



# The Esplanade House Children's Fund

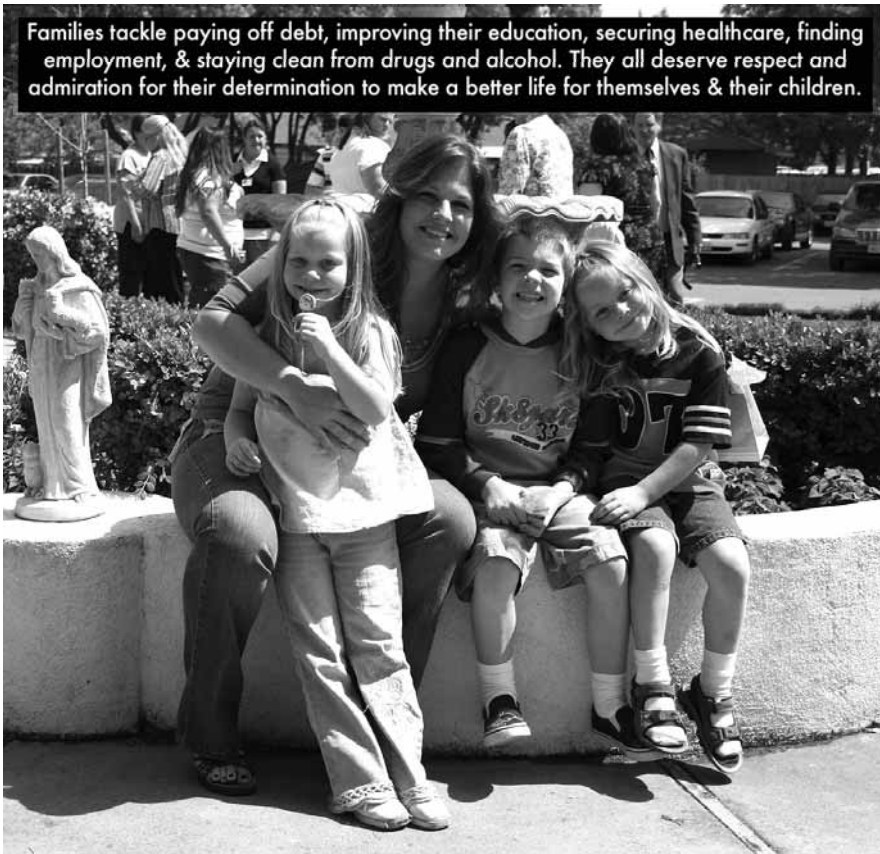
"Helping the Homeless Help Themselves"

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Families tackle paying off debt, improving their education, securing healthcare, finding employment, & staying clean from drugs and alcohol. They all deserve respect and admiration for their determination to make a better life for themselves & their children.

## Happy Holidays from the staff and families of the Esplanade House!

If homelessness has ever touched your life you know how devastating it is. In one way or another, homelessness affects us all; in the cost of emergency health care, the cost of children in foster care, the cost to law enforcement and most of all the cost of non-productive lives. The Esplanade House program provides a safe,

healthy, nurturing environment for homeless families designed to provide adults with the life skills necessary to move their families from crisis to self-sufficiency. Your gifts and donations support critical services and programs. If you ever doubt that, just attend one of our "graduation ceremonies" and you can hear it first-hand!

### A Special Request

We have 2 special dad's who are having a difficult time finding employment. These two gentlemen have been very successful in our program, and have worked hard in every aspect of their lives to become self-sufficient. Because they have a felony in their past, they have limited choices and finding employment has been hard. They are strong, healthy, and motivated. We are hoping there may be a business owner who would be willing to give these guys a chance at an entry-level position. Please call us at 891-2977.

Thanks to your support in 2007, we were able to

- Serve 133 adults and children in our Phase I program, and 110 in our Phase II program
- Move 94% of the families exiting Phase I into permanent housing.
- Move 100% of the families exiting Phase II into permanent housing.
- Utilize 34 regular volunteers and 6 college interns.
- Provide all our families the opportunity to turn their lives around!

See reverse for "Wish List," our Volunteer "Wish List" and a lot of heart-felt thank you's!

# CONSIDER OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

We would like to encourage all of our donors to consider sharing a portion of their estate when creating a will. A donation of 5% - 10% or more of your estate to the Esplanade House Endowment Fund will continue to support our programs and families forever. This support is critical to the long term operation, as government support continues to shrink.

Only the interest earned from this fund can be used for our programs. Currently, the fund is paying \$15,000 annually and we have a goal of a million dollars.

If you would like more information, please talk to your accountant or attorney or call Gloria at the Esplanade House at 891-2977.

## Wish List

- Food cards for families entering the program
- Gift cards to help families with birthday gifts
- Cribs
- Lightly used children's clothing
- Lightly used toys
- Diapers
- Gently used clothing, men and women
- Household items needed to set up an apartment
- Bed linens and towels
- Tools for our maintenance needs
- Paper shredder
- Low mileage van for transporting families to appointments

## Volunteers

- Children's tutor
- Mentors for our Family Mentor Program
- GED instructor
- Help in our Donations Department to sort and distribute donations to our families
- Help in our Child-care center; hold a baby, read a story, do an art project, lead songs, play a game
- Family or marriage therapist to donate a few hours of counseling

## Special Thanks This Season To:

**Butte Glen Medical Alliance** for fundraiser, **Azad's Martial Arts, Senator Sam Aanestad, Golden West Homes** & for providing Thanksgiving dinners this year; **Haling & Associates, Walmart, and Chico Fire Dept.** for providing new winter coats for our families; **Rosedale Elementary Brownie Troop, Church of Jesus Christ LDS, Clear Wire, Sierra Nevada Brewery, New Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Rancho Bidwell Soroptimists, Golden Valley Bank, and Girl Scout Troops 562 & 762** for canned food drives; **Walmart, Sierra Cascade Christmas Trees** (David Bereford) for donating Christmas trees for our families; **Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, 20/30 Club, Chico Lions Club, Chico News & Review, La Salsa, Girl Scout troop 86, U.S. Bank, Americana Corvette Club, Rancho Esquon, & North State Radiology** for Christmas gifts for our families; **Rancho Esquon, Church of Jesus Christ LDS, National Charity League, and Soroptimists**, for Christmas parties and events; **Dr. Incaudo of Allergy Associates** for donating TB tests and flu shots; **Chico Police Department & Fit One** for "Blue Santa" Campaign!

**Many listed above help us throughout the year, in addition to the following we'd like to mention!**

Scott and Marcia Bauers of **Papa Murphy's Pizza** for year-round pizza!! Sam MacNeil, Randy Coy and Scott Bechhold of **Oakridge Cabinets**, and **Claude Bennett** for year-round repairs, Kathy Anderson of **Body Essentials Salon & Spa** for awesome 'parent perks', Mike Dalling of **Dalling Design** for website maintenance and graphic design, Debra Burgess of **Jiffyprint** and Dan Brashears of **PBS Printing** for newsletter print/production, Lynne Bussey of **Lynne Bussey Public Relations & Marketing** for copy edit, mailing supplies and donor data-base mgt.

And a special mention to... Tanya Mead-Mullen for silk paintings to decorate our meeting room and **8 yr. old Ashlynn Salyer**, who had her guests give gifts for the Esplanade House Children in lieu of receiving birthday presents. How many 8 yr. olds would do that?

Always a big THANK YOU to our supporters for your monetary contributions & household donations throughout the year that make our programs possible!

*"People with money don't impress me; what they do with it does."*  
Anonymous

## Want to find out more?

[www.EsplanadeHouseChico.com](http://www.EsplanadeHouseChico.com) has more information about The Esplanade House Children's Fund.

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