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**WES CRANE,
FEATURED
P.A.T.H.
BOARD
MEMBER**

Wes Crane was one of the Founding Board members of P.A.T.H. He still remains very faithful to our organization. He has done everything he could

to keep our shelter doors open. He has been a volunteer to work at the shelter, he has been a handyman to our PATH Sale House women's transitional home, and he still takes the garbage from the shelter to the dump every week as well as being a volunteer to work at the shelter.

Recently he was interviewed by Channel 7, KRCR news highlighting his efforts to sell the Mega Buck tickets to raise money for P.A.T.H. At 83 years young, he has gone out on his own selling door to door to help P.A.T.H. reach their goal of \$20,000. He alone has sold over 590 tickets (\$5,900). At this time we only have 147 tickets left to sell at \$10 each. So if you hear your door bell ring and see this handsome gentleman at your door, be sure he will probably get you to buy a ticket if not two from him. This has been his mission and he says, "Somebody has to do it, so why not me". We are very blessed to have Wes as a board member and we are very proud that he represents what P.A.T.H. is all about.

PATH WINTER SHELTER NEWS

The shelter opened as usual on November 1st at 5 p.m. with 16 people spending the night. By the 10th

the number jumped up to 38 people in attendance, and by the 18th of November there were 53. Liz Keith, the Shelter Manager has been working hard to find more volunteers. She has some openings from 4 - 8 p.m., from midnight to 4 a.m., and from 4 - 8 a.m. If you have the time, please contact Liz @ 736-3959. Liz is flexible and appreciative of any time you can give. The work mainly involves serving the homeless, by making sure they have coffee made, have blankets and pillows, or just sitting and listening to someone talk about their day. Volunteers always work with an experienced staff person, who handles any problems that may arise.

There are other volunteers who bring in a meal, enough to feed 40 - 60 people, depending on the time of the month. There are always more folks using the shelter toward the end of the month. If you get 2 or 3 of your friends or family to work with you, it can be a fun activity. You can either drop off the meal you prepare or stay and serve the meal. Liz says she has several openings during the season for someone to cook a meal. Call her if you are interested in this type of service.

PATH SALE HOUSE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Since the last quarterly P.A.T.H. Newsletter publication, so many great things have happened at the PATH Sale House, and we are truly grateful! In August, the PATH Sale House had their annual yard sale, which brought in even more money than in years past. The money raised went directly to the PATH Sale House, which is much needed as the PATH Sale House is operated primarily through local contributions.

In September, an Eagle Scout by the name of Andres Bautista, chose the PATH Sale House to earn an Eagle Scout merit badge. Andres and a team of scouts built an elaborate wooden gazebo in the front



yard of the PATH Sale House. This gazebo has made the house even more beautiful to view and it has provided a welcoming and serene place for the women and children at the house to sit.

In October, the PATH Sale House clients and staff teamed up with Home Depot and Glidden Paint to repaint the entire upstairs interior of the house. All materials and volunteer time were generously donated by both Home Depot and Glidden. You may have seen this teamwork on the front page of the Red Bluff Daily News. It was a great day with an excellent team of compassionate people and the house looks fantastic!

On Halloween, the PATH Sale House held their 1st annual Haunted House which turned out to be a hit! The haunted house was held from 5-8pm on Halloween and the gazebo built by Andres Bautista was decorated with harvest props for a great spot to take photos. Julie Zeeb of Red Bluff Daily News came out to capture this grand event for the paper.

On December 12, the PATH Sale House will hold a Holiday Open House for anyone in the community to come check out this beautiful house. Refreshments will be served, and the house will be open for complete tours. Please come check out the house and meet the women and children who are proud to live there. There will also be some vintage items and collectibles that will be for sale to raise funds for the PATH Sale House. We hope to see you there! (See flyer on last page)

Once again, the Sugar Shack Café will be having their 3rd annual Giving Tree for the PATH Sale House women and children. Please stop by the Sugar Shack Café on Main Street to enjoy a delicious meal and check out the Giving Tree. Gift tags are hanging from the tree with special information about each child and mom. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a child smile this Holiday season by taking a gift tag from the tree and purchasing an item listed on the tag. Thank you for your Holiday support!

The PATH Sale House is located at 22005 Gilmore Ranch Road on the corner of Sale Lane in Red Bluff. The house serves homeless women and mothers with

children by providing residency and stability for up to two years while they move forward toward self-sufficiency. Please consider supporting this program with a donation as it is much needed. Contact PATH Sale House Program Manager, Jennifer Ragsdale at 727-7191.

PATHWAYS

Pathways, a Transitional Housing program, continues to provide men an opportunity to change their lives in a positive way by offering clean and sober living to men who are taking the steps necessary to become self-sufficient. Many of the men that enter the Pathways program, leave with a job and move into their own place. Due to funding issues, Pathways downsized the program from three apartments down to one apartment over the summer. The apartment is capable of housing four men at this time. For more information regarding the Pathways program, please contact Gary Crews at 736-0951.

MEGA BUCK GIVE AWAY

By the time this newsletter goes out, we will be at \$18,530 on the Mega Buck Thermometer. That means we only have 147 more tickets to sell before we have the drawing. Remember the more tickets you buy the greater your chance to win. You can also clip out the coupon below and send it in with your check or credit card information, and your ticket will be mailed to you. (See coupon on page 3)

SHARES CARDS

As it has been said many times before, this is one of the easiest fundraisers available to us. All you need is a Shares Card (you can get one if you call Allene @ 200-4847), take it to Food Maxx, and before you pay for your items, tell the clerk you have a Shares Card. The Clerk will either swipe it for you or ask you to swipe it. CAUTION: Recently one of our board members discovered, by looking at her grocery tag, that



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the card had not registered her points. Be sure to check your tags. Sometimes the cards wear out, and they need to be replaced. A couple of months ago we noticed a big drop in our check from SaveMart. We think some of the cards may have a defective magnetic strip. Please check, and please keep using your cards.

P.A.T.H. ENDOWMENT FUND

The P.A.T.H. Endowment fund is gaining traction and we are now drawing a little interest. If you would like to make a gift that keeps on giving, this is the place to do that. Gifts can be made in memory or in honor of someone, or as a tax write off. All donations are invested in a perpetual account that will grow & produce income over time. Tyler Smail of Edward Jones, where we have this fund, is trained to do estate planning. He is willing to talk to anyone about the wisdom of putting some of your estate into such a fund. To make an appointment with him, please call 529-3627.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Are you able to help with a special donation to help build a permanent homeless shelter? We have property that has been offered to us, and we need \$150,000 to purchase the property and build a sewage sup-station. We believe if we had the property and sup-station, the community would come together to contribute building materials and time to actually build the building. It would probably be built in stages. It may take 5 to 10 years to have it completed, but we would be moving ahead, and we could probably use it as soon as we had the shell and bathrooms. The kitchen, laundry room, and inner walls could come later. If several people or families could make large donations, this could happen. Are you one of those people that can afford to give us a kick start? If you are interested in supporting P.A.T.H.'s efforts to build a permanent shelter, please contact Allene Dering, P.A.T.H. Vice President, at 200-4847.

MEGA BUCK GIVE AWAY

If you've been watching our website...www.redbluffpath.org, you will have noticed that we have sold 800 tickets. That is only 200 away from the halfway mark. Some of our Board Members and Staff are going to place tables around Red Bluff to sell tickets. Watch for them in front of stores. We can take cash, checks, and don't forget we also have credit card capability. The more tickets you purchase, the greater your chance to win! For chances to win \$1000, \$500, or \$250, just fill out the form below, and send it with your check or credit card information to the P.A.T.H. Post Office Box below.

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Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ (\$10.00 ea) Total : _____
Payment Type: Visa , Master Card or Discover Card
Card No. _____
Exp. Date _____
 Check payable to PATH

Card Holder Signature

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Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 12, 2015
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

PATH SALE HOUSE
22005 Gilmore Ranch Road
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Celebrate the Holidays with the
PATH Sale House women and
children. The house will be open for
tours and refreshments will be served.

Vintage & Collectible Items for Sale

*This program is funded by local contributions.
Any donations will be gladly accepted.
For more information contact
Jennifer Ragsdale...530.727.7191*



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