

P.A.T.H. Newsletter

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A NEW VENTURE FOR PATH

In January, PATH is planning to open a toxicology (drug testing) lab. It is so new, we haven't named it yet. Dave Lamberson, our Executive Director, and EC Ross the Board President, have been looking at several places to rent to house this project. They discovered that the old Social Security Office at 725 Pine St. is not only available, but also best suits our needs. We will have access to the property on December 22nd. Jennifer Ragsdale went for a three day, very extensive training in Delaware earlier this month. She learned about operating the equipment and how to train others to do the testing as well. After the equipment arrives she will begin training three others.

If you work for or own a business that does drug testing of employees or clients, you'll probably want to contact Jennifer at 530-727-7191 to find out more about this program.

REPORT ABOUT MAIN STREET TREASURES BY PAM KLEIN

Since opening in June we have been very busy in our new PATH store. All of us that

work there are volunteers. We have used the store for training and working many of our transitional living clients. They have been doing a good job of keeping the store clean, merchandised and stocked for retail sales. The one comment we hear the most is how clean and neat our store is. People comment on how nice our furniture is. We have had many donations from the community which has helped the store stay well stocked with merchandise.

We accept donations by appointment. Just call the store at 527-3073 and let us know if you need us to pick up your donations. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. We welcome any volunteers, especially cashiers. Please come by and check us out.

SHELTER NEWS

We are sad to say that due to health reasons, Sue Benavides, had to step down from being the Winter Shelter Manager. We are fortunate to have Alice McBride, who is very capable of filling this roll. Lisa Kassik is now not only a new Board Member, and part time PATH Sale House Monitor, but she is also working part time at the shelter as Assistant Manager.



Around 25 guests have been staying at the Shelter, about 5 of them are women and the rest men. So far this year we have not seen any families. The guests report that the evening meals have been outstanding, thanks to our army of volunteer cooks. If you are interested in cooking a meal or volunteering at the shelter check out the PATH web site, www.redbluffpath.org and look under programs for contact information. Note: See back of the mailer panel for the Emergency Winter Shelter schedule.

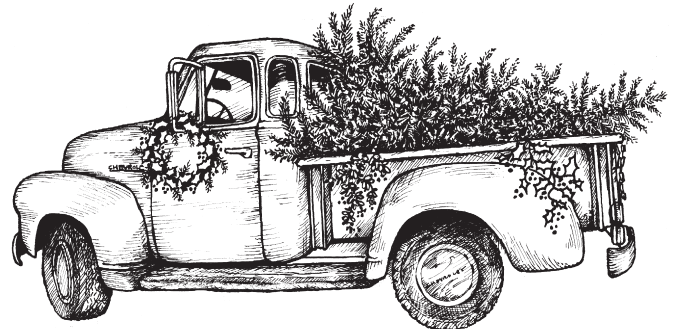
PATH SALE HOUSE

I would like to start off by introducing myself. My name is Jennifer Ragsdale and I am the PATH Sale House Case Manager. I started volunteering for PATH during spring of 2012 in various capacities including becoming a member of the PATH Board. I gratefully accepted the position as the Sale House Case Manager in October 2012. Also, during that time, Lisa Kassik began volunteering as the PATH Sale House Monitor. We both thoroughly enjoy working with PATH and the ladies at the house.

The PATH Tea Luncheon turned out beautifully. The PATH Sale House ladies did a wonderful job preparing the food that was served at the luncheon. Also, these ladies have been supporting PATH by volunteering at the Winter Shelter and Main Street Treasures.

This month, the PATH Sale House celebrated a graduation for one of the residents. This resident has also been awarded housing assistance through Section 8 and is on her way to obtaining a home for her and her children. We are so very proud of her accomplishments and wish her the best!

We are grateful for all the help we receive from the community and people who support PATH. Because of such generous support, we were able to replace a much needed washer and dryer at the house this month.



PATHWAYS NEWS

(MEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM)

One of our clients just recently graduated the program and is renting an apartment with another former client. They became friends while in the Pathways program. Those of us in PATH are very proud of him and his accomplishments.

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All of the men have been keeping very busy working at Main Street Treasures and the Winter Shelter. This is volunteer work for them, and they are learning new skills which will be useful when writing a new resume. At the store they are learning merchandising and stocking for retail sales. At both places they are learning people skills and job responsibilities. The men continue to perform various duties for the Fairgrounds, such as recycling, and for the Chamber of Commerce, setting out the "No Parking" signs for downtown events. These are talented and industrious men, and we are proud to have them in our program.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

If you wish your newsletter by e-mail, just contact PATH at info@redbluffpath.org and let us know you would like your newsletter sent electronically.

SHARES CARD UPDATE

Thank you to all of you who have been using their Save Mart (Food Maxx and Luckys) Share Cards. This is the easiest fundraiser we have, and PATH continues to get nice quarterly checks. If you have lost your card or don't have one as yet

or need more information regarding the use of the card, let Allene Dering know at 530-200-4847. She'll be happy to get one to you and explain the SHARES program.



A BIG THANKS TO PATH SUPPORTERS

2012 has been an exciting year for PATH. All the successes we have had have come from a lot of community support. Our Main Street Treasures store is an example. I love to tell people when they visit our store that everything we have is donated by the community. Our Winter Shelter has many wonderful meals served because of the gracious and giving cooks that just want to serve a hot meal to our clients. We have had blankets, pillows and warm coats donated to keep our clients warm on cold winter nights. There are so many things we are thankful for that it is hard to list them all. Just remember, that anytime you donate to PATH, your donation is tax deductible, and we can give you a receipt for your taxes. Please know we are very thankful.

PATH WINTER EMERGENCY SHELTER

ROTATION SCHEDULE 2012-2013

Shelter Phone: 530-736-7877

Executive Director phone: 530-736-3959

NOV 1 - DEC 7 ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL

510 JEFFERSON ST

DEC 7 - JAN 11 FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

1055 S JACKSON ST

JAN 11 - FEB 8 NORTH VALLEY BAPTIST

355 DAVID AVE

FEB 8 - MARCH 8 ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

21080 LUTHER RD

MARCH 8 - APRIL 5 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

900 JOHNSON ST

APRIL 5 - APRIL 19 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

501 PINE ST

APRIL 19 - APRIL 30 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

838 JEFFERSON ST

Opens at 5 p.m. - closes the following morning at 8 a.m.

Sorry no pets allowed

