

P.A.T.H. Newsletter

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Written by: Allene Dering

As you know, within a span of a few months P.A.T.H. has been left with no other option but to close two businesses that were meant to bring in funds to support all of our programs. We really need your support more than ever. P.A.T.H. is currently not a grant funded organization and relies primarily on local contributions. Your donation really does make a difference.

Please consider making a monthly or an annual pledge. The amount is up to you. The cost per night per person to stay at the shelter is \$5 and the shelter serves, on average, 30 people each night. The monthly cost to support one transitional living client is \$350. If you can make a pledge, call Kenn Reider, the P.A.T.H. Board Treasurer at (530) 727-9004. Thank you for your support!

GIANT YARD SALE

Written by: Jennifer Ragsdale

The GIANT Yard Sale is right around the corner, and the Sale House clients are not missing a beat! The women at the Sale House have already begun preparations for this event by getting the yard in tip-top shape. The women are also getting prepared for the yard sale by sorting, organizing, and storing donated items as they come in. The Sale House clients have also done a fantastic job getting their garden going. Come check out the Sale House vegetable garden while you are shopping at the GIANT Yard Sale!

The GIANT Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 1 from 8AM-8PM and Saturday, August 2 from 8AM-4PM. We are also planning an Ice Cream Social

during the yard sale on Friday, August 1 at 6PM.

All proceeds will go to the PATH Sale House for women and mothers with children. This money will help maintain the house, and improve the services that the Sale House provides to the women and children that reside at the house.

Donations can be dropped off at the P.A.T.H. thrift store, Main Street Treasures at 632 Main Street. Arrangements can also be made to pick up your donations by calling (530) 527-3073. For more information on how you can help, please contact Jennifer Ragsdale at (530) 727-7191.

THE BIG WALK

Written by: Allene Dering

We are gearing up for The Big Walk and the Daily News has agreed to Co-Sponsor this event. Do you belong to a church, a service club, a nonprofit, or any community group? If so, build a team and join us! You can also create your own team and join the fun. Once again P.A.T.H. is making this a community wide fundraiser. Any nonprofit organization can ask for 40% of the money they raise to support their cause.

What is new this year is that we have divided the teams into 4 groups; Churches, Service Clubs, Other Nonprofits, and Community Teams. Each group will compete for a trophy. The first 3 groups will keep the trophy for a year, and then give it back to be used in competition the next year. Once a team wins it for 3 consecutive years, they can keep it forever! The community teams will keep theirs each year.

If you want to put a team together, please call Allene Dering at (530) 200-4847 to get the walk materials.



P.A.T.H. DINNER/AUCTION UPDATE

Written by: Pam Klein

The P.A.T.H. Dinner/Auction was a great success this year, thanks to the help from so many volunteers and our community! The food was excellent and our servers from our transitional living programs did a wonderful job serving, cleaning, and setting everything up. The winner of the I-pad was won by Terry Hyatt. There are so many people to thank so we will just say a big thank you to everyone that helped. We are already thinking of new things to do for next year!

P.A.T.H. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BBQ

Written by: Allene Dering

The BBQ was a huge success with about 45 volunteers in attendance. The weather was just perfect; the food was good; and the company was fabulous. Thank you to all who came. Also a big thank you to the Pathways Case Manager, Dave Perry for taking control of the barbequing. Thanks again to all P.A.T.H. volunteers! We would not be able to operate the shelter and run our programs effectively without you!

MAIN STREET TREASURES

Written by: Pam Klein

It is with great sadness that the P.A.T.H. Board has decided to close our thrift store, Main Street Treasures. We were so excited when we opened the store because we wanted to use it not only to help raise funds, but to train our people in our transitional houses with retail skills. Unfortunately, we were not able to use any volunteers because of a Labor Law that we were not aware of. It states you cannot use volunteers in any commercial business. They must be paid minimum wage and have Work Comp coverage. Our store did not make enough income to cover

the wages that it takes to run a business. We are so thankful for the help we did receive from the volunteers and community support the past two years. We will be closing on August 31, 2014. We will be selling everything at 50% off. We hope to generate enough money during our closing sale to keep our programs funded.

PATH SALE HOUSE

Written by: Jennifer Ragsdale

Last month, the Sale House celebrated the graduation of a client who reunified with her two daughters, obtained employment, and moved into her own apartment. The Sale House will be, once again, celebrating another client who will be moving out in July. During her residency at the Sale House, she gained custody of her children, obtained employment, and plans to move out July 1. The Sale House is so very proud of all our clients, but especially those who move forward into a successful life of self-sufficiency.

The PATH Sale House receives its funding solely through local contributors. Our clients are typically homeless when they enter the program and they usually have children. With that said, we are always exploring ways to obtain funding for various items like food, hygiene products, baby food, diapers, and clothing. If you are interested in helping with a contribution or would like to donate items of need, please contact Jennifer Ragsdale at (530) 727-7191. Thank you so much for your support!

PATHWAYS MEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Written by: David Perry

Pathways recently went through a transition in management. Pathways new case manager, David

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Perry, has made changes that have already shown great improvements in the quality of the program as well as the expectations of the clients. P.A.T.H. looks forward to great achievements in Pathways.

The Pathways apartments are currently at maximum capacity with 12 men in three separate two bedroom dwellings. The age span is between 18 to 60 years of age and 100% of the Pathways clients are maintaining a healthy program of recovery with a long term goal of self-sufficiency.

Pathways receives its funding solely through local contributors. With that said, we are always exploring ways to obtain funding for various items like food, hygiene products, and clothing. If you are interested in helping with a contribution or would like to donate items of need, please contact Allene Dering at (530) 200-4847. Additionally, if you are interested in the volunteer Pathways House Monitor position, please contact David Perry at (530) 840-6294. Thank you so much for your support!

PATH EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

Written by: Elizabeth Keith

The 2013-2014 shelter season was a great success! This would not be possible without the help of all the individuals that volunteered at the shelter as well as the cooks that made warm, hearty meals for the homeless individuals who chose to stay at the PATH Shelter. Also, P.A.T.H. would like to extend a big thank you to all the churches that not only support the shelter, but they also have provided their facilities as a place to operate the shelter each season. The shelter season ended April 29, 2014 and will reopen November 1, 2014.

The PATH Emergency Winter Shelter receives most of its funding through local contributors. With that said, we are always exploring ways to obtain funding for operations and various items. The

shelter is in need of pillows, blankets, and socks for the upcoming 2014-2015 season. If you are interested in helping with a contribution or would like more information on volunteering at the shelter, please contact Elizabeth Keith at (530) 736-8441.

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARDS

Written by: Jennifer Ragsdale

The S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are still doing great! P.A.T.H. received \$2,300 for the last quarter. Thanks to all of you who are remembering to use them at Food Maxx. If you visit other towns, these cards are accepted at Lucky's, Save Mart, and Smart Foods as well. This is the easiest fundraiser P.A.T.H. has ever had. It doesn't cost anyone extra time or money to use. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to use one. If you need another card, contact Allene Dering at (530) 200-4847.

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING!

Written by: Allene Dering

P.A.T.H. is planning to build an Endowment Fund. This is a fund to help us plan for the future. If you're looking for a tax shelter, or perhaps you'd like to include P.A.T.H. in your will, this would be a good way to do that. The Executive Board will be meeting with a financial advisor soon to set up the fund. We will keep you posted, as we know more information. This is an exciting next step for P.A.T.H. It has the potential to help us become more financially stable.

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GIANT YARD SALE

Friday • AUGUST 1ST
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
SATURDAY • AUGUST 2ND
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

- **Mattress Sets** • **Furniture**
- **Housewares** • **Clothing**

PATH SALE HOUSE
Gilmore Ranch Rd
(Corner of Sale Lane & Gilmore Ranch Rd)

Friday Night join us for an
Ice Cream Social
from 6 pm to 8 pm

Proceeds to benefit the PATH Sale House
for Women and Children

If you'd like to
donate your
sellable items,
please contact
Main Street
Treasures at
527-3073



THE BIG WALK

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

Something New: This year we are dividing the teams into four categories. Each group will compete for an award to keep during the year. A team that wins the award for 3 consecutive years will keep it indefinitely.

For information contact...
Allene Dering at 530.200.4847

Red Bluff River Park
100 Rio Street
Walk Check-in begins ... 9:00 am
Walk begins ... 10:00 am

After the Walk...
everyone is invited to join
Recovery Happens Celebration
from 11:00 to 1:30
Free Lunch & Music



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.



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