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## THE BIG WALK

Will happen on Saturday, September 17th this year. That seems like a long time away, but it really isn't too early to start forming a team. This could be the biggest fundraiser we have ever had. Last year we had 21 teams. Can we double that this year? Anyone can form a team of 1 to 20 or more people. It's a short walk, from Willow Street to Walnut Street and back. Almost anyone can do it. In the past we have also had virtual walkers, who pledge to pray or think about P.A.T.H. and the homeless that morning. If you'd like to know more about forming a team call Allene at 200-4847. **WATCH FOR THE KICK OFF PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

### THE PATH WINTER SHELTER

Has closed for the summer. It was a very busy year, with 295 homeless individuals using our services: 186 men, 90 women, and 19 children under 12 years . We were bursting at the seams, but the staff reported that there were fewer problems this year, even with the larger numbers.

### THE PATH SALE HOUSE

Is currently at maximum capacity with seven women and six children. Three of the seven women are employed and another woman is in the process of securing a promising position at the new Walmart.

The Sale House women would like to thank Susan Murphy and the Discovery Center for their generous donation of garden plants, which were planted in our garden last week. Also, a special thank you to Cody Bowen, our House Mom's son, for donating a chicken coop as well as the chickens and roosters that now have a home at the PATH Sale House. Thank you to those of you in our community that bring items to our house, such as hygiene products, clothing, household products and so much more. Without your help, these women would struggle to have the things that they now do. A big thank you to our caring and generous community!

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

If you can afford \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 or whatever fits your budget, please consider becoming a monthly donor. This will help P.A.T.H. become more stable. There are addressed envelopes available, if you'd like them. You can put them with your bills to be paid as a reminder each month to send in your donations. If you would like a packet of 12 sent to you, call or text Allene at 200-4847.

The flyer for **the VIRTUAL House Warming Party** for the PATH Sale House is included in this newsletter. It has been put out on P.A.T.H.'s Facebook and on the P.A.T.H. website. If you have Facebook, please like it and share it with your friends.



The PATH Sale House is currently getting ready for **the yard sale**, which will be held on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6. Please see the flyer on the back of this newsletter. If you have any items you would like to donate, you are welcome to drop them off at the house or call Jennifer Ragsdale at 727-7191 to make other arrangements.

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

The S.h.a.r.e.s. Cards can no longer be used, but we can still participate in the SaveMart (FoodMaxx) fundraising program.

It will be a little difficult and confusing for some of us, because it requires going online to register our phone numbers. When you go to FoodMaxx to buy your groceries, you will need to type in your phone number on the credit card key pad.

To register your phone number, you need to go to *www.escrip.com/shares*, then click on "Sign up" over on the right of the screen, and fill in the questionnaire. Be sure to say that you want to support **"Poor And The Homeless Tehama County Coalition."**

If you don't have a computer, you can go to the library, ask a friend with a computer to register you, or call me at the number below and I can register you. Also, please help us spread the news. Some people have our cards, and are not on our mailing list. If you use Facebook or any other media, please tell your friends about it.

In the past, your use of the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards has brought in about \$10,000 a year. We are hopeful that we will be able to successfully make this transition. Thank you for your support.

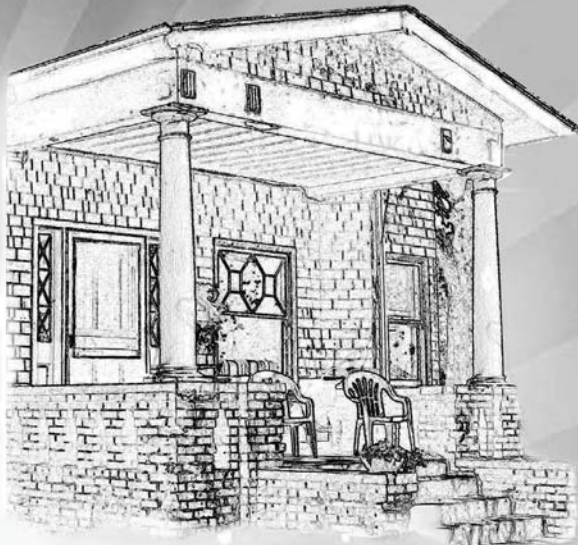
**P.A.T.H. ENDOWMENT FUND**

There is an anonymous person who has offered to **Match up to \$5000** donated to the endowment fund by December 31st. Please consider donating to this fund. This will, hopefully, fund a permanent shelter in a few years. If you'd like to donate to this fund, write endowment fund in the memo line on your check, and mail it to P.O. Box 315, Red Bluff.

The P.A.T.H. Endowment fund continues to gain traction and we appreciate the support. 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.

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***If you wish to no longer receive this newsletter please contact Allene Dering at either 530-200-4847 or email cadering@yahoo.com***



You are invited to a  
**VIRTUAL**  
**House Warming Party**  
for the PATH Sale House

The PATH Sale House is a transitional housing program taking women from being homeless to being self-sufficient and into their own homes. The Sale House serves single women and mothers with children. This program helps women who are getting jobs, going back to school, learning life skills, and being reunited with their children. Many of the women are excited to share their story, too many to include in this letter; however, we have included a few testimonials that we hope will brighten your day...



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*"The Sale House has been a life changing experience for me. I came in as a very broken and hopeless person just out of prison. I am forever grateful to P.A.T.H. for allowing me to become the person I am today. Someone that is able to give back and help others that are in the same situation that I was in not so long ago. If it weren't for the helping hands and amazing people in P.A.T.H., God only knows where I would be today." –Debbi Bowen*

*"When I moved into the Sale house I didn't have a job and I was in the process of regaining custody of my son. This program gave me a good foundation after I had made a decision to change my life for the better. If it wasn't for this program I wouldn't be where I am today. I am currently employed at Home Depot I have my own home." –Andrea Lafferty*

*"When I got to the Sale House, I had been in my addiction for 15 years and homeless nearly the whole time. I had also lost custody of my children. I was ready to do whatever I had to because I had nothing left and I was pregnant. I know without a doubt I wouldn't be where I am today, if I hadn't had the opportunity to get clean and sober. The PATH Sale House saved my life." –Melissa Lee*

The annual cost to run the program is \$18,000 per year. We do charge a small program fee for those using the program; however, many of the women who move in have no income, so they may not pay program fees for several months. To help support this program, please reach into your pocket or purse and send your donation to the address listed below.

So join the party! Sit back and think about how we are making a difference in the lives of many women and children in our community.

In addition to this Virtual Party, if you haven't seen the PATH Sale House, you are invited to contact Jennifer Ragsdale at (530) 727-7191 to setup a time to tour the house.



# GIANT YARD SALE

Friday • AUGUST 5TH

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

SATURDAY • AUGUST 6TH

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)

If you'd like to  
donate your  
sellable items,  
please contact  
JenniferRagsdale  
530.727.7191

This is a Fund Raiser to  
help support the  
PATH Sale House program  
for Women and Children.  
Cash donations will also  
be appreciated!



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