The delicious desserts were donated by PATHs cook volunteers. The Auction was fun and we sold a lot more drawing tickets than ever before. We actually sold out all our

22 tables and had to set up 2 more that day. It's nice to see people calling and wanting to attend our dinner. Our live Auctioneer was Faydra Rector, and she did a great job. Our many thanks to her. Our Red Bluff community really went out this year to give lots of items for our Auction and our drawing baskets. Many thanks to Darlene Martin and Sigrid Morrison as well as their daughters for putting together beautiful baskets. They spent many hours on this event.

I am very honored to work with all our PATH volunteers who made this dinner one of the best ever. We are already thinking ahead for next year and planning for new and better things for our event. Thanks, everyone!

PATH BANKS

Have you seen our green banks around town? Well you should because we have almost 200 out in the stores and businesses in our community and over 300 individual banks being filled. We have some businesses that have filled 3 cans already. We had one Matteer student take 24 to her school and they collected over \$500 in one month.

Remember, we are filling banks all year until Dec.1,2011. There is still plenty of time for you to pick one up (at Furniture Depot) and start filling it now. When it is full, bring it back to me at Furniture Depot and take another. Every time you fill one, you get to put another ticket in the drawing for a \$100 gift card to Wal Mart. I have already counted money from over 20 banks.

YARD SALE DATE CHANGED

Our annual Yard Sale has changed from June to August 5 & 6th. Keep saving your items. We will have more information in our next newsletter!



PATH WALK!

It's not too early to begin thinking about forming a team for our PATH Walk this year. It will be September 17th. We will be joining the "Recovery Happens" event. The walk will take place early and then we will join all the other organizations that have information booths. Remember if you are involved with a non-profit group, you can form a team and receive 50% back of all the monies you collect. We will have T-Shirts available again and live music. This is an event you don't want to miss.

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PATHWAYS REPORT

The best way the Tehama County Pathways program has been successful is in helping disabled homeless get off the streets. Even though a person is severely disabled, it is sometimes very difficult and a lengthy process to get established with SSI. It is imperative that the person has a phone and an address to receive notices. Pathways gives the men in our program an apartment with a working phone for two years, and we've had to extend the two years a couple of times when the men were just about to have the process completed.

This brings me to Pathways latest success story. This particular man, I'll call him Randy, came to us severely physically disabled from an automobile accident, which happened several years back. He was living on the streets, out of money, not knowing what to do when he heard about our program. Right away Pathways Case Manager encouraged him to apply for SSI, and he did.

Now understand that Randy served in the Armed Services previously, and the first response he received from Social Security was that he was not eligible for SSI because he was not a US citizen. He knew he was born out of the United States, but his

parents brought him over when he was an infant, and he thought he was a citizen all of his life. He was allowed to serve our country, but could not receive SSI. PATH loaned him the money to go through the lengthy process, and several trips to Sacramento, to get his Green Card. At this point he was eligible, if he passed all the other criteria. After many doctor exams and files going back and forth, he was finally approved.

Recently he was able to move into his own apartment, purchase a very comfortable bed, and set up housekeeping as an independent man, able to care for himself. We are very pleased with our program and proud of Randy for sticking with it.

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**PATH SALE HOUSE
REPORT FROM JODI CORDIAL,
HOUSE MANAGER**

The past few months have been very exciting at the Sale House. Our Open House was a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to the community that supports us and share all we've done in our first year. Thank you to all those who made it and a sincere thank you to the Young Marines and the Pathways men for all the hard work in helping us prepare for the Open House. Thank you to Westside flowers as well.

We have been working with the Job Training Center and the staff has been wonderful and a great resource for the women.

Mary Adams has been working diligently on getting our summer garden ready.

The Presbyterian Church donated fencing and we had volunteers to till it and put in the fence but are in need of cement.

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We now have a Saturday afternoon Bible Study for those who wish to attend, which the participants enjoy.

We have two Families graduating in March! One was a young mother and her one year old daughter. Mom has completed a Drug Treatment Program, found full-time employment and last but not least, affordable housing. Our second Graduate is a mother of four children and this month also found housing for her and her children. We wish these ladies all the best.

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THE PATH WINTER SHELTER

Our emergency Shelter has had close to 40 guests the past couple of weeks. It normally stays right around 26 to 32, but the numbers have gone up since the stormy weather. We had some of the Spyder Island evacuees join us who had to be air lifted from the river during the high waters. With all the extra people it really surprised me how respectful they all were of each other. Some even gave up their beds to give to others, because at one point we had a shortage of cots. All in all the shelter has been running pretty smoothly.

Johnny Walker, a local church leader has been a blessing to PATH. He comes in twice a week to give bible studies for those who wish to attend. The guests really appreciate him and his program and several have decided to attend local church services. He has also been very active with the clients taking them to doctors and mental health appointments as well as a couple of court dates. Last week I had a phone call from the Joan Perce ministries. I met with Joan one afternoon and she presented PATH with a check in the sum of \$1400.00. First Christian Church has prepared many good meals for us at the shelter this month. We have also had Calvary Chapel and Pam Klein come in from time to time bringing music and lots

of food, drinks, and desserts. They also bring in a barber who cuts the clients hair and show movies. All in all, the shelter has been very blessed by everyone.

COOK COORDINATOR

PATH is looking for a new person to help coordinate dinners for the shelter starting in November 2011. Norma Phelps has been doing this job for three years and would like to resign at the end of this shelter season. We want to thank her for all her hard work. This is not an easy job to do and we appreciate her help the past three years. Please contact the shelter director, Dave Lamberson 736-3959 or Sue Benevides 366-2121 our shelter manager if you are interested in this position.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

It's never too late to have your newsletter sent to you via e-mail. Just e-mail me, Pam Klein at **nvalleyoak2@sbcglobal.net** and I will add you to our list. It helps us save the postage expense.

THE SHELTER COOKBOOK

Printed copies of The Shelter Cookbook are now available, suggested donation \$10.00. The book is compiled of stories & poems of people who have been homeless. Many of these recipes have been used for the shelter and PATH events. To purchase your copy contact Pam Klein at **nvalleyoak2@sbcglobal.net** or call **527-6439**,

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BUNCO BONANZA

Date: Friday • April 29, 2011

Time: Registration at 5:45 p.m. • Bunco at 6:30 p.m.

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall
2355 Monroe Street, Red Bluff

Tickets: \$10.00 donation per person

Tickets are available by contacting one of the following...

Pam Klein – 527.6439

Allene Dering– 529.5599

Other ways to secure Tickets...

- Reserve on line by visiting PATH's website @ www.redbluffpath.org then select **Contact Us**, then click **email** (Be sure to include your name, telephone number, and the number of tickets to reserve)
- Purchase at the door, if seats are available

Space is limited so Hurry!

More Prizes...

Door Prizes plus

**Most Bunco's, Most Wins,
and Most Losses**

