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FRANK DERING

P.A.T.H. has lost a beloved family member. Recently Frank Dering, husband of Allene Dering, our Vice-President for PATH, passed way. Frank has been very involved along with Allene since the beginning of our organization. Frank was a quiet man and you would hardly notice him, but he was always there helping in any way he could. Many times he would help others to do set up or clean up at PATH events. He was a very kind man and our people at the shelter loved him as he would sit and play cards or go out on smoke breaks with them. He was a regular volunteer at the PATH shelter. He will be greatly missed by everyone in the P.A.T.H. organization. If you would like to honor Frank, you can make a donation in his name to the P.A.T.H. Endowment fund. You can send it to P.A.T.H., P.O. Box 315, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

P.A.T.H. ENDOWMENT FUND

The P.A.T.H. Endowment fund is off to a pretty good start. 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, and as a tax write off. All donations are invested in a perpetual account that should grow & produce income over time. Please contact Tyler Smail of Edward Jones, to learn more about how you can support the P.A.T.H. Endowment fund as part of your financial/estate planning. Tyler can be reached at 529-3627.

P.A.T.H. DINNER/AUCTION

P.A.T.H. is busy planning the 14th Annual Dinner/Auction set for Saturday May 9, 2015 at Bethel church gymnasium, located at 625 Luther Road in Red Bluff. Be sure to set the date on your calendars now. There will be lots of good food, drawings, and live auction items. Additionally, table reservations are now being sold and individual seats may also be purchased at \$30/seat. Please see the flyer attached in this newsletter. If you would like to purchase a table or if you would like to help by donating a basket for our drawings, please contact Pam Klein (530) 200-2018.

SOMETHING NEW . . . P.A.T.H. BOARD MEMBER FEATURED

Each newsletter, P.A.T.H. will feature a board member as a way for our supporters to get to know us better. For information on all P.A.T.H. Board members, including short biographies, please visit our website at www.redbluffpath.org.



Kenn Rieders joined the P.A.T.H. Board in October 2013 then shortly became Board Treasurer. Kenn shares a common interest with P.A.T.H. in helping the homeless and gives back to the community as

Rotarian and a member of the Red Bluff Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, Kenn found



himself to be almost homeless while at the same time his sister had been homeless on the streets of Van Nuys for five years.

Kenn is recently married to his wife Paula and together they share 10 children with a large extended family. Kenn has been an Accountant since 1985 and he is celebrating his 30th tax season this year. Kenn's other talents include film and television production.

He hopes that one day Red Bluff will have a permanent shelter to aid the homeless of Tehama County.

PATH EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

It has been quite a busy season at the PATH Shelter. On an average night, the PATH Shelter has been serving about 45 homeless individuals and this number includes a few homeless families. P.A.T.H. is extremely grateful to have such incredible support from the community to maintain the daily operations of the shelter. Thank you to all people that volunteer their time to work at the shelter as well as the cooks that make warm, hearty meals to feed the homeless. 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 provide their facilities as a place to operate the shelter each season. We really couldn't do without you!

The shelter is currently located at the First Church of God on the corner of Luther and South Jackson until March 19th. The shelter will then move to the First Baptist Church on Pine Street until April 17th. The final shelter location will be at the Presbyterian Church through the end of April.

The PATH Emergency Winter Shelter receives most of its support through local contributors. The shelter offers so many ways to give back. If you are interested in helping with a contribution (we are in desperate need of socks!), cooking a meal, or volunteering at the shelter, please contact Elizabeth Keith at (530) 736-3959.

PATH SALE HOUSE

The New Year brought in amazing success for two women that recently graduated from the PATH Sale House and moved into their own homes. These two ladies entered the women's transitional living program one year ago. One of the women actually gave birth to a beautiful baby boy while living at the Sale House and the other woman reunified with her children. Although we are sad to see them go, we couldn't be happier and more proud of these amazing women.

The PATH Sale House is currently at maximum capacity with six women and five children living at the house. Three of the six women are employed and one of the women was hired as a shift supervisor at the PATH Shelter this season. Additionally, all the women at the Sale House give back to the community by volunteering at local places and many choose to volunteer at the PATH shelter. All of the women exude enormous pride and determination to move forward toward self-sufficiency and it really shows in their many successes.

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,



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we are always exploring ways to obtain funding for various items like food, hygiene products, and clothing. If you would like more information about the PATH Sale House, please contact Jennifer Ragsdale at (530) 727-7191.

PATHWAYS

The Pathways Men's 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.

Pathways receives its funding solely through local contributors. If you are interested in

supporting Pathways with a contribution or would like to donate items of need such as food or hygiene products, please contact David Perry at (530) 840-6294.

SHARES CARD

The Shares Cards are still going strong. Please remember to use them when you go to Food Maxx. Every quarter we are receiving around \$3000. It doesn't cost us anything, it doesn't cost you anything. This is a donation to us from Food Maxx. You are the ones telling them how much you want them to send us by swiping your card when you purchase groceries. It is that easy.

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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