Sunnyvale Community Services

Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger—
Our Business is Booming, and That's Not Good!

www.svcommunityservices.org

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Director's Message: YOU CALL THIS RESPECT?

When I grew up in San Francisco, my mother often took my brother and me downtown on the streetcar. We would jump up to give our seat to a senior (probably my age now) because if we didn't, my mother would tell us to do so in a loud and very embarrassing tone. "Respecting our elders" is a value common in every culture. But given the circumstances facing our senior clients today, it is hard to find much respect.

According to the City's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, seniors are by far the poorest residents of Sunnyvale. 24% are in the extremely low income category, 17.5% in the very low income category, and 15% in the low income category—compared to an average of 9% for the rest of the population in each category.

We recertify our clients' income eligibility for food and other programs once a year. Six years ago, we "adopted" the seniors who receive food each week through the Second Harvest Food Bank's Brown Bag program, giving them substantial quantities of groceries each month. Then there were 60 seniors in the program; now there are 350. Over half of the seniors we recertified this year had credit card debt resulting from uncovered medical and prescription expenses. The idea of having debt at all is as troubling to them as the complicated procedures dealing with insurance, social security, and Medicare.

Here are just a few examples. A low-income senior living in subsidized housing needed an operation that required six days of hospitalization. A hospital employee asked her at least twice a day how she would pay her $300 a day co-payment. While that amount might only cover a few hours of hospital expenses, the $1,800 was far beyond her means. Her family, also low income, supplemented what she paid from savings, but she was still $600 short. SCS paid. In the hospital, she was informed of a financial aid program; however, you had to apply for it before entering the hospital and have very low net assets. (She had just slightly more.)

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AGILE AGILENT IN ACTION

Volunteers from **Agilent** packed hundreds of bags for our senior food program and assembled shopping carts as well.

NOW THEY CAN PUT ALL THEIR EGGS (and much more) IN ONE BASKET

Our senior clients had a problem. Many couldn't carry the full, heavy shopping bags we distribute in our monthly food program, so they returned some of the heavier items. That certainly isn't what we or they wanted. **Marie Barlahan**, our Director of Operations/Volunteers, said she knew where we could get shopping carts for half the $30 price we found on the web. After explaining who would be receiving the carts, Marie negotiated a price of $9 each—delivered. (We told the vendor we would be happy to refer people to him. He responded, "Please don't," as he only made 50 cents on each sale and couldn't afford to do so on a regular basis.)

Orchard House, a nonprofit organization that funds projects that help keep seniors independent, paid for all the shopping carts. Orchard House also gives SCS a generous grant for financial aid for seniors.

The next challenge was to assemble the 300 shopping carts. **SCS volunteers** assembled many of them—special thanks to **Calvin Gee** of **Yahoo**. One evening, 35 volunteers from the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** (Young Women's Organization from the Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Woodland Park Wards and the Young Men's Organization from the Heritage Oaks and Los Altos wards) put together 182.

Now it's easy come, easy go for hundreds of seniors getting food at SCS and running errands everyday.

JUST HOW POOR DO YOU HAVE TO BE?

There are many misconceptions about the benefits poor people receive and just how far those benefits actually go to help those living in poverty. We'd like to address four of them.

1. **"Illegal immigrants get too many cash benefits."** Illegal immigrants are not eligible for any governmental cash benefits whatsoever, period.

2. **"Women get rich (or at least live comfortably) on welfare."** CalWORKS is the current name for the welfare program for poor single women with minor children. The formula for calculating the monthly payment is very complex, but in Santa Clara County, a typical mother of two children gets $723 a month. Hearing these figures, the usual response is, "You can't get an apartment for that amount, let alone have anything left for food, utilities, clothes, gas, and other basics." Absolutely right, and that's why many families crowd together in apartments. In addition, CalWORKS requires the mother either work or go to school. Recently, the rules changed. Now more hours of work are required leaving fewer hours to attend school to improve long-term earning possibilities And there is a five-year lifetime welfare maximum, regardless of any extenuating circumstances.

3. **"Low-income seniors can get help for all of their medical expenses."** Seniors must be virtually broke to qualify for Medi-Cal. They cannot have a monthly income exceeding $1,047 and can't apply until they have less than $2,000 total cash assets. Most of the clients we see have very low incomes, but they exceed these low eligibility levels. Though they are covered by Medicare, their deductibles/share of costs/uncovered costs are often beyond their means, and recent federal cuts of $10 billion to the Medicare program certainly won't help.

4. **"Food Stamps are the answer to hunger."** If that were only true. They certainly help but aren't enough to provide nutritional food throughout the month. Furthermore, in this county only 50% of those eligible actually get Food Stamps. First, the income guidelines are the same everywhere in the country, from the rural south to Silicon Valley, with no allowance for cost-of-living differences. Therefore, the eligibility level is so low that someone in California working full time for minimum wage might not qualify for food stamps: 2080 hours (40 hours/week) x $6.75=$14,040 gross annual income. The maximum adjusted income that a single person can earn a year to get food stamps is $12,441. Second, the amount of food stamps decreases the closer the family gets to maximum allowable income for their family size. For example, a family of four with an income of $25,000 (maximum allowable income for a family of four=$25,155) would get only a few dollars of food stamps. Third, the process of obtaining food stamps is lengthy, complex, and time-consuming. For these reasons, SCS is the first direct service agency in the county to participate in the California Association of Food Banks' Food Stamp Outreach Program, trying to enroll more people and shorten the eligibility process.

GROSS ANNUAL INCOME				
# in family	Federal poverty level	130% of poverty level—Food Stamps and free school meals	150% of poverty level—USDA foods	185% of poverty level—Food Bank programs, WIC, reduced price school meals
1	$9,800	$12,441	$14,700	$18,130
2	$13,200	$16,679	$19,800	$24,420
3	$16,600	$20,917	$24,900	$30,710
4	$20,000	$25,155	$30,000	$37,000
5	$23,400	$29,383	$35,100	$43,290
6	$26,800	$33,631	$40,200	$49,580

The examples on the chart will give you an idea of how poor people have to be to qualify for various nutrition programs.

SCS CAN GET GREAT MILEAGE FROM YOUR OLD CARS

If you're thinking of replacing an older car or have an RV or boat just taking up space in your garage, please call **Donate for Charity** toll free (866) 392-4483. They arrange everything—vehicle pickup, all the DMV issues, selling the vehicle at auction—then send the net proceeds to SCS. There's no work for you or SCS, only benefits and tax deductions.

DO YOU KNOW...?

1. What will be the new hourly minimum wage in California as of Jan. 1, 2007?
2. What will be the gross annual income for someone working in California all year, full-time for the new minimum wage?
3. How many states have a minimum wage higher than the federal level of $5.15 per hour? higher than $7.00/hr?

1. $7.50 (up from $6.75) 2. $15,600 (up from $14,040) 3. 16, 8

MAZON=FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit agency that allocates donations from the Jewish community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. Each year, MAZON grants over $3 million to more than 300 hunger-relief agencies in this country and abroad—emergency food providers, food banks, multi-service organizations, and advocacy groups that also seek long-term solutions to hunger. In Santa Clara County, MAZON supports St. Joseph's Family Center in Gilroy and Sunnyvale Community Services. MAZON hosts an exceptional annual conference and recently funded a county-wide seminar on effective advocacy hosted by SCS. Above left, Professor **Nancy Amidei** from the University of Washington concluded her presentation by swearing participants to commit to three simple yet critical advocacy efforts involving pending Food Stamp and Child Nutrition legislation. Above right, **Rabbi Dana Magat** of Temple Emanuel in San Jose presented SCS Executive Director **Nancy Tivol** with a check from MAZON, which has supported SCS for the past three years.

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Several seniors seeking our help were overpaid by Social Security $5 or $10 a month for several years. They assumed these were standard cost-of-living increases. Several years later, they received notices that they had to repay the total overpayment (ranging from $1,200 to $1,900) plus interest by the end of the month or their checks would cease until full repayment was recouped. If this constituted a hardship, they could notify Social Security within 30 days so payments wouldn't stop completely. SCS wrote the letters and sent them by certified mail within two days. The seniors never heard one word, but their checks stopped coming. SCS paid part of their rent and helped negotiate repayment plans.

Other seniors have come to SCS with $200 to $1,400 co-payments for medications they couldn't afford but couldn't afford to be without. Others paid for expensive prescriptions then suffered serious side effects. They couldn't return prescriptions or afford to pay for the replacements. SCS did.

Your support enables us to assist the growing number of Sunnyvale seniors in need so they won't have to choose what gets paid or purchased and what doesn't: rent, utilities, medical care, prescriptions, gas, or food.

Nancy Tivol

"BEING POOR"

excerpts from an essay by John Scalzi

Being poor is knowing exactly how much everything costs.
Being poor is hoping the toothache goes away.
Being poor is hoping your kids don't have a growth spurt.
Being poor is Goodwill underwear.
Being poor is not enough space for everyone who lives with you.
Being poor is thinking $8 an hour is a really good deal.
Being poor is not taking the job because you can't find someone you trust to watch your kids.
Being poor is needing that 35-cent raise.
Being poor is knowing you work as hard as anyone, anywhere.
Being poor is never buying anything someone else hasn't bought first.
Being poor is going to the restroom before you get in the school lunch line so your friends will be ahead of you and won't hear you say "I get free lunch" when you get to the cashier.
Being poor is a cough that doesn't go away.
Being poor is knowing how hard it is to stop being poor.
Being poor is seeing how few options you have.

"BACKPACK" TO SCHOOL

Thanks to generous donations from the **Family Giving Tree**, **Sunnyvale Rotary Club**, **AMD**, **Northrup Gruman**, **ADK**, **Juniper Networks, Spansion, City of Sunnyvale employees**, **St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Long's Drug Store,** and **Sunnyvale FISH**, SCS distributed a record high 697 new back–packs stuffed with school supplies for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Linda Feeney, "backpack quality control manager," coordinated the efforts of other volunteers who made sure that every backpack was filled with age and grade appropriate school supplies. Volunteer **Don Gfroerer** carried backpacks to the distribution area.

CHARITY BEGINS AT GRANDMA'S HOUSE, AT THE DUMP, AT SCHOOL...

WHAT A DUMP!

Julie and Jerry Nabhan and **Rebecca Buldo** of **Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling** hosted the third annual **Dinner at the Dump** that raised over $44,000 to benefit Sunnyvale Rotary, Leadership Sunnyvale, and SCS. Over 600 people attended the marvelous event. **Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers** barbecued the exceptional steak, chicken, and cedar plank salmon. **Adam** and **Dee Simms** of **Sunnyvale Toyota** sponsored all the appetizers at Seafood Cove. Activities included a raffle, silent auction, and dunk tank. Mark your calendars for next year's event—**Saturday, June 30, 2007!**

WHEN GRANDMA'S TREE GIVES YOU LEMONS.....

Yatou and Samsu Sallah, **Jeanne Yeager**'s grandchildren from The Gambia, West Africa, wanted to do something to help the needy people who come to Grandma's office for help. During their summer visit, Yatou and Samsu picked lemons then hand-squeezed lemonade they sold for 25 cents a glass. In two afternoons, they made $10, and the very proud Grandma contributed another $20 in their honor.

COOKING WITH CLASS

"Freelance writer" **Amy Tsang**, a 5th grader last year, wrote:

At a school, **West Valley Elementary**, a little classroom, **Room 18**, put together a Bake Sale! Using everyone's knowledge, we worked on the project for a few months. **Lauren Ivers** and **Megan Colee** made a partnership together and told the class about their ideas. Sunnyvale Community Services was our top choice, thanks to a couple of students for thinking up the idea.

Next, they formed jobs for everyone to do. Some were cashiers, some were poster makers, and some were advertisers. Many people worked together to make this Bake Sale work out. Then, we started getting people to bake for us. **Ms. Nefdt** (the teacher) and a few parents helped us out by giving us Junior Achievement lessons. They taught us about assembly lines, partnerships, and how to sell a product. An unfortunate thing then happened to many of our beautiful posters we had put up around the school. Over the weekend, people came and ripped our posters and wrote mean things on them. We took this as an opportunity to fix up the posters and use our new Junior Achievement marketing skills to make even better posters!

Finally, the day of the Bake Sale everything worked out fine. Lemonade sellers used the assembly line method to make lemonade quick and fast. Students who didn't have jobs became moving cashiers, giving the money they collected to the cashiers with boxes. We came up with the grand total of $335.58! All of that went to SCS to help people in need as well as two tubs filled with awesome toys for the needy. Room 18 raised a lot of money for SCS, but we really need to thank them for helping everyone who is in need of help.

RECIPE FOR GIFT-GIVING SUCCESS

We have a limited supply of our 218 page, padded cover SCS cookbook—Sharing Our Best. It has earned rave reviews. Perfect for personal or corporate gifts, we will sell remaining copies for $10, **50% off** the original price. Get 'em while they last. Come to 725 Kifer or call 738-0121.

CONDOS, CUISINE, CRAFTS, COLLECTIBLES, AND CERTIFICATES AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CENTER

Thursday, December 7
at SCS—725 Kifer Rd.
Silent Auction: 5:00-7:00
Oral Auction at 5:45-7:00

il postale
Italian American Bistro

Admission: one new toy, gift, or bag of food
Dinner provided by Il Postale

Just a sample of auction items:

- Three one-week vacations anywhere in the world from Tim and Yolanda Risch and Karen Davis
- Tahoe home and condo, each for one week
- Flight for 3 over the Bay Area from Terry Blumenthal
- Sailing with the Simms for 6

- Mexican dinner for 12 from Leticia and Bob Montalvo
- Brewmaster dinner for 6 from FireHouse Grill & Brewery
- Two dinners for 4 at Sunnyvale fire stations (and engine ride)
- Moroccan dinner for 14 from Nancy Tivol
- Lunch for 4 with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo in the Capitol

- Car mounted GPS system, Lo-Jack system, and full feature moon roof from Toyota Sunnyvale
- Garmin Nuvi 360 Portable GPS system from Fry's Electronics
- Motorola Verizon Q Smartphone/Camera from Bill Morefield
- Insignia 20" LCD/ED TV from Best Buy

- 8 Giants Field Club seats & field visit during batting practice & Willie Mays autographed baseball from the S. F. Giants
- SaberCats VIP Package—4 tickets, coin toss, autographed ball
- Frank Thomas autographed bat from Steve Harms
- Games from EA and NVidia

- 3 karat diamond earrings from Tim and Yolanda Risch
- Sterling silver jewelry from Grace Witt, Jewelry Advantage
- Designer scarves knit by Roberta Cohen
- Two complete car detailings, Kuykendall's Collision Repair
- Cat tree from Merry Puppins Pet Services

- Train decorated Christmas tree from Whistle Stop Magazine
- Two acupuncture treatments from Karen Brown
- Two chiropractic exams and treatments from Dr. Larry Gans
- Yum Yum Tree gift certificate, modern pendulum clock from First Place, homemade cookies, crafts, toys, art, wine, etc.

For details and a complete list of auction items updated daily, see the events page of our website: www.svcommunityservices.org.
To donate to the auction, call Nancy or Carmen at 738-0121.

SEE YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

Hundreds of donors who contribute to the success of our Community Christmas Center have never actually seen it. Even those who help with the initial set-up—moving tons of food, shelving, equipment, and gifts—oooh and aaah when they actually see the fully decorated food and gift "store."

We invite you, your family, friends, church, school, and civic groups to visit on **Sunday, Dec. 10 from noon to 3** to see the shelves of groceries, toys, and household gifts and the behind the scenes operations as well...all ready to serve the first clients the next day. If you have visited before, we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors.

THANKS TO YOU, WE MADE IT!

SOBRATO FOUNDATION

Earlier this year, SCS received a $25,000 challenge grant from the **Sobrato Foundation**. Thanks to many generous donors, SCS raised the required $25,000 in new and increased donations to meet the conditions of the grant. Now, SCS will receive another $25,000 from the foundation. The icing on the cake is that the Sobrato Foundation provides unrestricted funds to the nonprofit organizations it supports, affording the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed. Sincerest thanks to the Sobrato Foundation and to all who donated.

THEY'RE TURNING THE TABLES ON HUNGER

In just three and half years, members of the **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** have donated and sorted over 32 tons of food for SCS through their monthly food collections. In addition, they have purchased 12 tons of rice and beans in 100 pound sacks that volunteers repackaged into two-pound baggies.

The **Junior Bag Brigade** accepts the donations. The **Senior Bag Brigade** shows the total poundage collected one Sunday.

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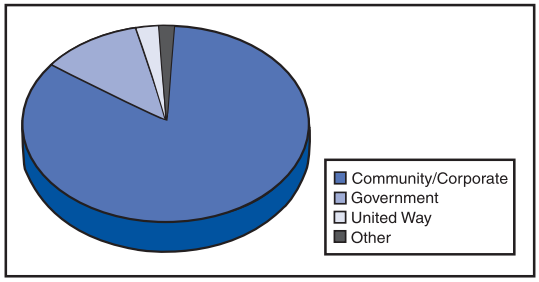
ANNUAL REPORT
2005-2006

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

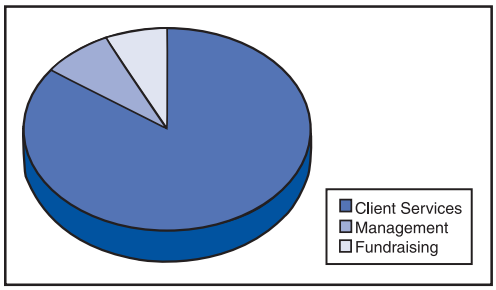
REVENUES

Community/Corporate Support	$1,793,411
Government Grants	273,132
United Way	57,638
Other	32,048
Total	**$2,156,229**



EXPENSES

Client Services	$1,811,124
Support Services	
Management	114,515
Fundraising	136,541
Total	**$2,062,180**



NOTES

- Figures are taken from the annual audit performed by Deborah Daly, C.P.A. The figures exclude interest on the $400,000 long-term CDBG loan we obtained to help finance our building. The annual audit was once again 100% clean with no findings or recommendations.
- Our proudest achievement is that again last year, thanks to your support, we provided financial aid to every eligible family and individual. In 2004-05, we distributed $491,061; last year, a record $566,767. In addition, we provided a record amount of food and other in-kind aid: $815,646 in 2005-06 compared to $667,778 the prior year.
- Our audit and financial statements are available for review.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

SERVICES PROVIDED

	# Families/Cases	# Individuals
Financial assistance	946	2,800
Food distribution	9,707	26,793

Fee waivers for Parks and Recreation programs:

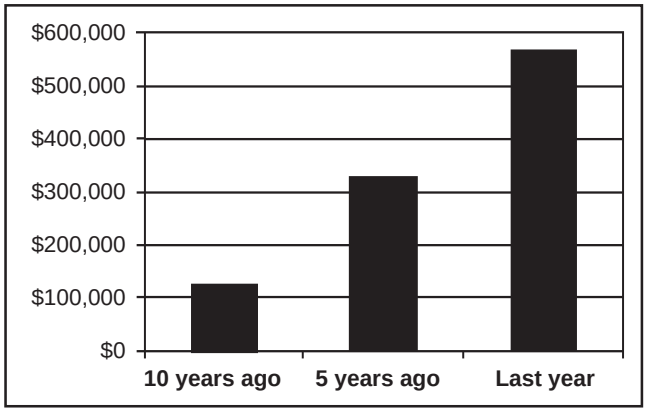
Persons qualified	1,284
Waivers authorized	2,673

Unduplicated clients served* 7,741

(*The SCS Board of Directors decided to include in the client count only those for whom we provided financial or in-kind assistance. We no longer include those for whom we provided only information and referral services which could have been a short phone call or multiple casework sessions. Those numbers range between 10,000 and 13,000 a year.)

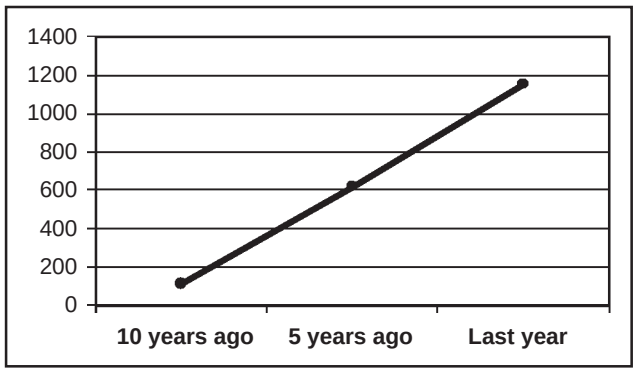
Amount Spent on Financial Aid for Clients

for rent, deposits, utilities, medical, and other critical needs



Number of Families in our Food Programs

through daily, monthly, and Kids' Summer Food programs



MAJOR PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

Adobe Systems, Inc.
AMD
Alpha Graphics
Applied Materials
Applied Signal Technology
Assistance League of Los Altos
Chinese Seniors Club
City of Sunnyvale
City of Sunnyvale Employees' Giving Campaign
Community Foundation Silicon Valley
County of Santa Clara
Family Giving Tree
FEMA
Ralph Folsom
Historic Del Monte Building
Homestead High School
Housing Industry Foundation
Housing Trust of Santa Clara Co.
Hurlbut/Johnson Charitable Fdn.
Hybrid Commerical Printing
Il Postale Restaurant
Juniper Networks
Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Fdn.
Vivian Krodel Foundation
Lockheed Martin Employees' Fdn.
Grace and Einar Lorentzen
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Barbara McClellan Foundation
McKenna Family Foundation
Menlo Equities
Network Appliance
Orchard House
Pacific Gas and Electric
Jay Paul Company
Pearson Buick Pontiac GMC
Philips Semiconductor
Sandisk Corporation Fund
S. F. Chronicle Season of Sharing
San Jose Grocery Outlet
Satterberg Foundation
Second Harvest Food Bank
Sobrato Family Foundation
Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling
SV Chamber of Commerce
SCS Auxiliary
Sunnyvale FISH
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Sunnyvale School District
Thai Basil Restaurant
Toyota Sunnyvale
Union Bank of California
United Way Silicon Valley

ADOPT-A-DAY HONOR ROLL (underwriting SCS $1,000 a day operating costs not covered by grants or contracts)

1 week

anonymous (1)
AMD
Applied Materials
Bruce and Vivian Euzent
Juniper Networks
Christopher Knorr
Robert Locke
Lockheed Martin Employees' Fdn.
Menlo Equities
Gaylord and Carmita Mossing
Network Appliance
Ray and Natha Ostby
Jay Paul Company
Lois Sibbach
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Sunnyvale Rotary Club

4 Days

Sandy Ellyson
John and Carol Nickerson

3 Days

William and Aline Baeck
Jim and Lynn Briody
Eugene Coogan in memory of Germaine Coogan
Tim and Jill Dunkin
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Endowment
David and Holly Mendel Fund
David and Kathy Moore
Bruce and Michael Paynter
Greg and Belle Pullano
St. Timothy Episcopal Church
Alan Templeton

2 Days

anonymous (2)
William Black
Mary Boyle & Keith McLaurin
Casa de Amigos Arts and Crafts
William and Carolyn Gross
Olaf Hirsch and Melinda Hamilton
Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation
Don Kumamoto and Peggy Wood
Kuykendall's Collision Repair
Philippe Lacroute
Barry and Virginia Langdon-Lassagne
Macy's Sunnyvale
Timothy McLaughlin
Robert and Kathleen Menifee
Marc J. Merlin

(2 days continued)

Scott and Kristina Peterson
Pine Cone Lumber
Thomas Pyle in memory of Susan Pyle
Joe and Nancy Ragey
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Robert Smader
Ned and Sherry Snow
Sociedad de Señoras Isabel la Catolica
Anne Stewart
Tena Taormina
Nancy Tivol
Bill and Jo Vanderbeek
Paul Walkowiak
Bret and Suzanne Young

1 Day

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Agilent Technologies
Harry Amos in memory of June Amos
Valerie Armento
Stephen and Mary Ellen Barasch
Nancy Barry-Jansson
Dennis and Shirley Barsema
Ron Beebe
Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Bernhardt
Paul and Kathryn Besser
Roy Blackmer
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Borrison
Mary Bradley
Nicholas and Anna Brosnahan
Les and Beth Brubaker
Heather Campbell and Jeff Meyer
Glorya Carlstrom
Chinese Seniors Club
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Foundation
John and Maya Clifton
Ellyn Corey
James and Susan Leitz Davis
Jim and Judy Duport
Chuck and Lorraine Eaneff
Chester E. Elliott
Kent and Barbara Fielden
Keith and Marcia Flagler
Janis Freestone & David Charlton
Robert Fruehsamer
Donna Fuzeré
Pearl M. Gilmore
Sandra Glass
Thomas and Mary Granvold
Dan and Donna Hafeman
Diane Hagglund
Hewlett Packard Company
Gail Hoben and William Wathen
John and Maria Hopkins
Diane and Richard Horn
Suzanne Horrigan and Trinity Methodist Church in memory of Patrick Horrigan
Russell and Susan Hull
Anne and Jerry Infeld
Robert and Kathleen Jackson
In memory of Phyllis Jeckell and Barbara S. Mordy
Tim S. Johnson
Randolph Jones
Willard and Ruth Jones
Patricia Keenan
Terence Kenney
Dr. David S. Ko
Dean Kontinos
Philip Kurjan
Bruce and Jing La Fountain
Matthew and Donna Leacock
Bobbie Lemberg in memory of Herb Basescu
Lewis and Cheryl Levey
Manuel and Judy Macias
Allen and Amy Maddox
Guy and Patricia Malcolm
Jerry and Linda Mar
John and Dianne McGowan
Dennis and Linda Moreno
Michael and Arlene Mori
Carol Morrow
Douglas Mow
Glenda and Tom Murray
Paul Murray
Charles David Nabors
Russell and Mira Nakano
Wolf and Vera Neumann
Benjamin Newsom
Robert and Anne Pochowski
Ronald Robinson
Jeff and Sandra Ruggles
St. Luke Lutheran Church
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Arthur Saville III
Timothy Schaaf
Carol Schweizer
Scitor Corporation
Dorothy Shannahan
Silicon Valley Assn. of Realtors
Mario Silveira
Edward and Lynn Smith
Gail and Larry Smith
Starbucks, Cherry Orchard
Dennis and Jean Stein
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Sunnyvale Elks Lodge #2128
Sunnyvale Federal Credit Union
Sunnyvale Lumber
Sunnyvale Service Athletic Club
Sunnyvale Single Squares
Sun Microsystems Foundation
Gareth Thomas
Mrs. Raymond Tikvica
Charles and Leanne Untulis
Brian Verstegen
John and Asunción Martinez Wehner
Nora Weissman
Bill and Janne Wissel
Kevin and Grace Witt
Esther Wong and Shayne Stubbs
Debbie Wu
Jack and Nancy Wu
Yahoo!

Your Donations Change Lives

A young mother of an infant was referred to SCS by a Sunnyvale Public Safety officer. He had responded to a domestic violence call and removed the woman and her baby. He recommended that she not return home until her husband was arrested. SCS paid for the woman and her baby to stay in a motel until she testified against her husband. As she had no funds or income, we paid for bus fare to Southern California so she could live with her parents until she found work.

An 80 year-old low-income widow had been encouraged by a friend to come to SCS for help with her prescription bills. She had never asked for help in her life, but she finally agreed to let her friend bring her. One expensive prescription was not covered by Medicare, and another non-generic one had a high co-payment. Her cost for these pills (just two of the seven she required) exceeded her monthly income. SCS paid for them and signed her up for our monthly food program for seniors.

A construction worker was laid off from his second job. At the same time, one of his three sons had a serious medical problem requiring extensive treatment. His wife had to leave her job to care for the boy. Though they had insurance, lost wages and uncovered costs drained their reserves. SCS paid the family's rent to prevent eviction. The boy recovered; the mother returned to work; the father found a new second job. He wrote, "Thanks to SCS, my family will live happily ever after."

After waiting for years, single mother of two finally got her Section 8 certificate for subsidized housing. She found an apartment accepting Section 8 and could move from the one she shared with another family. Now, federal regulations require full-market rate deposits rather than one-third of the family's income +$100. She needed $2,700, though her rent would be only $386 (one-third of her income). SCS paid part of the deposit, and the family finally moved into a home of its own.

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Caseworker

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Caseworker

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Caseworker

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