



Esplanade House Children's Fund

Helping the Homeless Help Themselves

EsplanadeHouseChico.com

2009



ESPLANADE HOUSE AT FULL CAPACITY; FUNDS ARE NOT

FROM THE DESK OF GLORIA RODGERS

PROGRAM OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Federal and State budget cuts leave Esplanade House short \$126,000

As 2009 draws to a close, we face a very uncertain 2010. The impact of the recession has brought us more families than ever before, yet we face a huge drop in government funding. To make matters worse, people tend to turn to alcohol and drugs when times are hard and work prospects are weak. Homelessness is on the rise, and may continue in the coming year.



We realize our donors may also have suffered in this economy, and need to cut back on charitable giving. But here are two ideas that could make this holiday season even more meaningful:

1. **Buy one less toy this year for your child, and make a donation in their name instead.** Then, bring your child to our Children's Center where his or her name will be displayed on our Angel Wall. This is a great way to introduce a child to the real spirit of the season!
2. **Sell an item of any value on e-bay or Craig's List and donate the funds to us.**

2009 At A Glance

Total Families Served

- 96 Adults
- 156 Children

Currently

55 Families With:

- 54 children 3 mos - 5 yrs.
- 32 children 6 yrs.-12 yrs.
- 19 children 13 yrs.-18 yrs.

Moved On

- 31 adults left our program with 70% free of addiction.
- 77% were able to secure permanent housing.

Giving Tree

Sponsor an EH child at the following Giving Tree locations between November 28th - December 20th

- **Bank of America** - North Valley Plaza and the downtown Chico branch
- **U S Bank** - 2385 Esplanade and downtown Chico branch
- **Chili's** - 1908 E. 20th Street, Chico

SPECIAL THANKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Thanks to a generous donation from **Tri Counties Bank and Dell, Inc.**, the 2nd Annual "Tee Up For Tots" golf tournament netted us \$12,000!



Special thank you to **Joe Lusher** for his generosity and community spirit in coordinating the first annual **Chico Elks Lodge Charity Ball**. Great food and the fabulous **Swing Kings** made for a wonderful evening, netting just under \$3,000. Proceeds from both events will make a tremendous impact on our ability to fund operating costs of our Child Development Center.

Special thanks to **Kristine Johnston**, for advocating on our behalf for funds from the Virginia L. Jones Foundation!

Gratitude to **Dr. Gary Nelson** of Paradise for providing the paint supplies and local artists **Cinde Nelson, Coobie Grey-Lavin** and **Charlene Vigallon** for their artistic creativity. Organized by Janet Rauch, the ladies turned our children's reading room into colorful, creative environment perfect for learning. Our children love reading time thanks to local volunteers **Joan Jones, Camille Bourcier, Sally Loker, Ajuana Clements, Betty Wells, Nicole Pannell, Joan Lydon, Jan Owen, Lexi Grier, Sandy Anderson, Amanda Bell-Corona, Barbara Schrader, and Kaitlen Porter**.

CONSIDER OUR ENDOWMENT FUND!

One of the great ways to protect our program is to consider leaving 5-10% of your will to our Endowment Fund at North Valley Community Foundation. The principal is never touched; only the annual interest (currently \$15,000) can be used for our program when needed. Call your accountant or Gloria Rodgers at the Esplanade House at 891-2977.

Calling All Volunteers!

"We need help in our Child Development Center, Donations Room, Admin Office, Maintenance, and in our after school program."

Call Lexi at 891-2977



More Thanks

Hunter's Pest Control, Azad's Martial Arts, Golden West Homes, The Well Ministries of Rescue, Salvation Army, Marie Hubbard (LDS), Butte College, Dragon Graphics, Americana Corvette Club, Rancho Esquon, Haling & Associates, Rancho Bidwell Soroptomists, 20/30 Club, Matson & Isom Technology, Marie Fickert at CDF, Soroptomist International, Dr. Gary Incaudo, Chico Police Dept., Fit One & Chico Outlaws for "Blue Santa" Campaign, Staci Sasselli/Walmart, Tracie Devlan/Charter Media, Chico News & Review, Chico Lions Club, Barbara Schrader & Lou Boelens, Janet Rauch, Clair Fields, Cecilia Hanna, Maureen Daley, Target, Oakmont Retirement Home, Sherrie Scott & Stephanie Williams of GRUB, Tracy Davis, Jo Tyler, Seniors from Rotary Club, Quadco Printing, Chico Station 6 Fire Dept., Cal Water, Senator Sam Aanestad, National Charity League, Grocery Outlet, Dr. Anton Dotson, Michael Dalling, Kaitlen Porter, Greg Webb, and Lynne Bussey.

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