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.

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

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

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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.

Rotary & Student Interact volunteers packing supplies and backpacks

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!

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

Family Giving Tree

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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
Single Adult	**$15.47**	**$32,178**
Single Parent Family	**$34.72**	**$72,221**
Two Parent Family (one working)	**$27.23**	**$56,632**
Two Working Parent Family	**$19.85**	**$82,567**

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

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 Northrop 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.

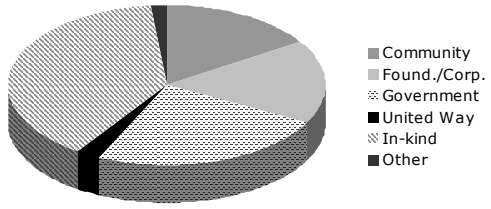
■ **A gardener's truck died on his way to pick up his son from day care.** His wife takes the bus to and from her job, and they could not afford the repair bill. The family has about $60 left at the end of a "good month," one without any unexpected bills. SCS paid to repair the car so the father could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

SCS Annual Report : 2009 - 2010

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

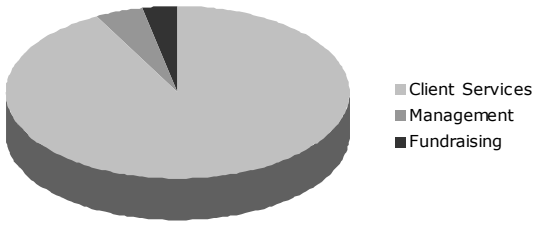
Revenue

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
Total	**$4,088,531**



Expenses

Program / Client Services	$3,848,611
Support Services	
Management	181,556
Fundraising	139,454
Total	**$4,169,621**

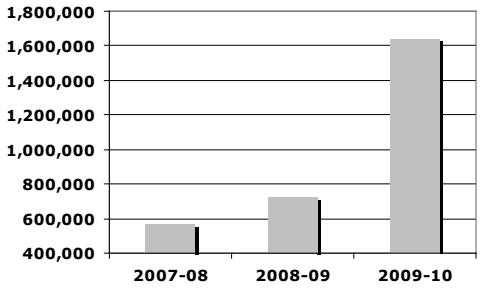


SERVICE OVERVIEW

Services Provided

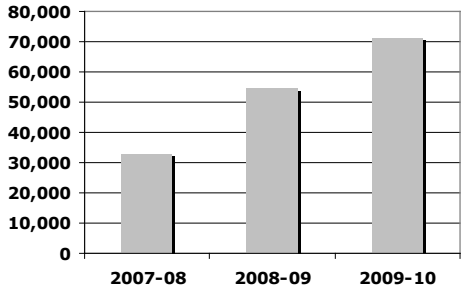
	08-09	09-10
Financial Assistance cases/people	960	1,650
Food & other in-kind aid cases	18,082	22,880

Amount Spent on Financial Aid for Clients*



*Excludes pass through direct assistance to clients.

Number of People Receiving Food



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.

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 Krodel
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
[redacted]
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 Baeck
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

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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

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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

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former Auto Dealership Owner

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Union Bank

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KLA-Tencor

Leslie Lawton
Owner, We Produce

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Community Volunteer
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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 7th!

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 7-12

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 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

Name _____	___Visa ___Mastercard **Expiration Date**:_____
Address _____	Name on card: _____
City, State, Zip _____	Card number: _____
	Signature: _____