November 2011

Sunnyvale Community Services

Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

One in Four are at Risk of Hunger

Message from our Executive Director

It's rare for us to see starvation in our community, but hunger is all around us. Hunger means a child doesn't eat breakfast, or a senior goes without dinner so they can fill their prescription. Workers making minimum wage look for 99-cent specials at fast food restaurants.

One in four people in Santa Clara County are at risk of hunger, according to the latest Hunger Study released by Second Harvest Food Bank. Day after day, our lobby is filling up with families and children coming in for financial assistance. The lines for seniors and families to pick up groceries are getting longer. For the past year, we've been distributing bread three mornings a week. *When someone walks half a mile from the bus stop just to get a loaf of bread, you know they are hungry.*

Last year, we received a record amount of food donations valued at $1.5M. But what is scary is that the amount of food we expect to receive this year is actually going down due to cutbacks in USDA food programs. SCS buys food to supplement donations we receive from Second Harvest Food Bank and community food drives. We purchase protein-rich foods such as peanut butter, "meals in a can", and tuna. *We've had to increase our food purchases by 9% in one year, as families come more frequently to our food pantry.*

How do you measure hunger?

The headlines are shocking. Poverty in California measured by national levels is at an 18- year high of 16.3%. That's a family of four making less than $22,113 a year.

The Federal Poverty Level determines how government funding is allocated for many public programs such as Food Stamps. But it only measures the cost of a food basket to meet minimal nutritional needs, and doesn't account for other costs such as rent, health care, or transportation. Many low-income families in the Bay Area make too much according to the Federal Poverty Level, but they are hungry and struggling with bills every month.

A study released in October by the Insight Center for Community Economic Development showed that the costs of very basic needs—food, rent, utilities, child care, health care, transportation, and taxes—went up **18.9%** over three years in the Bay Area. A family of four in the Bay Area now needs $83,640 a year to get by, while minimum wage is stagnant and unemployment persists. You can view the data online at **www.insightcced.org**.

SCS is working hard to meet the growing need for nutritious food and financial aid in our community. *Thank you for your continued support as we work to help our families and seniors in need in Sunnyvale.*

Produce Mondays

In early May, Sunnyvale Community Services volunteers conducted a client satisfaction survey to over 400 individuals. The results came back and an overwhelming 90% of the clients surveyed asked to receive more fresh fruits and vegetables from SCS.

We told Second Harvest Food Bank about our clients' wishes, and a few months later our wishes were granted! Starting this October, thanks to Second Harvest, SCS families and seniors now can pick up bags of fresh fruits and vegetables from SCS every Monday from 8am-5pm. Our clients receive a variety of fresh produce every week, including watermelons, cabbages, potatoes, carrots, apples, bananas, broccoli, and more!

We are thrilled with this collaboration with the Second Harvest Food Bank. Now we can provide our families and seniors with more healthy and fresh foods on a regular basis!

Volunteers are needed to distribute produce to our families. For more information on how to get involved, please email mtran@svcommunityservices.org or call 408-738-4298.

Business is Booming, and That's not Good

We're Scouting for Food!

Rain or Shine, **Scouting For Food** will be on Saturday, November 19th from 1 – 4 pm. Local Boy Scout Troops will be going door-to-door collecting thousands of pounds of canned foods in the community and be dropping it off at SCS just in time for the holidays.

The Vora family helped make Scouting for Food a huge success for SCS last year.

Helping Families with CalFresh Sign Ups

Friendly staff from Second Harvest Food Bank come every Food Distribution Day (and the day after!) to pre-screen and assist SCS clients to apply for CalFresh (Food Stamps). If qualified, families of two get up to $367 and families of six get up to $952 to purchase groceries in the local stores and the local Farmer's Market. Since July, Second Harvest Food Bank helped more than 83 of our clients register for CalFresh!

Health Plans for Children

The Santa Clara Family Health Foundation (SCFHF) sets up a table on our Monthly Food Program Distribution days to help enroll clients in a variety of health care plans for low-income families with children. Since May, when SCFHF started conducting outreach at SCS, they have identified 33 families with 58 children who needed assistance in applying for health care coverage. According to the SCFHF staff, the results for sign-ups at SCS are some of the most successful in the county.

According to Kathleen King, CEO of SCFHF, "The partnership we have with Sunnyvale Community Services is one of the strongest partnerships we have. The staff has worked closely with us to find children who need health coverage. Many of the families coming to them have seen major changes in their lives over the last few years of our Valley recession and need many different services. Sunnyvale Community Services tries to make sure their families know about all services available."

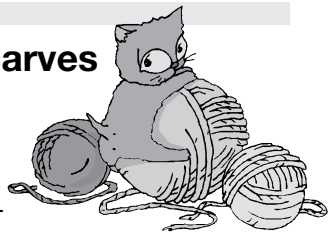
Dinner at the Dump

Sunnyvale Rotary President Jerry Nabhan and Past President Mary Bradley are all smiles after presenting Marie Bernard, SCS Executive Director, with a check for $11,500. The donation was part of the proceeds from the 2011 "Dinner at the Dump" on June 25th. The 10th annual "Trashy Affair" was sponsored by Sunnyvale Rotary and hosted by Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling.

Rebuilding Together

On National Rebuilding Day 2011, over 20 Rebuilding Together Peninsula and Sunnyvale Community Services volunteers came together to fix our light diffusers and create a safe walkway in front of our office. Volunteers spent hours digging a path and adding fine gravel to create a smooth walkway. Thanks to the generous donations from Rebuilding Together Peninsula and the volunteers, our clients now have a safe pathway to walk from the streets to our office to receive assistance.

Over 1,100 Handmade Scarves & Hats for Seniors!



When we asked for donations of 500 scarves to give to our seniors this Christmas, we never imagined the outpouring of support that would come from the community. We now have over 1,100 beautiful handmade creations, all knitted and crocheted by talented and generous donors. Some volunteers recruited family and friends from all over the country to knit and crochet for a cause! We will have enough to give a scarf or hat to every person in our senior families, along with some "hot" fashions for our teen gifts and warm scarves for the homeless who come to SCS.

Spanish Classes Support SCS

Gloria and Henry Maranon have been holding Spanish classes in their home for many years. Instead of charging for the lessons, they ask students to make a contribution to SCS. Gloria also volunteers at SCS as a lobby admin. *Muchas Gracias!*

In Loving Memory...

We fondly remember our friends

Carol Filipiak and **Donna Fuzeré**, SCS Lobby Admin Volunteers

Ron Swegles, former Mayor and Council Member, City of Sunnyvale

Jean DeMouthe, SCS Auxiliary member

Pete Condos, SCS Senior Monthly Food Program Volunteer

2011 SCS Christmas Auction

Thurs, Dec 1, 5 – 7:30 pm

It's become a Sunnyvale tradition to start the holiday season by coming to the SCS auction and bidding on items! You can choose sports tickets, world vacations, spa packages, restaurant gift certificates, and items in every price range for everyone on your holiday list.

Admission is free—we ask you to bring a bag of non-perishable food or an unwrapped gift for a child. *See our wish list on the back of the attached letter.*

Besides enjoying great food, wine, and desserts, you'll see our warehouse transformed into the Community Christmas Center. Volunteers spend weeks setting up shelves filled with food and toys for needy families, and the entire building is decorated for the holidays.

This year, our sponsors include **NetApp**, **Sunnyvale Toyota**, and **PG&E**. Food and beverages donors include **Il Postale**, **Faultline Brewing Co.**, **P.F. Chang's**, **Hobee's**, **Nothing Bundt Cakes**, **Cake4Kids Volunteers**, **Joseph George Fine Wines**, **Safeway**, **and Starbucks.**

100% of the proceeds to go to emergency assistance programs to prevent hunger and homelessness in our community.

Check out the list of auction items on our website:
www.svcommunityservices.org

Miniature Art Show and Raffle in March

Sarah Alvarez-Horine attended the SCS auction last year, and came up with a creative idea to help raise money for SCS. She partnered with Sue Kim, owner of the new **Sunnyvale Art Gallery**, and together they and their families are hosting the first-ever Miniature Art Show and Raffle benefiting SCS from March 1 – 30th, 2012 at the gallery. They are soliciting donations of "miniature" works of art in all mediums from local artists. Contact sv.minishow@gmail.com for requirements and entry form if you would like to make an artwork to donate. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, March 3rd from 5 – 8 pm at the Sunnyvale Art Gallery at 251 West El Camino Real.

The Bicycle Exchange—It's a Circle of Giving!

The Bicycle Exchange has been donating refurbished bikes to Sunnyvale Community Services for several years. Volunteers repair the bikes and make them ready to ride. This summer, we received 24 bikes—as many as we could fit into the SCS van! Our caseworkers screen clients who need a bike to get to a job or school. For working families trying to make a living on minimum wage in Sunnyvale, a bike may be the only transportation they can afford, and children's bikes are a luxury.

Neighbors in Need

"It could have happened to anybody"

A woman awoke to shouts during the night. "I looked outside the window and just saw red fire. I grabbed what I could and ran outside." A cooking fire had started in the unit directly above. Thankfully her young daughter was not in the apartment when the fire started. The family lost almost all of their possessions. The landlord, Hill and Company Realtors, connected her to Sunnyvale Community Services to ask if SCS could help the family. The Realtor also offered the family furniture, and the mom shared it with other families who had lost their homes. An SCS caseworker quickly began working with the family and within a week she and her daughter were placed in a new apartment. SCS eventually helped four of the families who lost their homes in the fire. Thanks to the year-round support from SCS donors, we were able to help the families with emergency food, gift cards to buy essentials, referrals for housing and emergency financial assistance for security deposits or first month's rent. "I'm just happy to be alive. It could have happened to anybody. I'm very thankful for everyone who has helped me—my angels."

"I'm trying hard to make it"

The man who called us said he was a Veteran. He was living in his car, after losing his job and his apartment three years ago. He was a tradesman, and was trying to update his skills by enrolling in classes at San Jose City College, but he had to wait two more weeks to receive his Pell Grant money. SCS helped him purchase his books and outfitted him with a backpack and school supplies. Then his car was stolen. He not only lost his car, he lost his "home." SCS coordinated with other agencies to help him get emergency shelter, replace his books, and get additional assistance. He is now living with friends and working part-time to save enough to buy a car. He's continuing his classes and is optimistic about his future prospects. "You gave me a chance when I lost everything."

"I'm worried for my safety"

The mother and her children had fled their home. One beating too many from her husband finally compelled her to seek safety at a domestic violence shelter. The husband vandalized her car, taking bolts off the wheels and damaging the car brakes. Thankfully she and her children were not hurt. She needed the car to get to work and drive her children to school. After being referred to SCS, she met with a caseworker, who helped her with a monthly budget, and arranged for car repairs so that she and her children have a safe vehicle. "Everyone has been so nice and kind. Thank you!"

Your donations make it possible for us to be there for emergency assistance whenever it's needed in Sunnyvale!

The Spirit of Bagging Groceries at SCS

Hundreds of volunteers from our corporate, church, and youth groups come to SCS throughout the year to bag between 400 – 1,600 bags of groceries a month for our families and seniors.

Bagging groceries is proven to be the perfect team building exercise for groups of all different sizes! Volunteers show up with energy and enthusiasm and are challenged to work as a team to fill our brown bags with rice, beans, meals-in-can, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruits, vegetables, etc...in a given amount of time.

Laughing definitely becomes contagious when the volunteers are having fun and making a difference at SCS!

Leave a Legacy to SCS

There are many ways to support causes you believe in. If you are thinking about ways to leave a legacy and help prevent homelessness and hunger in our community, you might consider a Legacy Gift or a Planned Charitable Gift to Sunnyvale Community Services.

Everyone needs a will or estate plan. A Planned Charitable Gift is a way to help the community as you plan for your financial future. You can consider a Planned Gift at any age. A few examples of Planned Gifts are bequests, beneficiary designations for IRAs and life insurance, gifts of real estate and other appreciated assets, and charitable gift annuities. Done correctly, a Planned Gift reduces taxes for you or your loved ones, and increases the impact of your gift.

By planning now, you can make sure that your wishes are honored. SCS has been helping families and seniors in Sunnyvale since 1970. A Planned Gift can help SCS be here for future generations to come.

If you want to start planning now to leave a legacy gift to SCS, please contact us for a confidential discussion. Contact Marie Bernard at 408.738.0121 or email her at mbernard@svcommunityservices.org.

Marie Bernard happily accepts a check for $8,000 from AMD Corporation, presented by AMD's Director of Market Intelligence, Jim Slevin. Jim also serves on the Board of Directors of SCS.

Backpack Mountain Reaches Record Heights

It's our busiest, and frankly one of the most fun days of the year at SCS! On August 23rd, we distributed over 880 backpacks in one day! Distribution started at 8am but when staff and volunteers set-up at 7:30am, there was already a long line wrapped around the building. By the time school was underway, SCS had given out **1,128 filled backpacks** brimming with pens and pencils, binders, folders, calculators, *and a lot of hope for a bright school year ahead!* Last year, we distributed a record 1,038 filled backpacks, so the need continues to grow.

A backpack and supplies can cost $40-$50, or even more for older students. That means that many families can't afford a backpack or school supplies for their children.

Thankfully, we received a record number of donations this year as well! Several groups and individuals donated backpacks and supplies, including: Adventure Days, Alpha Delta Kappa, Enervault, Family Giving Tree, Genentech, IBM, NetApp, Nokia, Northrop Grumman, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Spansion, Sunnyvale FISH, Sunnyvale Ford, Sunnyvale Lions, the members and businesses in Sunnyvale Rotary, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, and many others! And, generous donors gave financial support for SCS to buy the right supplies for each backpack.

Dozens of volunteers worked hundreds of hours to stuff the backpacks with grade-appropriate school supplies.

A special thanks to Flo Stafford, owner of Starlite Storage, who donates a storage unit to SCS for us to collect and store backpack and school supplies we receive throughout the year.

You Helped Us Fill 1,924 Bags for the Kids Summer Food program!

In June, July, and August, SCS gives extra food for low-income families with children. Almost half of the students in Sunnyvale Schools qualify for free or reduced priced lunches, and when school is closed, these children often miss meals and go hungry. Thanks to the community's donations, SCS is able to fill the bags with kid-friendly food such as milk, cereal, peanut butter, meals-in-a-can, and tuna fish. And this year, we were able to give out an extra bag of food with the backpacks, so the students were ready to start the year off right!

Use Corporate Matching Programs to Maximize Your Donation

Corporate matching programs are a great way to maximize your monetary donation to Sunnyvale Community Services. If your company has a matching program, your cash donation may be eligible to be matched by your employer.

Most large corporations encourage volunteerism and charitable giving and will often times match at least some percentage of the money that their employees donate to nonprofit organizations. Along with matching monetary donations, some corporations will also match an employee's volunteer hours with a cash amount. There may be rules about the number of hours required and the type of volunteer activity, so check with your company as to their specific rules. Thank you in advance for considering your company's matching program to maximize your donation to Sunnyvale Community Services!

Turn Cars into Cash for SCS

If you have an old car, boat, or RV you want to donate for a tax deduction, contact Donate for Charity. They handle all the details, and Sunnyvale Community Services gets the proceeds. Please call toll free (866) 392-4483 or go to www.donateforcharity.com.

SCS Annual Report July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue

Community Support	$592,845
Corporate / Foundation Support	600,303
Government Grants	308,550
United Way	74,575
Other	84,146
Investments / Interest	94,284
In-Kind Donations	1,799,089
Total	**$3,553,792**

Expenses

Program / Client Services	$3,304,479
Support Services	
Management	168,641
Fundraising	181,498
Total	**$3,654,618**

Financial Notes

1. In 2010/11, SCS distributed a record $1,786,079 in in-kind support to low-income clients.
2. SCS distributed $92,276 in one-time federal stimulus funds from the CalWin program during the fiscal year.
3. 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%).
4. Last year we had 8.5 full-time staff. With over 800 volunteers, our annual volunteer hours equaled those of 13.75 full-time employees.
5. The 2010/11 audit was completed by Deborah Daly, CPA, who gave SCS an "unqualified opinion" with no findings. Our annual financial statements are available on the SCS website for anyone to view.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

Total Unduplicated Clients Served

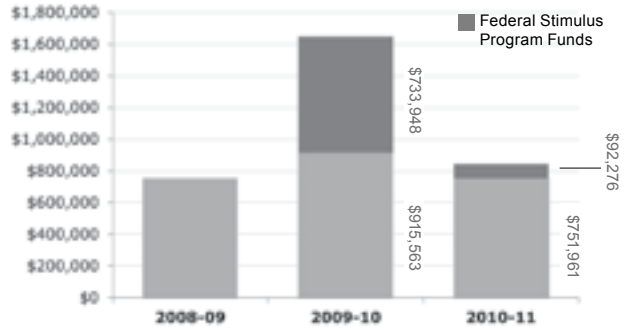
FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
6,860	7,455*	6,909*

Financial Assistance to Clients

Includes financial aid for rent, rental deposits, utility bills, medically-related bills, bus passes, gas vouchers, and pass-through direct assistance.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Cases	958	1,650*	1,405*
Individuals	2,487	4,719*	3,109*
Financial Assistance	$751,520	$1,649,511	$844,237

Financial Assistance

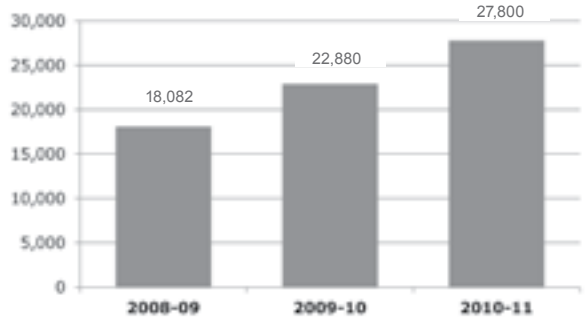


Number of Duplicated Clients/Cases Receiving Food

Includes monthly food and produce programs, daily bread, Kids' Summer Food Program, Emergency/Homeless Food Bags, Bicycles, and other in-kind services.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Food/In-kind Cases	18,082	22,880*	27,800
Individuals	55,334	72,485*	68,733
In-kind Emergency Assistance	$1,184,163	$1,570,118	$1,786,080

Duplicated Food/In-kind Cases



* FY 2009/10 and part of FY 2010/11 included *one-time assistance from federal stimulus funding* through HPRP and Cal-Win programs.

Major Program Contributors

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AMD
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City of Sunnyvale
City of Sunnyvale Employees' Giving Campaign
County of Santa Clara
El Camino Hospital
Emergency Food and Shelter Program
Family Giving Tree
Foster & Adoptive Parent Association
Genentech
Helen Sherman
Hewlett Packard
The Historic Del Monte Building
Homestead High School
Housing Industry Foundation
Housing Trust of Santa Clara County
Hurlbut-Johnson Charitable Trusts
Il Postale Restaurant
Intuitive Surgical
Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara
Vivian and Gregory Krodel
Don Kumamoto and Peggy Wood
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Lockheed Martin Employees' Foundation
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Barbara McClellan Foundation
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NetApp
Nokia
Orchard House Foundation
Ray and Natha Ostby
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SanDisk Corporation
San Francisco Chronicle Season of Sharing
San Jose Grocery Outlet
Satterberg Foundation
Scouting for Food
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
Lois Sibbach
Silicon Valley Community Foundation
Sobrato Family Foundation
Spansion
Specialty Solid Waste and Recycling
St. Martin Church
Trevor & Anne-Marie Strohman
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce
Sunnyvale Community Services Auxiliary
Sunnyvale FISH
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Sunnyvale Rotary Club
Sunnyvale School District
Toys 'R US
Tzi Chi Foundation
Union Bank
United Way Silicon Valley
Village Harvest
Paul & Deborah Whitney
Yahoo! Employee Foundation
YMCA Northwest

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)

James Dudley
Jeannine Feldman
The Grainger Foundation
Diane M. Hagglund
Infinera
Robert Locke
Keith McLaurin & Mary Boyle
Safeway Corporation
Alan Templeton

4 Days = 2000 "meals in a can"

Mary E. Boyle and Keith McLaurin
Marc & Jennifer MERLIN
Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds III
Sunnyvale Elks Lodge/B.P.O.E. #2128
Paul Walkowiak

3 Days = 3,000 quarts of milk

Phillip Basham
Clay Foundation-West
Jim and Judy Duport
Bruce and Vivian Euzent
Bret and Janaan Fuller
William and Carolyn Gross
Dan and Donna Hafeman
Olaf Hirsch and Melinda Hamilton
Richard and Diane Horn
David and Holly Mendel Fund
Tim and Yolanda Risch
Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill
[redacted]
Nancy Tivol

2 Days = 1260 cans of tuna

Anonymous
Rafael & Sarah Alvarez-Horine
Jeffrey Andrews
Valerie Armento
William and Aline Baeck
Charles L. Barndt, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Bernhardt
Christopher and Lucy Cesar
Kenneth and Miriam Clark
Anita Clemetson
Congregational Community Church
Janis Freestone and David Charlton
John and Maya Clifton
Robert Fruehsamer
Donna Fuzeré
James Griffith
Glenn and Cynthia Hendricks
Helen Holder
Jockers Family Foundation
Janet Klein
Philip Kurjan

2 Days (cont.)

Kuykendall's Collision Repair
Gene Lamoreaux
Matthew & Donna Leacock
Jerry and Linda Mar
Lynn Marcus-Wyner
Joseph and Dorian Martinka
Ganapati and Smita Mauze
Maxim
Robert and Kathleen Menifee
Moms Club of Sunnyvale
Paul Murray
Benjamin Newsom
Eileen Paulsen
Robert and Anne Pochowski
PricewaterhouseCoopers San Jose
Thomas Pyle in loving memory of Susan L. Pyle
Curtis McKinney & Julia Rogers
Dennis Rossman
Jeff and Sandra Ruggles
St. Luke Lutheran Church
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Resurrection Conference
Dorothy Shannahan
Raymond & Yvonne Skitt
Flo Stafford, Starlite Storage
Dennis and Jean Stein
Sunnyvale Singers
Michael and Mary Ellen Sweeny
Committee to Elect Ron Swegles in memory of Ron Swegles
Karen Taylor
Toyota Sunnyvale Scion Sunnyvale
Trinity United Methodist Church-Church & Society Committee
John and Asunción Martinez-Wehner
David and Christine Weisner
Brad and Debbie Wetmore
David H. Whittum
Kevin and Grace Witt, and Jewelry Advantage
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.
Howard Baldwin and Monica Delzeit
Stephen and Mary Ellen Barasch
Camille Barnes-Mosley
Ronald Beebe & Diane Wilson
Donna Beres
Marie Bernard and Bruce Paton
Claudia R. Bleyle
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Borrison
Faye Brackett
Mary Bradley
George Brandetsas
James and Madeline Bridges
Ellen Brigham
Jim and Lynn Briody

1 Day (cont.)

Phillip and Laurel Brock
Nicholas and Anna Brosnahan
Harold Brown
Thomas and Judith Cerny
Andrew Chagoya
Elizabeth and Mark Chase
Congregational Community Church Women's Fellowship
Ellyn Corey
Steve Curry
Mark Dal Porto, D.D.S.
James Doran, D.D.S.
Pamela Dunn
Chester E. Elliott
Enterprise Rent-a-Car
Robert & Elizabeth Fickett
Janet Fire
Robin Fisher, Take Flight Graphics
Michael J. and Kelly A. Giannini, CPAs
Steven and Tanis Glass
Fidel Gutierrez
Nancy Handel
Jeffrey and Janet Harp
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Cathy Haynes
Robert Heath
Ray Heraldo
John and Maria Hopkins
Russell and Susan Hull
Hybrid Commercial Printing
IBM
Denis and Dee Imazeki
Ann Infeld
Rayomand Irani
Louis Isbitz
Sally James
In memory of Phyllis Jeckell and Barbara S. Mordy
Joyce Johnson
Kalpatharu Foundation
Denise Kato
Gregory and Sarah Kevin
Javed and Shaheena Khan
Keith and Ellen Kitchen
John and Dee Komas
Ken and Sharon Kunkel
Kenneth & Josie Kwong
Gloria Beasley Lausten
Judith Lawrence
Dr. Daisy H. Lee in Memory of Dr. Kuo-wei Lee
Martin Lee in memory of Linda Lee
Theresa J. Lees
Allen and Amy Maddox
Guy Malcolm
Malleswar Manda in memory of Dr. Ananda Rao Manda
Kevin McGreevey
Don and Irene McMullen
Andrew and Jan Miller
David and Kathy Moore
Justin Moore
Carol L. Morrow

1 Day (cont.)

Douglas Mow
Chris and Julie Moylan
Arthur and Claudia Muller
Glenda and Tom Murray
Russell and Mira Nakano
Srivathsan Narasimhan
Northrop Grumman Marine Systems
Gene and Margaret Oishi
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Judith A. Petroski
Pine Cone Lumber
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St. Timothy Episcopal Church
San Francisco Forty Niners Foundation
Chandramouli Sargor
Arthur Saville III
James & Joan Schulze
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
R. Kehl Sink
Robert N. & Florence Slinger Foundation Fund
Stephen and Lois Smallwood
Larry and Gail Smith
Sandi Spires
Star One Credit Union's Community Involvement Committee
Sunnyvale Service Athletic Club
Biao Tang
Stanley and Teresa Terada
Raymond Tikvica
Susan Twietmeyer
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale - The Social Justice Committee
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
Rose & James Waltz
William Wathen and Gail Hoben
William Weberg
Webroot Software, Inc.
Kyle Welch
Bret White and Suat-Kheng Saw
Katharina and Alistair Woodman
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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, Weekly, Monthly, & Kids' Summer Food & Produce 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

Many Thanks to Alpha Graphics and California Mailing for their discounts, and the Chinese Senior Club of Santa Clara County for assembling and labeling the newsletters.

Newsletter designed and produced by Take Flight graphics

Get into the Holiday Spirit with SCS!

SCS Christmas Auction **Thursday, Dec. 1st, 5 – 7:30 pm**
Bring an unwrapped toy or bag of food, and enjoy food and bidding on unique items and gifts. All proceeds benefit the Community Christmas Center.

Rides for Toys **Sunday, Dec. 4th, 10 am – 1 pm**
Sunnyvale Public Safety will give a ride on a fire engine to each child who donates a new unwrapped toy. Come to the Toys 'R' us parking lot, 130 E. El Camino Real.

Community Christmas Center Open House **Sunday, Dec. 4th, 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.**

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Business is Booming, and That's not Good

Sunnyvale Community Services
725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 408.738.4321
Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

Dear Friend, *November, 2011*

It was Friday at 5:05 pm, and the staff at SCS had just closed the office. We heard a bump at the door, and a child crying. A family of four was outside. The little boy had hit his head on our door. The staff invited them in and gave the two children a snack, and the boy quickly stopped crying. The family had walked almost a mile to our office. *They were homeless. Could we help them with some bus passes and food for the weekend?*

While the SCS caseworkers talked to the parents, the children followed me into the SCS kitchen. *And that's when the two little ones almost broke my heart. The little boy looked up and said: "You have a stove!" and his sister exclaimed: "You have a refrigerator!" Clearly, these children didn't have a kitchen of their own.* ***For a few minutes, SCS was their home.***

The dad was in a paid job-training program, and the mom was pregnant. They were on their way to temporary housing they had found. We loaded them up with as much food as they could carry to the bus stop, and the children each held a donated children's book from our lobby bookcase. The staff arranged for the family to return on Monday morning for further assistance.

Hunger and homelessness are at our doorstop every day here in Sunnyvale. Families and seniors who are trying to make ends meet count on SCS to be there when they need help the most.

We couldn't keep our doors open without you! Thank you for your donations of holiday toys, food, and financial support, and for the many hours of volunteer time you give! When you donate to SCS, you can be confident that your donation stays here in the local community. Every person who comes to SCS is treated with dignity rather than red tape. SCS caseworkers quickly determine what help a family needs, verify information, give emergency food, and send a check to the landlord, utility provider, or doctor that same day.

We hope you will consider making a financial contribution to SCS, at whatever level you are able to give.

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. 4 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.

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation: ☐$25 ☐$50 ☐$100 ☐$500 ☐$1,000 Adopt-A-Day! ☐Other $_____
You can also go online to make your gift: www.svcommunityservices.org

☐ I'd like to make a monthly pledge of $_____ ☐ I'd like to discuss a gift in a will or estate plan

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

United Way
United Way Silicon Valley

Christmas Drive

Sunnyvale Community Services is requesting donations for our Community Christmas Center.

Please drop off food and new, unwrapped gifts as early as possible:
Weekdays now through Dec. 5th from 8:30am-4:30pm, Weekdays from Dec. 6th – 19th from 8am-8pm, and Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1-4pm

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

-Gas Gift Card
-Detergent (30-32 loads)
-Laundry Baskets with Detergents
-Bed Sheets (preferably Full and Queen)
-Cleaning Supplies
-Small Kitchen Appliances: Coffee Maker, Toaster, Small Rice Cooker, Wok
-Toaster Ovens
-Blankets
-Pots & Pans
-Large Crock Pots
-Large Rice Cookers

TEENS (ages 12-18):

-Small Hand Held Games, Radios, MP3 players
-Hoodies Sweatshirts (All Sizes)
-Curling Irons
-Hair Dryers
-Hair Straighteners
-Music Players
-Grooming Items
-Cosmetics
-Wallets and Cosmetic Bags
-Gift Cards for $10 & $15 to Target, Kohl's, Best Buy, Movie Theatres
-Hello Kitty items

TOYS:

-Pirates of the Caribbean
-Transformers
-Soccer, Basketball, Football
-Bratz dolls
-Tinkerbell
-Legos for Ages 7-11
-Hand Held Games
-RC Cars
-Disney Toys
-Easy Bake ovens
-Infant Toys
-Young Girls Nail Polish
-Hair Accessories
-Hello Kitty
-Hoodies for Ages 7-11
-LIV Dolls &Accessories
-Girl Purses

We are especially in need of gifts for ages 7-11

FOOD ITEMS:

-Canned & Dry Soups
-Canned Tuna & Meats
-Cake Mixes
-Pork & Beans
-Instant Coffee
-Taco Shells
-Chili
-Rice (2lb)
-Tapatio
-Pinto Beans (2lb)
-Spaghetti (2lb)
-Peanut Butter
-Jelly
-Mac N Cheese
-Canned Pasta
-Cereals
-Canned Tomato Products
-Salsa

(All toys for infants, children and teens and household gifts should be new and unwrapped)

For more information, please contact My-Dung Tran, Director of Operations & Volunteers, at mtran@svcommunityservices.org or (408) 738-4298.