

**P.A.T.H. Newsletter**  
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## **PATH EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER**

*Written by: Lisa Kassik*

The 2013-2014 shelter season has seen quite a few positive changes which have resulted in a safe and peaceful stay for every client in the shelter. A zero-tolerance policy has been adopted for all drug and alcohol use. This has cut down on violence in the shelter tremendously. Additionally, all shelter volunteers and staff signed a code of ethics statement which implements and enforces more professional services to the client. We have seen a diverse group of people coming through the shelter and a diverse set of needs for these people. The average number per evening has been about 40 clients, with quite a few more women looking for shelter this year. We have had around five families staying this season, three of which have been long term. While most people that come to the shelter are folks who are passing through, there are about twenty or so who depend on shelter services the entire season. There have been approximately 10 people who have found permanent housing so far with others filling out applications throughout the city and being placed on waiting lists for affordable housing. There is one client presently staying at the shelter with a service dog. All in all, this year's shelter season has been a great success. The last night a client can use shelter services this season will be April 29th. We are planning an end of season party at

the shelter that night with all who are involved welcome, including board members, staff, volunteers and all clients.

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

*Written by: Pam Klein*

P.A.T.H. is busy planning the 13th annual Dinner/Auction set for Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Bethel church gymnasium, located at 625 Luther Road in Red Bluff. There will be lots of good food, drawings, and live auction items. Be sure to set the date on your calendars now. Please see the flyer attached in this newsletter. We will once again have tickets available for an iPad at \$5 each with only 500 tickets being sold. The iPad was donated by Cheryl Forbes, Estate attorney here in Red Bluff. The iPad tickets may be purchased from a Board Member or at Main Street Treasures, located at 632 Main Street in Red Bluff. Additionally, table reservations are now being sold or individual seats may also be purchased. Please contact Pam Klein 200-2018 to purchase table reservation. If you would like to help by donating a basket for our drawings, please contact Allene Dering at (530) 529-5599 or (530) 200-4847.

### **MAIN STREET TREASURE REPORT**

*Written by: Pam Klein*

Our P.A.T.H. store, Main Street Treasures has been a great success! We are so grateful for all

the support from our community. We are able to generate some funds to help run the P.A.T.H. programs. We have one of the women from the Sale House that is running the store on a full time basis through CAL-Works, a Welfare-To-Work Program. We were able to pay one of the men from Pathways to work a few hours a week to do pick-ups and deliveries.

There have been many inquiries about volunteering at the store. However, we found out from the Labor Commission that we cannot use volunteers as we are a commercial business. Our non-profit status did not matter. We do have one woman, who was a volunteer that we now employ for 3 hours a week. It has been difficult to get a lot of the work done but the few people we have are doing a great job.

The Store is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 4. The month of March, we will be having a "NO TAX" sale. There will be a discount given equal to the amount of the sales tax. Please come in and see all the new things we have for sale!

### **PATHWAYS MEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UPDATE**

*Written by: David Lamberson*

The men's transitional housing program has continued despite losing its HUD funding last October. Generous contributions from local churches have kept the program going at its new location on South Jackson Street in Red Bluff. Also, P.A.T.H. is currently working with Tehama County Department of Social Services on alternative funding sources

to assist Pathways in becoming a self-sustaining program. This is great news since the sources for this type of funding has decreased dramatically over time.

The Pathways apartments are currently at maximum capacity with 12 men in three separate two bed-room dwellings. The age span is between 21 to 60 years of age and there are veterans of our armed forces among the clients.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Bethel Assembly, Sacred Heart Church, the Presbyterian Church, and First Baptist Church for helping through this time.

### **PATH SALE HOUSE UPDATE**

*Written by: Jennifer Ragsdale*

Last year proved to be a successful year for the PATH Sale House and it just keeps getting better! The house currently has six women and seven children. Of these six women, three have obtained employment and one of those women actually works at our thrift store, Main Street Treasures. One of the women is currently enrolled at Shasta College to earn a two year degree and she also works part-time. In the past year we have seen a number of women reunify with their children and obtain housing. Recent statistical information on Sale House has revealed that we have an outstanding success rate at the house, with nearly 60% of our clients finding personal success and moving forward to self-sufficiency.

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The staff consists of two women who graduated from the Sale House in 2012 and found personal success within their own lives. In 2013, these same women returned to the program in a different capacity to give back that support, guidance and encouragement that they received when they were clients.

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) 863-5624. Thank you so much for your support!

**PLEDGES**

*Written by: Allene Dering*

Like most other organizations, P.A.T.H. needs to have an idea as to what our income is in order to budget expenses more accurately. We currently have a few monthly pledges, but not near enough. Please consider making a monthly pledge; or an annual pledge within your means. The amount is up to you. If you can only afford a couple dollars a month, then it would still be helpful if we knew.

Please keep in mind that it cost \$5 per night per person to stay at the shelter. It cost \$350

a month to support the Transitional Housing folks. 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.

**CLOSING OF NORTH STATE TOXICOLOGY LAB**


*Written by: Jennifer Ragsdale*

P.A.T.H. began operation of North State Toxicology Lab on January 1, 2013. However, efforts to acquire clientele to perform drug testing in the county of Tehama was not successful with the exception of two clients. A decision by the P.A.T.H. Board was made, at the beginning of the year, to close the lab by the end of February 2014.

**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. just received \$2,500 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) 529-5599.



**13th Annual DINNER & AUCTION**  
**Tri-Tip & Chicken Dinner**  
**SATURDAY • May 3, 2014**  
 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

**WIN an iPad with Retina display**  
 \$5.00 donation  
 More chances to Win...  
 Only 500 tickets will be sold!  
 Donated to PATH by...  
 Cheryl A. Forbes

Advanced tickets for the Dinner & iPad tickets can be purchased from an individual board member or by visiting Main Street Treasures, 632 Main Street.  
 For further information contact...  
 Allene Dering at 530-529-5599

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