

## P.A.T.H. Newsletter

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## THE BIG WALK

September 21st seems like a long way off, but it is really just around the corner (see the flyer in this newsletter). It is not too early to be thinking about forming a team. If you belong to a church, service club, or another nonprofit, you could help get a team started. Or you could form a team with a group of your friends or co-workers. Notice upon request participating nonprofits can get 40% of the funds back from the money they raise. In this way The Big Walk can be a community fundraiser. Call Allene, at 529-5599 or 200-4847, if you are forming a team, so she can make sure you get all the needed paperwork. She can also line up a speaker to give your group more information about PATH and the Walk.

A lap top computer has been donated to PATH by DW Plumbing. We will be holding the lap top drawing during the "**The Big Walk**" event. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold so hurry to get yours. Tickets are being sold by board members, also at Main Street Treasures, 632 Main Street, and at the Wednesday night Farmer's Market.

### A NEW FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY:

This is called "**Bonus Bucks for Gold.**" During the month of *July*, if you...

1. Bring your old and unwanted gold jewelry to The Gold Exchange, and...
2. You say you want the 15% to go to PATH, The Gold Exchange will give you the full value of the gold plus give 15% of that value back to PATH.

The Gold Exchange is doing this for all nonprofit organizations that sign up to be a recipient, Therefore, you really need to designate **PATH** as the recipient.

Then during the month of *August*, if you purchase gold from The Gold Exchange, they will give 15% of your purchase to the nonprofit of your choice. Those of us that serve on the PATH Board of Directors would appreciate your support with this fundraiser. Please remember to designate **PATH**.

### FARMERS MARKET

PATH will be participating in the Wednesday Night Farmer Market again this year. Stop by and say "Hi" while you are shopping and enjoying the music. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the lap top computer.

### MAIN STREET TREASURES

Brandi, the store manager, says: "We have been very busy selling, pricing, and stocking our store. Both of our transitional houses have been doing a great job with the store and are great workers. The store gives them an opportunity to work while the shelter is closed for the season. This is great work experience on their resume when looking for jobs."

Main Street Treasures would like to thank the community for their support in our store, and also for their donations. Please continue to spread the word about our store. If you would like to make a donation, please don't hesitate to call



530-527-3073. Our hours are Tues – Sat from 10am – 5pm. ***"Come down and see what treasures await you!"***

### **THE PATH SALE HOUSE**

Submitted by Jennifer Ragsdale. A few recent highlights of Sale House: The success of the Sale House is a reflection of the success of our clients! In the past two months the Sale House celebrated two successful graduations. We also have a highly motivated group of women currently living at the house. One woman is in the process of reunifying with her children, and we anticipate by the end of May that her children will finally be in her care and part of the Sale House "family." Another one found employment! The Sale House is extremely proud of the diligence and strength of every one of the Sale House women and mothers.

There are currently two women involved in the successful operations of the Sale House-Jennifer Ragsdale, Case Manger & Jaki Dietz, House Monitor. These two ladies add a unique value to the house as they once were clients who successfully graduated the program.

### **NORTH STATE TOXICOLOGY LAB**

Submitted by Jennifer Ragsdale. PATH's most recent program has scheduled a ribbon cutting ceremony for Friday, June 14th. We are also planning an open house to follow. At North State Toxicology Lab, we are proud to offer employers comprehensive, cost effective drug testing options and services. If you are an employer and are interested in finding out more about how we can serve your needs, we encourage you to attend our upcoming open house.

We currently perform on-site laboratory drug testing by a certified toxicologist. We also cater to private and DOT (Department of Transportation) regulated employers. We currently have three DOT Certified Professional Collectors and partner with a third party SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Lab for your DOT and employment testing needs.

North State Toxicology Lab is located at 725 Pine Street in Red Bluff. For additional information on our services and pricing please contact Jennifer Ragsdale at [www.northstatetoxlab@att.net](http://www.northstatetoxlab@att.net) or call 530-727-7191.

### **UPDATE TO A PERMANENT SHELTER**

Submitted by E C Ross. PATH has had a vision of a year round homeless shelter in Red Bluff for the past 13 years. PATH has provided a winter shelter through the cooperation of several churches in the Red Bluff area. We are hoping that there will be another cycle of grant funding in the near future. If a grant is not made available we are working to raise enough money through Main Street Treasures and North State Toxicology Lab to be able to purchase a piece of property for a homeless shelter.

With community support PATH's vision of a permanent year round shelter can become a reality.

### **DONATION TO PATH**

Would you like your donations dollars to stay in Tehama County? The majority of funds donated to PATH are spent in

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Tehama County in support of the homeless. Dave Lamberson, Executive Director of PATH, calculated that PATH spends about \$5 per person per night at the PATH Winter Shelter. During the month of January, there were on the average 50 men, women, and children spending the night. That translates to \$250 per night the month of January alone. With large amounts of money going out each month, PATH can use your help. No doubt many of you have a donation budget. Please consider making an ongoing monthly donation. Write checks payable to PATH, and send to P.O. Box 315, Red Bluff CA 96080.

### **PATH WINTER SHELTER**

Submitted by Dave Lamerberson. This year's shelter season ended on Tuesday morning, April 30th at the Presbyterian Church. We are so grateful to each of the churches whose willingness to host the shelter is essential. To the pastors and members of: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, First Church of God, North Valley Baptist Church, Abundant Life Fellowship, Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, Sunrise Bible Fellowship, we say, on behalf of PATH and those we serve, a huge "Thank You! We couldn't do it without you."

Then, to our wonderful staff and volunteers, especially Gary and Ida Pickart, our Cook Coordinators, and their bevy of cooks who provided nutritious and delicious dinners night after night, a giant "Well done!"

Finally, to you, our faithful friends and supporters, "Thank you" for enabling PATH to further its mission of helping the neediest among us through your gifts and prayers. Please take the time to look at the statistics below, and remember that each and every number is a human being created in the image of God. This shelter season PATH served 264 men and women, plus 21 children. The largest night was on January 14th with 57 homeless in attendance.

### **PATHWAYS**

Submitted by Dave Lamerberson. The Men's Transitional Housing program continues to provide men an opportunity to dramatically alter the trajectory of their lives in a positive way. By offering a "clean and sober" living environment for up to 12 men, we have seen men whose entire adult lives have been consumed by addiction to drugs or alcohol proudly wearing their pins celebrating their new-found sobriety. Men who were caught up in the correctional system are exiting that system, having paid their debts to society, and living as truly free men. Fathers are reestablishing relationships with their children as men of value and courage. In addition, we see men whose educations were cut short due to poor choices in their early years now returning to school to earn their High School diploma or GED. Some of those go on to Shasta College to prepare for jobs that can help them live independently in the future. Thanks for helping us help these men through transitional housing.

# THE BIG WALK

**SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**



**Red Bluff River Park**

**100 Rio Street**

Walk Check-in begins ... 9:00 am

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**After the Walk...**

**everyone is invited to join  
Recovery Happens Celebration**

**from 11:00 to 1:30**

**Free Lunch & Music**

The Winning ticket for the HP Laptop will be drawn before the Walk begins. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing Tickets may be purchased from a board member or at Main Street Treasures, 632 Main St.

If you are a non-profit organization and are interested in joining PATH in this walk, PATH will give back 40% of the donations you collect upon request.

For information contact...  
Allene Derring at 530.200.4847



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