



November 2010

# Sunnyvale Community Services

Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

## Message from Our New Executive Director



Thank you to the many volunteers and community members who have welcomed me to Sunnyvale Community Services. It's a wonderful feeling to work and live in Sunnyvale! In the past three months, I've been met with many smiles from our talented volunteers at the front desk, from the dedicated men and women who donate time in the food pantry, and from the young people taking time after school to keep our food program humming.

It is an honor to help carry on the mission of SCS to prevent homelessness and hunger in our community. I am grateful to our board members and staff for their leadership and dedication. And I am particularly thankful for Nancy Tivol's gracious support during the leadership transition.

Since I came to SCS, I have learned three things: We always treat clients with dignity. We work quickly and efficiently. And, we are a place of hope for everyone who comes in the door.

In this time of economic hardship for all our families, it is heartening to see the generosity people bring to SCS. Many of our volunteers are themselves unemployed. They share their time and give back to the community, while they cut back on their own expenses. We see the stress in the faces of the families who come to SCS for food and financial support.

Thanks to you, SCS has been able to help our neighbors in need for over 40 years.

## New Leadership for SCS

There is a saying that a leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way, and the new Executive Director of SCS does all three. After a very thorough process, the Board of Directors selected Marie Bernard, who has experience both in the private and nonprofit sectors. Marie has demonstrated success as a manager in global programs for HP, as a fundraiser for the Diocese of San Jose, and as the Executive Director of Project HIRED, a nonprofit agency that meets the hiring needs of employers and the employment needs of persons with disabilities. Marie has also served on the Board of Directors of another emergency assistance agency in Santa Clara County, so in addition to her experience, she clearly understands the needs of our clients and the services SCS provides. Marie shares the vision and values of SCS, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of the agency under her leadership.

Clare C. Phillips  
President, Board of Directors

## We're Number One—in the Entire Country!

Last fall, SCS was awarded all HPRP (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program) stimulus funds granted to the City of Sunnyvale, just under \$500,000. The stimulus grant came with very clear instructions—spend the funds as quickly as possible to prevent families being evicted from their apartments and to get the money into circulation. We certainly followed directions!

Starting October 1, 2009, we paid rent for 333 families (over 900 individuals), helping to keep our neighbors in their homes and putting money into circulation in Sunnyvale. People asking for assistance may have lost multiple jobs, or were waiting several months for unemployment benefits to start, or were forced to move when the homes and apartments they were renting were foreclosed.

In the spring, the City's Housing Officer received a phone call from Washington D.C. SCS had distributed HPRP funds faster than any other jurisdiction in the entire country, and they wanted to know how we were

able to do it! There were two major reasons. First is our focus. Over the years, our Board of Directors has focused all our resources on the two services most critical to our clients, financial aid and food. Second, we didn't hire a program manager or additional caseworkers specifically for this program. Our "veteran" caseworkers handle all cases in the same manner: assess clients' needs, determine eligibility, verify all documentation, then determine the most appropriate funds to use for financial assistance. Despite considerably more complicated reporting requirements for HPRP funds, SCS spent virtually all of the grant funds within seven months.

**We are grateful to City of Sunnyvale Housing Officer Suzanne Isé and her staff for their help and support with this challenging but very productive grant that prevented eviction for over 900 low-income Sunnyvale residents.**

*Business is Booming, and That's not Good*

## United Way Gives High Marks to SCS



For the next three-year funding cycle, volunteers at United Way Silicon Valley considered 86 programs for funding in three categories. To be considered, the agencies' programs had to meet United Way's goals and objectives, and the nonprofit organizations had to demonstrate both sound fiscal and program management. Thirty-six programs were selected for funding, each receiving a grant of \$50,000 renewable for two additional years. According to Toni Ensunsa, Director of Investments and Impact Programs, "the volunteers felt very strongly that Sunnyvale Community Services' programs were among the very best meeting the goals of 'Supporting Basic Needs' by preventing eviction and hunger."

As part of United Way's Emergency Assistance Network, SCS also receives funds for direct client aid. SCS sincerely appreciates the support and confidence of United Way Silicon Valley.

## El Camino Hospital Foundation Supports Safety Net Programs



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THE HOSPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

According to Popular Science Magazine, "El Camino Hospital

in Silicon Valley is the most technologically advanced in the world." It is also known for its very effective community benefit program that works to address the root causes of health disparities and to lower barriers to care for the underserved. The hospital awarded a \$75,000 grant to SCS to pay for clients' otherwise unaffordable medical, medical equipment, and prescription expenses and to purchase nutritious food for the family and senior food programs. "We are very strongly committed to supporting Sunnyvale Community Services," said Barbara Avery, Director of Community Benefit. "SCS not only addresses critical safety net needs, but also it provides those services extremely quickly and effectively."

## Sobrato Family Foundation Can Turn \$44,000 into \$132,400



**SOBRATO  
FAMILY  
FOUNDATION**

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The Sobrato Family Foundation recently awarded SCS a \$44,000 challenge grant, unrestricted funds for operating expenses. If we match that amount in one year in new donations, donations

from donors who haven't given in a year, and increased donations from current donors, the foundation will give SCS an additional

\$46,200 (the grant amount plus a 5% increase). "With this prolonged period of economic distress, our local unemployed and homeless individuals and families are continuing to need record high levels of food and rent assistance. SCS has successfully responded and met the increased need due to the generosity and kindness of individual and other private funders. Our Foundation hopes to inspire more local citizens to donate or to increase their current donations knowing they will be doubly matched as these challenging economic times continue," said Diane Parnes, Foundation Executive Director.

## Rubio's Opens Their Doors & Helps SCS!



Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill celebrated its new Sunnyvale location with a pre-opening event on August 18 to benefit Sunnyvale Community Services. The fundraising event had well over 300 attendees during

the dinner hour, and raised \$3,305 dollars for SCS. The pre-opening event was one of the largest in the San Diego-based chain's history! One hundred percent of all funds raised during the event were given to SCS. As a result, we have additional funds to provide food and emergency assistance to Sunnyvale families who need it most.

"Rubio's fans came out in droves for our Sunnyvale store opening," said chairman and co-founder Ralph Rubio. "Not only were we happy that people enjoyed the great food Rubio's offers, but Sunnyvale Community Services came away with needed funds that will sustain their excellent programs and staff. We're glad we could support such an important part of the Sunnyvale community."



**SCS receives donations of bread from Panera's in Sunnyvale and Cupertino. We now have bread distribution for our families three mornings a week. Delicious!**

## Dinner at the Dump!

On June 26th, hundreds of folks attended a trashy affair at Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling. Great food, great people, and lots of raffle items made it a fun evening. Our hosts were Jerry and Julie Nabhan and Rebecca Buldo. All proceeds went to local community organizations including SCS.



Jerry Nabhan, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling, presented a check for \$7,300 to SCS from the proceeds from the 2010 "Dinner at the Dump."

## Backpack Mountain Tops at 1028!

**SCS distributed a record number of 1,028 new school backpacks filled with school supplies this year!**

We needed more donations than ever before. Sunnyvale Rotary set the pace early with their donation of 250 filled backpacks. The Family Giving Tree donated over 330 backpacks, and long-time supporters at Northrop Grumman donated backpacks and school supplies valued at \$2,700. The Silicon Valley Association of Realtors donated 40 filled backpacks, the Sunnyvale Lions came in with 25 backpacks with brand new school supplies, and Sunnyvale Presbyterian arrived with 60 backpacks all filled with everything students need. And, our newest corporate partner and Sunnyvale neighbor, Nokia Corporation, donated 250 backpacks! Countless individual donors and groups also donated, and dozens of energetic volunteers, many of them students, helped sort the supplies and fill them with necessities to start the school year. We rounded it out with a generous donation from HP.

Our distribution day was August 24th – one of the hottest days of the year, and everyone kept their cool! SCS' business neighbors at D.G.W. Auctions shared their parking lot and countless volunteers directed traffic. Every child received an age-appropriate set of school supplies, so our Sunnyvale students are ready to do their best!



Rotary & Student Interact volunteers packing supplies and backpacks



Volunteers June Hashimoto, Linda Feeney, and Julia Shen build backpack mountains.



Flo Stafford from Sunnyvale Rotary and Interact volunteers unpack donated supplies



Sunnyvale Lions brought in filled backpacks. Pictured: Bob DeUnger, Marie Bernard (SCS Director), Dennis Moreno, and Suzie DeUnger



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**D.G.W.**  
Auctioneers  
& Appraisers



Est. 1985



**Sunnyvale  
Lions**



**Sunnyvale  
Rotary**



## Making Ends Meet in The Heart of Silicon Valley

The California Budget Project is an independent nonprofit organization that analyzes legislation and public policies to attempt to improve the economic and social well-being of low and middle income Californians. CBP's June report, "Making Ends Meet: How Much Does It Take To Raise a Family in California," clearly shows why so many people seek help from SCS.

"The Great Recession has battered California's economy and left millions of workers and their families without jobs and with reduced incomes. While home prices in most parts of the state have fallen substantially, the cost of health care, child care, and other basic necessities has continued to rise. As a result, millions of Californians continue to struggle to make ends meet."

The numbers for Santa Clara County plainly demonstrate why so many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet, and why the level of need at SCS has seen an "exponential boom."

|  | Basic Family Wage* |                 |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
|  | Hourly             | Annual          |
| <b>Single Adult</b>                    | <b>\$15.47</b>     | <b>\$32,178</b> |
| <b>Single Parent Family</b>            | <b>\$34.72</b>     | <b>\$72,221</b> |
| <b>Two Parent Family (one working)</b> | <b>\$27.23</b>     | <b>\$56,632</b> |
| <b>Two Working Parent Family</b>       | <b>\$19.85</b>     | <b>\$82,567</b> |

These numbers assume a 40 hour work week, full time work all year, and full time employment for both parents in two working parent families. Needless to say, our clients make a fraction of these amounts even when working full time, often without any health care or other benefits including paid sick leave.

To read the entire report, go to: [http://www.cbp.org/pdfs/2010/100624\\_Making\\_Ends\\_Meet.pdf](http://www.cbp.org/pdfs/2010/100624_Making_Ends_Meet.pdf)

## A few faces of our 800 volunteers



Cameron Lee, Michael Gutierrez, Walter Huber, Chris Gimenez, Tony Thiebaud, Melanie Thomas, Karen Rivers, Lois Carroll  
photographer Colin Jaramillo

## Northrup Grumman Marine Systems Turns Up the Heat!



The high powered team of volunteers from Northrup Grumman Marine Systems in Sunnyvale filled 1,600 bags of groceries for our neighbors in need.

## Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 5th, 1 – 4 pm



There is no better way to get into the holiday season than to come to the Open House for the Christmas Center. SCS will be filled with shelves stocked with gifts for children and their families. We'll have holiday music, desserts, and good cheer.

Remember—you can help us fill the shelves at the Christmas Center by making a financial donation, or donating new toys and household gifts.

## From Generation to Generation



Volunteering at the SCS is a family affair for the Harms family! The photo above was taken in the early 70s in the Sunnyvale Holiday Parade. Seniors who collected toys for the SCS Christmas Store rode on a float promoting donations. The two in the middle were program coordinators Howard and Alice Barber, current volunteer Shirley Harms' parents.

Shirley's son Steve is on the SCS Board of Directors and a very active volunteer in our food and Christmas Center programs as are her son Robert and his daughter Jennifer.



Pictured: Shirley Harms (left) and son Steve Harms

## Chamber of Commerce Holiday Auction

Thursday, Dec. 2nd 5 – 7:30 pm  
at Sunnyvale Community Services

**All Proceeds Benefit SCS!**



## Neighbors in Need

■ **A young mother and her two children** were living a relatively comfortable life until they were abandoned by her husband. Immediately, she became a single parent facing tremendous financial problems. Facing a cut in pay or reduced hours is difficult enough, but she confronted seemingly insurmountable challenges. Her income was cut to \$2,200 a month. If that was not challenging enough, she faced unpaid credit card and utility bills, as well as a car repair bill of \$900. Facing eviction, she came to Sunnyvale Community Services. With referrals from the caseworker, she went for credit counseling and worked out a payment plan for the outstanding bills. The mother and children would have been homeless had not SCS paid her rent while she adjusted to her new, extremely tight budget.

■ **A 73 year-old woman can't remember a time she didn't work.** She held jobs at high tech companies and managed the bakery department at a local grocery store. She was still working until a few months ago, when she lost her part-time job. Her social security checks basically covered her rent with very little left over. When her landlord raised the rent, her social security payments wouldn't even cover the higher rent costs, and she was forced to move out and to live in her car. She didn't have money for a down payment for a cheaper apartment. SCS helped her find a room to rent and paid for the first month. She continues to look for part time work to supplement her very limited social security.

■ **A family of four had been renting a small home for six years.** They were informed that the home had been foreclosed and that they had to move within one week. The parents had to take time off work (losing wages) to find a new place to live, and they did so very quickly. However, while they could afford the rent and moving expenses, they did not have enough for the required deposits. SCS paid them, and did so quickly enough to enable the family to move into a desirable affordable complex.

■ **A young mother's life was dramatically changed in an instant.** After a car accident, she is going blind and is unable to return to work. Limited unemployment and child support were insufficient to cover the rent, and the family faced eviction. She applied for disability benefits, which can take up to four months to be approved (or longer if the help is denied). SCS prevented the family's eviction, living on the street without a roof over their heads. She and her caseworker devised a detailed budget planning where every penny will go in the next few months. Her friends and her caseworker are amazed at her spirit and her inner strength.

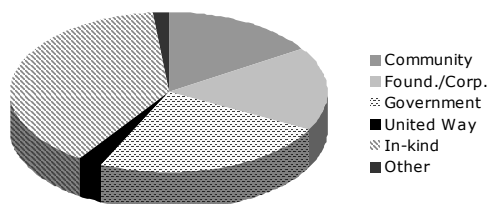
■ **A gardener's truck died on his way to pick up his son from day care.** His wife takes the bus to and from her job, and they could not afford the repair bill. The family has about \$60 left at the end of a "good month," one without any unexpected bills. SCS paid to repair the car so the father could go to work and support his family.

# SCS Annual Report : 2009 - 2010

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

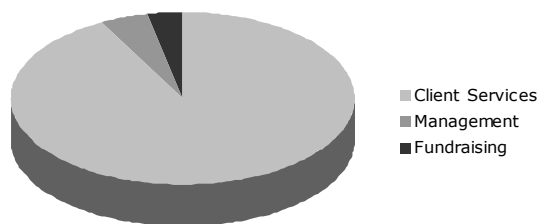
### Revenue

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Community Support              | \$641,435          |
| Corporate / Foundation Support | 679,060            |
| Government Grants              | 972,405            |
| United Way                     | 102,417            |
| Other                          | 65,308             |
| Investments / Interest         | 53,603             |
| Loss on assets disposed        | (351)              |
| In-Kind Donations              | 1,574,654          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$4,088,531</b> |



### Expenses

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Program / Client Services | \$3,848,611        |
| Support Services          |                    |
| Management                | 181,556            |
| Fundraising               | 139,454            |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$4,169,621</b> |



## Financial Notes

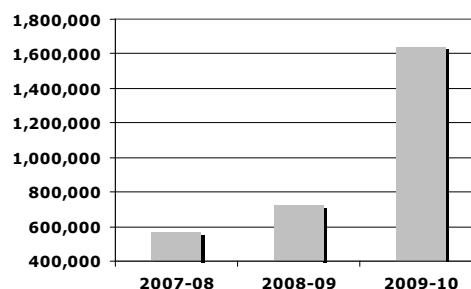
1. The 2009-10 audit from Deborah Daly, CPA, was 100% clean (no findings or recommendations).
2. Our overhead has consistently been 10% or lower, very low for nonprofits, especially smaller ones with fewer cost centers to distribute overhead (the nonprofit standard is less than 25%).
3. Last year we had 8 full-time staff. Annual volunteer hours now equal those of 12 full-time employees.
4. Thanks to Federal Grants, the Financial Aid to clients for 2009-10 increased by \$921,674 from 2008-09 \$717,283.
5. The audit and financial statements are available for anyone to view.

## SERVICE OVERVIEW

### Services Provided

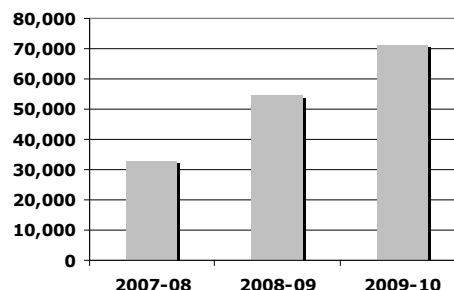
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|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Financial Assistance cases/people | 960    | 1,650  |
| Food & other in-kind aid cases    | 18,082 | 22,880 |

### Amount Spent on Financial Aid for Clients\*



\*Excludes pass through direct assistance to clients.

### Number of People Receiving Food



## Program Notes

1. The financial cases provide assistance to prevent eviction and utility disconnections, to obtain otherwise unaffordable medical care to pay for car repairs and other critical needs.
2. According to funders' requirements, a person receiving food or financial aid is certified every year.
3. The number of families/households participating in our food programs has increased over the last 5 years from 725 to over 1,465\*, and families that came only several months a year now come every month.

\*Excludes stimulus, kids and produce boxes.

## Major Program Contributors

Anonymous (3)  
AMD  
Alpha Graphics  
Applied Materials  
Chinese Seniors Club of Santa Clara Valley  
City of Sunnyvale  
City of Sunnyvale Employees' Giving Campaign  
County of Santa Clara  
El Camino Hospital  
Emergency Food and Shelter Program  
Family Giving Tree  
The Historic Del Monte Building  
Homestead High School

Housing Industry Foundation  
Housing Trust of Santa Clara County  
Hurlbut-Johnson Charitable Trusts  
Hybrid Commercial Printing  
Il Postale Restaurant  
Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara  
Don Kumamoto and Peggy Wood  
Leadership Sunnyvale Class of 2009  
Lockheed Martin Employees' Foundation  
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger  
Barbara McClellan Foundation  
Gaylord and Carmita Mossing  
NetApp  
Orchard House Foundation

Ray and Natha Ostby  
Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Camino Medical Group  
Gregg and Belle Pullano  
Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
San Francisco Chronicle Season of Sharing  
San Jose Grocery Outlet  
Satterberg Foundation  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties  
Lois Sibbach  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Sobrato Family Foundation  
Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling  
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce  
Sunnyvale Community Services Auxiliary  
Sunnyvale FISH  
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
Sunnyvale Rotary Club  
Sunnyvale School District  
Union Bank  
United Way Silicon Valley  
Kevin and Grace Witt, and Jewelry Advantage  
Yahoo! Employee Foundation

## Adopt-a-Day Honor Roll

Underwriting SCS' \$1,000 a day operating costs not covered by grants or contracts

### 1 Week = a year of monthly food for 17 families (or 200 filled bags of groceries)

Vivian and Gregory Krodol  
Bruce and Jing-Xie La Fountain  
Ken and Susie Lamarche  
Robert Locke  
Alan Templeton  
Paul Whitney

### 4 Days = 2000 "meals in a can"

Jim and Lynn Briody  
Mary E. Boyle and Keith McLaurin  
Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds III  
Robert N. & Florence Slinger Foundation Fund  
Sunnyvale Elks Lodge/B.P.O.E. #2128

### 3 Days = 3000 pkts of powered milk

Phillip Basham  
Jim and Judy Duport  
Bruce and Vivian Euzent  
Bret and Janaan Fuller  
William and Carolyn Gross  
Olaf Hirsch and Melinda Hamilton  
Richard and Diane Horn  
David and Holly Mendel Fund  
Marc Merlin  
Tim and Yolanda Risch  
Chad and Elizabeth Steward  
Nancy Tivol

### 2 Days = 1260 cans of tuna

Anonymous  
Jeffrey Andrews  
Valerie Armento  
Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Bernhardt  
Kenneth and Miriam Clark  
Clay Foundation-West  
Congregational Community Church  
Janis Freestone and David Charlton  
Robert Fruehsamer  
Donna Fuzeré  
James Griffith  
Dan and Donna Hafeman  
Diane Hagglund  
Glenn and Cynthia Hendricks  
Jockers Family Foundation  
Gary Kanda  
Janet Klein  
Philip Kurjan  
Kuykendall's Collision Repair

### 2 Days (cont.)

Jerry and Linda Mar  
Joseph and Dorian Martinka  
Ganapati and Smita Mauze  
Robert and Kathleen Menifee  
Moms Club of Sunnyvale  
Paul Murray  
Benjamin Newsom  
Pine Cone Lumber  
PricewaterhouseCoopers San Jose  
Thomas Pyle in memory of Susan Pyle  
Dennis Rossman  
Jeff and Sandra Ruggles  
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Resurrection Conference  
Dorothy Shannahan  
Dennis and Jean Stein  
Michael and Mary Ellen Sweeny  
Paul Walkowiak  
John and Asunción Martinez-Wehner  
David and Christine Weisner  
Brad and Debbie Wetmore  
Esther Wong and Shayne Stubbs

### 1 Day = 300 jars of peanut butter

Anonymous (6)  
Ali Abedini  
Sandy and Holly Agbayani  
Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Chapter  
Argon ST, Inc.  
William and Aline Baek  
Howard Baldwin and Monica Delzeit  
Stephen and Mary Ellen Barasch  
Charles L. Barndt, Jr.  
Ron Beebe  
Donna Beres  
Marie Bernard and Bruce Paton  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Borrison  
Mary Bradley  
George Brandetsas  
James and Madeline Bridges  
Ellen Brigham  
Phillip and Laurel Brock  
Nicholas and Anna Brosnahan  
Harold Brown  
Thomas and Judith Cerny  
Christopher and Lucy Cesar  
Andrew Chagoya  
Elizabeth and Mark Chase  
Anita Clemetson  
John and Maya Clifton  
Congregational Community Church  
Women's Fellowship  
Ellyn Corey

### 1 Day (cont.)

Steve Curry  
Mark Dal Porto, D.D.S.  
James Doran, D.D.S.  
James Dudley  
Pamela Dunn  
Chester E. Elliott  
Robin Fisher, Take Flight Graphics  
Ralph Folsom  
Joseph George Wines  
Michael J. and Kelly A. Giannini, CPAs  
Steven and Tanis Glass  
Fidel Gutierrez  
Nancy Handel  
Jeffrey and Janet Harp  
John and Mary Harrison  
John Harrison Photography  
Cathy Haynes  
Robert Heath  
Helen Holder  
John and Maria Hopkins  
Russell and Susan Hull  
Denis and Dee Imazeki  
Ann Infeld  
Sally James  
In memory of Phyllis Jeckell and Barbara S. Mordy  
Joyce Johnson  
Gregory and Sarah Kevin  
Javed and Shaheena Khan  
Keith and Ellen Kitchen  
John and Dee Komas  
Ken and Sharon Kunkel  
Gloria Beasley Lausten  
Judith Lawrence  
Matthew and Donna Leacock  
Martin Lee in memory of Linda Lee  
Allen and Amy Maddox  
Guy Malcolm  
Malleswar Manda in memory of Dr. Manda Anandarao  
Maxim  
Kevin McGreevey  
Don and Irene McMullen  
Andrew and Jan Miller  
David and Kathy Moore  
Douglas Mow  
Chris and Julie Moylan  
Arthur and Claudia Muller  
Glenda and Tom Murray  
Russell and Mira Nakano  
Northrop Grumman Marine Systems  
Gene and Margaret Oishi  
Robert and Anne Pochowski  
Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang Polak

### 1 Day (cont.)

Stephen and Karen Quick  
Joseph Ribera and Mary-Ann Wallace  
Laura Richardson  
Eric Roberts  
Dale and Diane Ross  
St. Luke Lutheran Church  
St. Timothy Episcopal Church  
Chandramouli Sargor  
Arthur Saville III  
Eugene Segna  
Clifton and Karen Shak  
Thomas R. Shannon, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sheehan, Jr.  
Ravi and Narmada Shenoy  
Single Squares of Sunnyvale  
Raymond and Yvonne Skitt  
Stephen and Lois Smallwood  
Larry and Gail Smith  
Sunnyvale Service Athletic Club  
Karen Taylor  
Stanley and Teresa Terada  
Raymond Tikvica  
Susan Twietmeyer  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale  
Tim and Linda Vachon  
Bill and Jo Vanderbeek  
Joe and Connie Verceles  
Gary and Sharon Vergho  
Dave Vossbrink and Audrey Wong  
Richard Wales  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wallack  
William Wathen and Gail Hoben  
William Weberg  
Kyle Welch  
Bret White and Suat-Kheng Saw  
David Whittum  
Debbie Wu





## Sunnyvale Community Services

Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

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## Programs and Services

- financial assistance for rent, utilities, medical care, prescriptions, other critical bills, and for homeless families with sufficient income for monthly bills but not deposits
- daily, monthly, and Kids' Summer food programs
- Community Christmas Center, affording clients the dignity of selecting a two-week supply of food, new gifts for infants through teens, and a practical household gift
- bus passes and gas vouchers
- budgeting assistance, support counseling, and advocacy
- referrals to medical, mental health, employment, shelter, education, and legal programs
- clothes, backpacks/school supplies, household items

Newsletter designed  
and produced by



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 23rd 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**

### Auxiliary Holiday Faire / Drawing for Handmade Queen-Size Quilt

Do your holiday shopping early at SCS! Handmade ornaments, quilts baked goods, jams, knit and crocheted items, jewelry and more! The auxiliary has worked all year on beautiful gift items. 100% of proceeds benefit SCS.

**Thursday, December 2nd 5:00 – 7:30 pm**

### Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce Auction benefiting SCS

Come for the fabulous food from Il Postale! Come for the wine, donated by Joseph George Wines! And come to bid on FABULOUS auction items. All proceeds benefit SCS so we can help our neighbors with food and financial support throughout the year.

**Sunday, December 5th 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

### Open House & Tour of the beautifully decorated Christmas Center

Come tour the Christmas Center filled with gifts for our families. Each family will receive two gifts per child, a household gift, and two weeks of nutritious food.

## Staff

**Marie Bernard**  
*Executive Director*

**Marie Barlahan**  
*Director, Operations/Volunteers*

**Nancy Wu**  
*Director, Emergency Assistance*

**Carmen Davis**  
*Finance Director/Office Manager*

**Maria Buenrostro**  
**Jose Hernandez**  
**Martha Montenegro**  
*Caseworkers*

**My-Dung Tran**  
**Wang Qi Ying (Part-time)**  
*Program Assistants*

## Board of Directors

**Michele Anderson**  
*Operations & Development Mgr.*  
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce

**Teresa Barnea**  
*Associate Director of Preschool Ed.*  
The Silicon Valley Leadership Group

**Ron D'Alba - Treasurer**  
*Deputy Chief*  
Sunnyvale Dept. of Public Safety

**Camille Barnes-Mosley**  
*Deputy Program Manager*  
Northrop-Grumman Electronic  
Systems—Marine Division

**Dee Eskew**  
*Community Volunteer*  
former Auto Dealership Owner

**Calvin Gee**  
*Senior Software Engineer*  
Yahoo! Inc.

**Annette Grasty**  
*Principal, Lakewood School*

**Becky Griffey**  
*Co-Owner*  
BG Specialty Printing

**Stephen Harms**  
*Customer Service Officer*  
Union Bank

**Steve Harrington**  
*Senior Pastor*  
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

**Javed Khan**  
*President, Safeeon, Inc.*

**Gene Lamoreaux**  
*Vice President, WIN Engr.*  
KLA-Tencor

**Leslie Lawton**  
*Owner, We Produce*

**Barbara McClellan**  
*Community Volunteer*  
former Sr. Mgr, Genentech

**Tom McEvoy**  
*Broker, SRES, MBA*  
RE/MAX Real Estate

**Debbie Lyn Owens**  
*Owner, Debbie Lyn's*  
Costumes

**Clare Phillips - President**  
*Manager, Gastroenterology*  
Palo Alto Medical Foundation

**Elaine Rowan**  
*Labor Relations Rep.*  
County of Santa Clara

**Jim Slevin**  
*Director, Market Intelligence*  
AMD

**Manuel Valerio - Secretary**  
*Corp. Community Relations Mgr.*  
Fry's Electronics

**Connie Verceles - Vice President**  
*Economic Development Mgr.*  
City of Sunnyvale

Ruth Perkins, SCS Auxiliary President Jerry Mou, Chinese Seniors Club President

*Business is Booming, and That's not Good*



## IN SUNNYVALE, CHRISTMAS STARTS ON DECEMBER 4th!



Please drop off food and new, unwrapped gifts as early as possible:  
Weekdays now through Dec. 3 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Weekdays from Dec. 6 through Dec. 21 from 8 am to 8 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1-4 pm (Our Open House)



For more information, call 738-4298  
or as of Dec. 6th, 749-XMAS (9627)  
Here's what we need most:

### FOOD ITEMS

Canned & dry soups  
Canned tuna & meats  
Canned fruits & vegetables  
Canned tomato products  
Cereals  
Milkman powdered milk packets  
Pork & beans, chili & stews  
Peanut butter & jelly  
Macaroni & cheese, rice, beans, pasta  
Cake mixes, pudding, and jello



### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Bath Towels  
Blankets & sheets (full or queen size)  
Laundry baskets with detergents  
Dish and flatware sets  
Pots and pans & mixing bowls  
Pyrex Corning casseroles  
Cleaning supplies & detergent  
**Gas Gift Cards, Grocery Gift Cards**  
Small appliances: steam irons,  
toasters, coffee makers, rice  
cookers, woks, crockpots

### TEEN ITEMS

Hoodies (all sizes)  
Hand held electronic games  
Portable MP3 & CD players  
Hair dryers & grooming items (boys/girls)  
Soccer balls, basketballs, footballs  
Men's wallets  
\$10 & \$15 gift cards to Target, Movie  
Theaters, Best Buy, Sporting Goods,  
Stores, Kohl's



### TOYS for ages +-12

Soccer balls, basketballs, & footballs  
Hand held electronic games  
Hoodies (all sizes), Arts & Crafts kits  
Remote controlled cars  
Transformers, Iron Man, Legos  
Girls accessories & purses &  
LIV dolls, LittleMissMatched sox  
\$10 & \$15 Gift cards to Toys R US and  
Target

**Please come to our Community Christmas Center Open House  
Sunday, December 5 from 1-4 pm.**

See your donations at work. Bring your family, neighbors, colleagues, church and civic groups to see what's involved in providing a two-week supply of food, new gifts for infants through teens, and a household gift for over 4,100 people.



**TRYING TO FIND A GIFT** for people on your holiday list who have enough and don't need really anything? Give a donation in their honor to SCS. We'll send them a card promptly saying that your gift will help provide food and gifts to over 4,100 low-income Sunnyvale residents.



## Sunnyvale Community Services

725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 408.738.4321

Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

Dear Friend:

*Our City of Sunnyvale was well named as a beautiful valley with fields of onions, rows of orchards, and ranches. We fed others through our bounty. Neighbors all knew each other and helped each other through the hard times. Now we are the "Heart of Silicon Valley" and Sunnyvale is a much larger city, where people still help each other.*

We all know people who have lost their jobs or had their work hours cut back. It may be someone who exhausted their unemployment insurance, and now is living on a friend's couch. A former middle-manager is now working part-time without any benefits and can't pay rent. A housekeeper and single mom lost work because her employers themselves were out of work. A home is in foreclosure, and the renters have to quickly find a new place to live.

At SCS we have been helping our neighbors in need with emergency financial assistance and food for over 40 years. And the need has never been greater. Here are some reasons to give to SCS this year.

- Your donation stays here in the community.
- We address the most basic needs everyone requires – housing, food, and health care – for the working poor, children and their families, and seniors.
- All clients are treated with dignity rather than red tape. We don't ask families to come back in two weeks for an appointment – by that time they may have lost their home, or their children may have gone to school without food for several days. Our caseworkers can quickly determine what help a family may qualify for, verify all information, and send out the check to the landlord, utility provider, or doctor that same day.
- We are very efficient. Our staff of 8 leverages their time with 800 dedicated volunteers throughout the year, so your donation goes farther.

Last year we were trusted to administer over \$762,000 in one-time federal stimulus funding. We won't get that funding again this year, but the need continues to grow. We expect over 1,400 families to come to the Christmas Center for food and holiday gifts for their children.

Your donations to SCS help people doing everything possible to help themselves: low-income working families with multiple jobs, seniors living on minimal pensions stretching every dollar, the unemployed, and persons with disabilities trying to cover their expenses with limited benefits.

We hope you will consider making a financial contribution to SCS, at whatever level you are able to give. And if you know of someone needing emergency assistance, please refer them to SCS.

With warm wishes for a happy holiday season,

Marie Bernard, Executive Director

P. S. We invite you to a Community Christmas Center Open House, Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1-4 pm. Please bring your family, church, school, or company to see your donations at work. Visit our website [www.svcommunityservices.org](http://www.svcommunityservices.org) for our videos and to read more about our programs, services, and the people who benefit from your support.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation: \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$500 (Adopt-A-Day) \_\_\_\$1,000 \_\_\_other

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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