

**P.A.T.H. Newsletter**

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## **PATH 2012**

Here it is a new year for PATH. 2011 was an exciting one for everyone involved with PATH. Our many thanks to all that supported our efforts on building the new shelter. Although the Breckenridge property didn't happen, the greater good that came out of it was the formation of the Shelter Advisory Committee. They have been meeting monthly with members from the community about properties that might be available to us, and we continue to seeking grant opportunities.

## **PATH SALE HOUSE AND PATHWAYS NEWS**

We are glad to announce a new case manager for our women's and men's transitional living programs. Her name is Marcelina Lee and she manages both programs.

In November and December she met with the men and women weekly to discuss their individual programs. We are glad to have her on board.

**PATH SALE HOUSE** - Two women are enrolled in college right now and one of them is ready to move into her new home with her two children. One has been doing some work training to build her business skills with a local business. There are a few women ready to graduate and one who is

expecting a child in the near future. One of the women is such a good handyperson, that she has saved PATH lots of money by doing minor repairs around the house. We will truly miss her when she leaves. All of the women are busy working or volunteering in our community. One of them volunteers at Brentwood Skilled nursing; one volunteers at the PATH Shelter; and another woman works at a local fast food restaurant.

We are blessed to have a Red Hat Ladies group called "Red Bluff Wonder Broads" that bring a "goodie" bag to each of the ladies at the PATH Sale House each month. This bag contains toiletries such as shampoos, toilet paper, and other necessities. They also brought Christmas gifts for all the kids in the house to enjoy. They have adopted the women for the year as their special project. Thank You Wonder Broads.

A small group of ladies from Freedom Church meet at the house every Thursday morning to minister to the needs of the women who choose to join them. Sometimes they bring breakfast goodies for special occasions or just ask the women what they need in their lives. The women who have joined in, really enjoy the fellowship.

**PATHWAYS** - Several of the men have been volunteering at the PATH Emergency Shelter. One of the previous Pathways tenants is in his second year of being a



paid employee at the shelter and living in his own home. The men continue to collect recyclables and help at the fairgrounds during various events. They are helping the fair save the cost of more dumpsters through this effort.

One of the men's apartments is looking really nice. They painted the entire apartment, bought and found plants, and pictures on their own, and made it look like a welcoming home. They have taken a lot of pride in how their apartment looks. Some of the men are now asking if they can paint their apartment. It is contagious!

## **PATH EMERGENCY SHELTER NEWS**

We just made our fifth move for the season, and we are now in The First Church of God on Luther Road. Those of us at PATH very much appreciate all of the churches who provide space for the shelter every year, but this one has showers. The shelter guests really enjoy being able to take a shower every day. It is a luxury they don't get to enjoy often.

Many good meals have been provided this year. Gary Pickart, our Cook Coordinator has done and is still doing an outstanding job. He has been setting up tables at the churches on Sunday mornings, asking members of that church to help with meals.

PATH could not run this program without all the volunteers who cook and staff the shelter. The volunteer staff work alongside the employees and selflessly give 4 hours at a time to serve people less fortunate than they.

## **DINNER/AUCTION**

You can see by the flyer on page 3 that it is time again for the Dinner/Auction. You'll note that the event is in a new location. The space is larger, and we can have more tables to make it a bigger event. There is one little glitch with this change. There isn't enough flat ware. If any of you reading this newsletter has any extra knives, forks, or spoons in your drawers, that you'd like to, would you please contact Allene Dering at 200-4847, and let her know you have some to donate. At the end of the evening, PATH will in turn donate them to Bethel Church.

## **SHARES CARD UPDATE**

Congratulations and 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 a nice quarterly check around \$2400.00. In the thank you letter which Save Mart sent with their check, they said, "This year we have pledged to give 4.5 million dollars back to the communities that we also call home." So there is room to grow. If you have lost your card or don't have one yet, let Allene Dering know at 200-4847. She'll be happy to get one to you.

## **NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

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





Invites you to the 11th Annual  
**DINNER & AUCTION**

Come join us for our Western Tri-Tip & Chicken

**Saturday, March 24th, 2012**

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Suggested Donations: \$25.00 per dinner  
or be a table Sponsor

**Bethel Church Gymnasium**

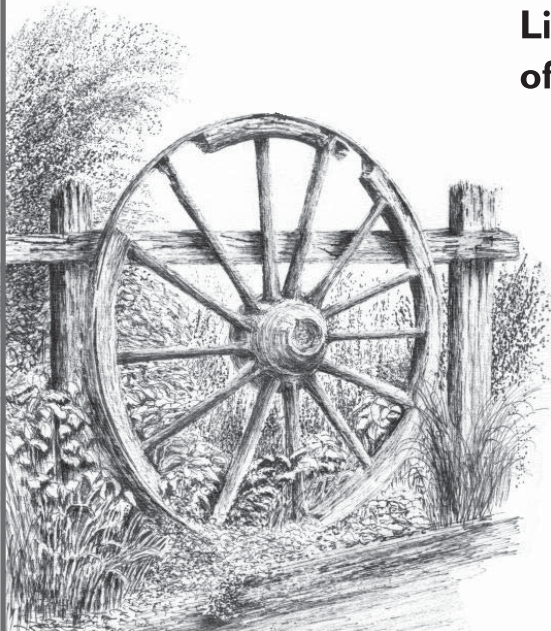
625 Luther Road, Red Bluff

**Live Auction... bid on one or all  
of the fabulous AUCTION items**

**Drawing items...**

Local Art, Business Giveaways  
and many beautiful baskets  
donated by local merchants

Advanced tickets for the Dinner can  
be purchased from an individual board  
member or by visiting our website,  
[www.redbluffpath.org](http://www.redbluffpath.org). Click on the tab,  
"Contact Us" then send us an e-mail,  
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For further information call...  
Pam Klein at 527-6439



**PATH WINTER EMERGENCY SHELTER  
ROTATION SCHEDULE**

JAN 27 - MAR 2      FIRST CHURCH OF GOD  
1005 S. JACKSON

MAR 2-MAR 16      UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
525 DAVID AVE

MAR 16-APR 13      NORTH VALLEY BAPTIST  
345 DAVID AVE

APR 13- APR 30      PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
838 JEFFERSON

