



Sunnyvale Community Services

— Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community —

We're moving to a Larger Home in Sunnyvale!



When we moved into our current building in 2003, we never imagined we'd run out of space. Since that time, we have increased our food distribution days from four per month to 22, with an average of 905 families coming every Produce Monday. The generosity of our supporters, including 2,500 volunteers, makes it happen, but our current site limits our services. We've utilized every inch of space and positioned staff at satellite offices in Sunnyvale. After much planning and preparation, we are ready to take this next step and enhance our ability to serve our community.

SCS is happy to announce that we are looking to move into a larger building in 2020. In preparation for the move, the City of Sunnyvale has agreed to buy our current building and allow SCS to remain here until our new building is move-in ready. We have received seed funding from the **City of Sunnyvale, Jay Paul, LinkedIn**, the **SCS Board of Directors**, and many individual donors.

But we need your help. It's going to take a village to help us buy a new building.

Please Join Us!

As you plan your annual giving to SCS, we ask that you consider an additional gift to our building fund.

We will share more about our plans in the coming months. *Thank you for your help in preventing homelessness and hunger in our community!* ■

Marie Bernard, Executive Director

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Anna, a single mother of four, was struggling to find stability. She was working hard, but when her landlord raised her rent from \$1,450 to \$2,650, she had to give up her apartment. Anna and her children found refuge at the North County Shelter in Sunnyvale, which supports families and individuals experiencing homelessness. That's when we met Anna.

Anna was helped through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRR) program at SCS. We launched HPRR in 2015, with generous funding from the **City of Sunnyvale**, and the need continues to grow. The number of homeless persons we helped last year increased by 22% to 831. Thanks to new funding from **Google.org**, SCS was able to expand our HPRR services in Sunnyvale last year. We are grateful to both the City of Sunnyvale and Google.org for their generous support for this critical service.

HPRR connects clients who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness with a Housing Case Manager (HCM) to help them reach housing stability. HCMs match tenants with landlords and

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2019 Holiday Auction

Thursday, November 21 | 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunnyvale Elks Lodge | 375 N. Pastoria Ave.

It's time for the SCS Annual Holiday Auction! Join us for an evening of good food and good cheer while bidding on one-of-a-kind holiday gifts for everyone in your family. Auction items include wonderful family vacations, restaurant outings, wine tastings, theater tickets, and so much more.

Thank you to all who graciously donate items and volunteer time to make this event possible. We again thank the **Sunnyvale Elks Lodge** for donating their venue, **LinkedIn** for catering the evening with savory appetizers, and **Cake4Kids** for providing delicious bite-sized desserts.

The Auction is a free event, but we ask guests to bring a \$25 gift card or an unwrapped new toy to help stock the shelves of the SCS Holiday Center. ■

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President's Corner

I am honored to be rejoining the SCS Board of Directors and to serve as Board President at a very exciting time. During last year's "gap year" in my Board service, I remained informed and humbled, as always, about the efforts of the agency and the people of Sunnyvale to fight homelessness and hunger in our community.

Last year, the Board of Directors authorized senior SCS staff to conduct a feasibility study for a capital campaign to purchase a new building. As was becoming clear to staff, clients, and our wonderful volunteers, our ever expanding efforts to meet our mission have caused SCS to outgrow its current facility.

The results of the feasibility study were clear: the people of Sunnyvale want us to have a place where we can do our job better. More room for case workers to provide one-on-one assistance to those who need emergency financial aid or long-term case management. More room for food storage so we can provide fresh, nutritious food to local families. More room for gatherings and special events, including screenings for our Challenge Diabetes program, workshops on immigrant rights, and seasonal activities such as our Holiday Center.

SCS is in the process of identifying a building that will meet our needs for many years to come. We hope to move into the new building in mid/late 2020. To add to the excitement, 2020 is also the agency's 50th anniversary. Rest assured that we will let you know about celebrations for both of these milestones!

All of the Board members have made commitments to help pay for the new building. I hope you will consider making an extra gift to SCS in the coming months to honor our half-century legacy and help us move forward into the next chapter of our mission to prevent homelessness and hunger in our local community. ■

Michael Gallagher, SCS Board President
Deputy Superintendent, Sunnyvale School District



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offer support to both parties to ensure successful housing outcomes. Our HCMs visit the Homeless Shelter on a weekly basis to identify families who may benefit from HPRR services.

Fast forward to today. With the support of her SCS Housing Case Manager, Anna secured adequate affordable housing. Once she was stably housed, she was able to concentrate on improving her employment, and received a promotion at work.

SCS will further support Anna by providing three months of financial education so she can continue to improve her financial health.

Our thanks to Google.org and the City of Sunnyvale for continuing to support SCS's mission to prevent homelessness and hunger in our local community. ■

Donate a Car

Wondering how to get rid of your old car and give back to the community?

It's easy. Contact Donate for Charity at (866) 392-4483 and they will pick up the car and handle all the paperwork. Be sure to specify SCS when you call. SCS will get the proceeds, and you will get your tax deduction!

Non profit tax ID #94-1713897



SCS Programs & Services

Year-round Food

providing over two million pounds of healthy food at our on-site pantry, or at low-income Sunnyvale schools, and through deliveries to home-bound residents.

One-time Financial Assistance

for rent, deposits, utilities, medical care, prescriptions, and other critical bills.

Case Management

for families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of eviction and need longer-term assistance.

Kids' Head-to-Toe Summer Program

distributing backpacks with school supplies, gift cards for new shoes, and extra food.

Holiday Center

providing toys, household gifts, and extra food in December.

Screening & Enrollments

for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and other benefit programs.

Financial & Credit Repair Classes and Counseling

WorkFirst Sunnyvale

a partnership with Downtown Streets Team to address homelessness through the dignity of work.

Bus Passes & Gas Vouchers

Other In-kind Assistance

e.g. diapers, refurbished bicycles, household move-in kits.

Advocacy

on policies and programs affecting the most vulnerable.



Concerts Support SCS

We were treated to two special concerts earlier this year. Thank you to the Sunnyvale Singers and Voices of Hope Humanitarian Choir for their memorable performances.

The Sunnyvale Singers, directed by Mary Hamilton, performed a series of upbeat renditions at Trinity United Methodist Church in preparation for their annual Spring Fling concert.



▲ Sunnyvale Singers

▼ Voices of Hope Humanitarian Choir



Voices of Hope Humanitarian Choir sang wonderful selections from composer and conductor Henry Mollicone's Beatitude Mass at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Thank you to all the performers and attendees who gave generously of their time and donations to support SCS. ■

Client Success Stories

Financial Coaching Helps Vet

Benjamin* is a 49-year-old veteran who suffers from PTSD. Although he is an accomplished cook, he has had trouble keeping jobs because the noisy nature of commercial kitchens triggers his trauma. He sought financial assistance from Sunnyvale Community Services after losing another job, which resulted in disputed unemployment benefits. When he came to us, he was falling behind on his rent and his utilities had already been disconnected.

We gave Benjamin emergency financial aid and also enrolled him in our Financial Literacy program. Financial literacy is increasingly being recognized as a foundational skill for self-sufficiency. New funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is allowing one of our case workers to spend part of her time providing vital financial coaching to SCS clients.

Benjamin began keeping close track of all his income and expenditures, which helped him discover expensive habits such as eating out a lot. He eventually received retroactive unemployment benefits, has held down a new restaurant job for several months, and recently began a second job delivering food. We look forward to helping many more people like Benjamin stabilize their incomes through the SVCF Financial Literacy program. ■

Overcoming Domestic Violence

Paloma*, who has a daughter in high school and two elementary-age sons, became homeless when she had to flee domestic violence (DV). We enrolled her in our SCS case management and food programs and referred her to Nextdoor Solutions for DV assistance and to the United Way's Sparkpoint program for credit counseling. We were able to find the family a two-bedroom apartment in Campbell. We subsidized the rent payments at first, but with her new budgeting skills, Paloma was able to take over the full cost of the apartment within months. ■

*All names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients.

Did You Know?

98%

of SCS clients have extremely-low to low incomes.

\$2,027

Our median check for emergency financial aid

50%

of our clients are either children or seniors

900

Every week, more than 900 SCS client families receive fresh fruits and vegetables on Produce Mondays

..... Ready for School from Head to Toe

Backpack Day on August 1st marked the culmination of our summertime “Head-to-Toe” program, when families receive additional food over the summer when schools are closed and children miss out on meal programs. SCS provided over 1,700 children with new backpacks, school supplies, dental hygiene kits, a \$40.00 gift card for shoes, and a nutritious snack. Additional backpacks and shoe gift cards have been delivered to Sunnyvale schools and the North County homeless shelter for distribution to low-income transfer students and homeless students throughout the school year. ■

We are grateful to our many sponsors who helped make our summer Head-to-Toe program such a vital part of the services we provide to our young neighbors in need.



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Silicon Valley Association of Realtors
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Texas Instruments



Rides for Toys: Fun for the Whole Family!

On Saturday, November 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the whole family is invited to come to the annual Rides for Toys event sponsored by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. Located in the Macy’s parking lot (downtown Murphy Street, between Macy’s and Target), this event will give children a chance to sit in a fire truck and to learn the importance of giving to kids less fortunate. We appreciate your donation of gift cards for teens and young adults, as well as toys — especially for ages 7-11. All donations will benefit the annual Holiday Center at SCS. ■



Holiday Season Starts with SCS Auxiliary

The all-volunteer SCS Auxiliary did it again! Their fall craft fair was a hit with beautiful homemade crafts and scrumptious home-baked goods — all benefitting Sunnyvale Community Services. In addition, they displayed this year’s beautiful “Autumn Leaves” quilt that will be raffled off at the SCS Holiday Auction. Autumn Leaves is rich in colors and textures. It features gorgeous shades of fall leaves, vines, and wonderful wave textures, all enhanced with metallic gold. This lovely piece was professionally quilted by The Granary in a lovely leaf pattern.

We are grateful for the talented Auxiliary whose unflagging support is a vital part of the success of SCS. ■

Join us for the Quilt Raffle!

Purchase raffle tickets at the Holiday Auction on November 21.



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4 Days = 2,000 meals-in-a-can

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Qualified Charitable Distribution: A Benefit for You and SCS

If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA, you know you’re required to make minimum distributions each year. Even if you don’t need all of that income, you could face a tax penalty if you fail to make the minimum withdrawal.

There is a lesser-known option that can benefit you and Sunnyvale Community Services: In lieu of paying taxes on a distribution, you can make a charitable donation that counts toward your annual IRA distribution requirement and is excluded from your adjusted gross income for that tax year.

For example, assume you are required to withdraw at least \$10,000 per year from your IRA, but only need \$3,500 of that for your expenses. If you transferred \$6,500 directly to Sunnyvale Community Services and retain \$3,500 for your needs, you would meet your annual IRA deduction requirement and not be taxed on the \$6,500 donation.

We encourage you to seek advice from your tax counselor to understand how this could optimize taxes for your portfolio. ■

For more information

Contact **Tom Hamilton** at SCS:
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408.738.4321 x228



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As you plan your annual giving to SCS, we ask that you consider an additional gift toward our future building.

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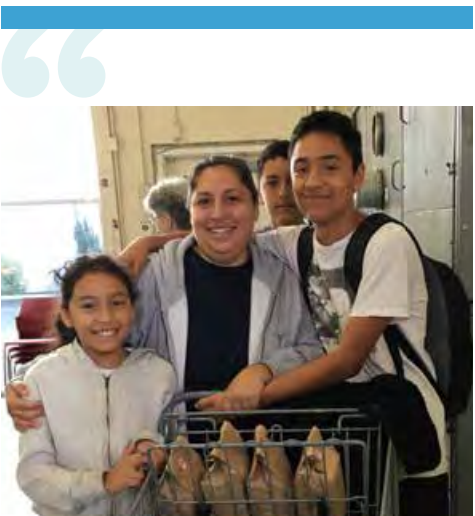
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Keep your email address current. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary next year, you’ll want to make sure you can receive your monthly copy of our email newsletter. Each month, we’ll be reliving success stories and achievements from five decades of serving those in need from the Sunnyvale community.

We will also share SCS updates about activities and events planned throughout the year. ■

Visit www.svcommunityservices.org and click on “Join Our Email List.”



Thank You!

“I really love my community in Sunnyvale. I just think that without them, we wouldn’t be able to provide my kids the best education and the best social [environment] growing up.”

—SCS Client Claudia Romero on Backpack Day



We—and our funders—care about vets

We all owe a lot to our military veterans. So when a vet comes through the doors of Sunnyvale Community Services, we’re very appreciative of the corporations and foundations that give us funding specifically to help former servicemembers.

For example, “Leonard,” a 64-year-old Vietnam vet, first sought our help several years ago when he was homeless. We paid his security deposit and first month’s rent so he could use his VA voucher to move into an apartment. We also enrolled him in our food programs. Recently, Leonard became an SCS Home Food Delivery client because he has multiple medical conditions and is no longer able to come to our warehouse to pick up food.

This year, the following funders are making it possible for SCS to help vets like Leonard. Our profound thanks to them for this assistance. ■

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#GIVING TUESDAY™

Mark Your Calendar
for December 3rd!
#GivingTuesday

Forget Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday is a national event dedicated to online giving to your favorite nonprofit. Come celebrate with us! We will be hosting an **Open House** on **December 3, 2019** from **2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Come by and take a tour of the **Holiday Center** and enjoy light refreshments. There will be opportunities to donate on-site and online! All donations from #GivingTuesday will go towards helping the families, seniors, and homeless individuals who will be walking through our North Pole this December. Let's keep working together to make this a special year for all our families in need. Thank you for your kind support! ■

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We Need Gift Cards for Teenagers!

Please make a donation of one or more gift cards (\$25 max) for a teen in need this holiday season.

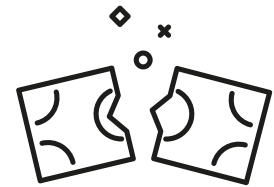
Donations are being accepted RIGHT NOW at 725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale.

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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| Amazon | Cinemark | Jamba Juice |
| Target | Chipotle | GameStop |
| AMC | Starbucks | In-N-Out |



Join Us for Our 2020 Annual Poverty Simulation

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Avenue
Saturday, January 11
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join community members from all walks of life as they discover first-hand the struggles that a low-income family experiences as they try to make ends meet in Silicon Valley. You will spend a morning simulating a month in the life of a low-wage worker or a senior living on fixed income. It will be an experience that will forever change how you perceive the struggles of our neighbors.

Co-sponsored by **Downtown Streets Team, Leadership Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Our Daily Bread, and Sunnyvale Community Services.** ■

Registration is FREE

<https://streetteam.networkforgood.com/events/16264-sunnyvale-poverty-simulation>

SAVE the DATE

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Annual SCS Holiday Auction

Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale

Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Rides for Toys

Macy's Parking Lot
Downtown Sunnyvale

Saturday, November 30, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#GivingTuesday - SCS Open House

Sunnyvale Community Services
725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunnyvale Singers Holiday Benefit Concert

Trinity United Methodist Church
583 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale

Sunday, December 8

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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