

# HOMeward BOUND

NEWS FROM THE HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER



## Rebele Family Shelter turns one, with 83 percent of families finding homes

On May 2, the Rebele Family Shelter celebrated its first anniversary. Since opening in 2005, 45 families have completed the shelter program, which provides temporary housing and re-establishment assistance to families with young children. Of those families, 83 percent have since moved into permanent housing. “We feel blessed with the opportunity to have seen this program move from a vision to a viable reality,” says shelter Director Peg Foster. “To date the shelter is close to full and has a steady flow of families coming for assistance, receiving the help they need, and moving on with their lives.”

Residents celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Rebele Family Shelter.

## Loft and hygiene bay plans move forward

The Homeless Services Center (HSC) is one big step closer to launching a remodel of its Day Center hygiene bay that, if all goes according to plan, will also pave the way for a sleeping loft for 44 homeless clients.

A Community Development block grant has been secured to completely remodel the hygiene bay, which serves up to 300 people daily. The project will increase the number of toilets, showers, sinks and laundry stations available at the Coral Street campus (see “Remodel at a Glance,” page 5). “It will make it more sanitary and increase capacity,” says HSC Executive Director Ken Cole.

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–Ken Cole, HSC executive director

In addition to this ground-level remodel, concurrent plans are in the works to add a sleeping loft upstairs, which would provide dormitory-style beds for 14 women and 30 men—approximately the same number that currently sleep in local churches through the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program (ISSP). “This loft is being envisioned as an adjunct to the ISSP church program, due to transportation costs,” Cole explains. “Having the loft on site will make this program more sustainable in the future.”

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## Our Mission

The Homeless Services Center is dedicated to the coordinated provision of services for homeless persons.

The goal of the Homeless Services Center is to provide both emergency and transitional services to homeless individuals and families that will enable our clients to achieve self-sufficiency.

# From the Executive Director:



I didn't anticipate the supportive, inspirational and even poetic messages people sent to the families who would be walking the path.

I grew up watching Judy Garland as Dorothy in the film classic *The Wizard of Oz*. Each year as the movie was replayed on TV, I was enchanted by idea of the Munchkins imploring Dorothy to follow the yellow brick road to the wizard who would help her return home to Kansas.

When the Homeless Services Center embarked on its multi-year capital campaign in 2003 to build a family shelter, we borrowed this idea to create a brick "Pathway Towards Home." For a contribution of \$250 or more, donors could have their names or a message laser-engraved into the bricks that would make up the pathway. We didn't have any Munchkins on the campaign committee, but the good witch must have been guiding us. The "Pathway Towards Home" campaign raised more than \$100,000, and the last of more than 300 bricks will soon be installed.

I often hear Santa Cruz described as "unique." This uniqueness was confirmed for me when local brick-campaign donors sent in their order forms. I expected and greatly appreciated the businesses and individuals who used their bricks to highlight their support of the

shelter or to honor loved ones and friends. But I didn't anticipate the many supportive, inspirational and even poetic messages people sent to the families who would be walking the path.

Some donors quote favorite writers and philosophers, from Walt Whitman to Goethe. Homespun messages range from "A brighter day tomorrow" and "In support of all families" to "May we all build great lives." Others are simple admonitions, such as "Breathe," "Love" and "Kindness to all."

One family summed up their support by writing, "Love and Justice, Dudes, Peace Out." What more can you say?

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have completed the pathway. Please visit and enjoy the variety of messages stretching from the parking lot to the gate of the Rowland and Pat Rebele Family Shelter. Every time I walk past I notice something I hadn't seen before. And I'm sure that you will see something that I haven't. The Munchkins would be proud.

—Ken Cole, Executive Director, Homeless Services Center

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## Staff Profile: Patrick Story

### HSC bids aloha to popular director of the Page Smith Community House

Patrick Story is as well known for his compassionate and effective case-management style as he is for bringing a sense of a community to a population finding its way out of the isolation of homelessness. His holiday parties, community-gardening days and field trips give Page Smith Community House [PSCH] residents a sense of belonging and ownership—sometimes for the first time in their lives—that is considered essential toward their reintegration into society.

“He embodies the community philosophy, the spirit of Page Smith Community House,” says HSC Executive Director Ken Cole. “He does this through his social work, and by using food as a way to bring community together—his barbecues are legendary.”

“The biggest desire in my heart, is to bring people together,” Story says.

In August, and after six and a half productive years at HSC, Story, 47, will pursue his longtime dream of moving to the Big Island of Hawaii.

Having recently completed a master’s degree in social work at John F. Kennedy University, he says he hopes to open a private therapy practice, although he doesn’t think he’ll ever abandon his work with addiction and homelessness, even if it’s in a volunteer capacity.

“I want to help,” he says. “I can empathize.”

**It’s the story of addiction** that he holds

close to his heart. As a lifelong addict who spent some months homeless, Story says it took him five years to get clean and get his life on track. During his recovery he attended therapy, and realized that he wanted to help other addicts. He started out by first volunteering then working through the ranks at Janus, the Santa Cruz-based drug-and-alcohol-rehabilitation program. Meanwhile, he attended college, earning certification as an

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addiction specialist and a bachelor’s degree in humanities with an emphasis on program development for the addicted homeless population at the New College of California, in San Francisco.

He was hired as a case manager at PSCH in 2000.

“It’s really one of a kind in Santa Cruz, there are no other programs like this,” says Story. “We address addiction and mental-health issues here... and form a therapeutic alliance, not give judgment.”

But the best thing about working at PSCH? “Without a doubt, it’s been giving people a place to live that don’t have one,” he says. “Nothing competes with that.”

## Success Story:

What happens when a UCSC grad becomes homeless



**John Amenta seemed an unlikely candidate for homelessness.** A former computer programmer who graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), he held good jobs working in medical technology, space-exploration programs and even on a project for the New York Stock Exchange. But by 2003, a still-down turned economy had left him unemployed, and deepening depression made it difficult for him

to muster the energy to care. Living in San Francisco at the time, Amenta says he could see homelessness ahead but felt powerless to alter the course of his tumble—his savings had run out and his attempts to find work or to get aid through social services in the Bay Area proved fruitless. Without any family to speak of, he had nowhere left to turn.

“I lost my sense of direction.”

— John Amenta, former PSCH resident

**Over the next few months,** Amenta navigated the world of homelessness: he drove to Santa Cruz and lived in his car; he learned where to get food, clean up and to do laundry. During the day he read voraciously, quietly occupying a back table in a local coffeehouse, hoping not to be noticed. But the isolation and reality of his situation

began to wear on him.

“I was tired and feeling like ‘what am I doing? Where am I going?’ I was just lost—I lost my sense of direction,” he says. “I started sliding from life.”

“He was severely depressed,” recalls Patrick Story, director of the Page Smith Community House. “He had reached out before and ... not gotten the help he needed, and was feeling let down by the system.”

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### Getting a lifeline

Amenta, 43, is an intelligent and engaging man with alert green eyes. He relays an analogy he remembers Story telling him that summed up his sense of helplessness during that period. “It’s like you’re drifting out to sea, and you keep thinking that someone on the beach will see you and send help, but you try to get their attention, and you keep drifting further out, and nobody notices,” he says. “That’s exactly what it was like.”

Amenta got in at the River Street Shelter, and after three months was eligible to move into Page Smith Community House. The structure and camaraderie provided a lifeline to pull himself back into shore. “What I think really benefited him [here] was the community element,” Story says. “Homelessness is very isolating. And that isolation can lead to, or exacerbate, depression.”

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– Patrick Story

“John also really took advantage of the case management,” he adds. “Just having someone hear him was a big part that was missing.”

### A fresh start

In January, Amenta, who found work in the registrar’s office at UCSC, moved into a one-bedroom apartment on campus reserved for university employees. His neat, modern home is sparsely but carefully decorated—posters from his favorite movies adorn the walls, and he was able to retrieve a television that he once stored in a friend’s garage. But the centerpiece is the impressive collection of books. Literary anthologies, books on cosmology, J.R.R. Tolkien, Anais Nin, Robert Frost, Carl Jung, a biography of Theodore Roosevelt—there are dozens and dozens of titles. “I did a lot of reading while I was homeless,” he says.

Amenta says he’s not sure what the future holds—he doesn’t think he’ll go back to computer programming. For now he’s enjoying having a home, a steady job and a normal life.

“Page Smith [Community House] really helped me get back on my feet,” he says. “I don’t know what would have happened to me. Maybe I just had to be helped [and] find some people on the shore saying, ‘We’re going to be there.’”

## Supporter spotlight: Sisters make a difference

**The Imboden sisters of Scotts Valley were raised to give charitably.** Each year Abby (15), Maggie (10) and Genevieve (8) pool their resources and, instead of giving holiday gifts to their parents, make a material contribution to a local cause. One year they made blankets for the New Horizons School. This year the recipient was the Rebele Family Shelter. In April, the girls donated about \$110 worth of toiletries in five portable gift bags.

“We decided to give toiletries because we thought it would be something that other people wouldn’t have thought of before,” says Abby. “And we wanted to give them in portable bags so that people could carry them around with them.”

“They came up with this idea on their own,” says the girls’ mother, Cathy. “It’s not the first time they’ve donated to shelters around the county. But they decided to do this for the family shelter.

“[Giving charitably] is a regular part of our lives,” Cathy continues, “but it’s nice for them to see that the tangible things make a difference, too.”

### Your donations matter!

Material donations provide the hands-on essentials that directly help people who use HSC’s services. If you are looking for ways to make a difference, consider a gift of material goods. Here are some ideas:

KITCHEN SERVICES:	REBELE FAMILY SHELTER:	PAGE SMITH COMMUNITY HOUSE:
Two-to-three-shelf rolling cart	Disposable diapers	Small sofas
Coffee grinder	Baby wipes	Small living room chairs
Commercial can opener	Baby formula	New or slightly used twin sheets, blankets and pillows
Small table with locking drawer	New shampoo	Small nightstands
Knives	Bar soap	Small lamps
Blender	Blankets	Small cutting boards
<b>DAY CENTER:</b>	Bedspreads	Bath towels
Blankets	New pillows	New or lightly used curtains
Bath towels	Mattress pads (full and twin)	Small bookshelves
Laundry soap	Laundry soap	Personal hygiene products
Personal hygiene supplies	Cleaning supplies	Laundry soap
Laundry bags	Vacuums (new)	Canned food (esp. protein, soups, stews)
Diapers	Room fans	
Toilet paper		

*If you want to make a material donation or have any questions, please call 458.6020, ext. 2123.*

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It won't, however, increase services or the number of people on campus, he adds.

"We're not expanding our services," he says. "We're just adding to the way we service this particular group of people."

**On June 1 HSC filed for a modification** of the site's current special-use permit, to allow it to use the space overnight. Now it must be voted on by the local planning commission, and a public hearing will be held so neighbors can weigh-in with their thoughts and questions. Construction could begin as early as late summer and be completed by the end of the year.

Habitat for Humanity has offered to provide the construction service for the loft, free of charge, and HSC looking for donations of construction materials. "It will be done Habitat-style, with minimal cost or overhead," Cole says.

The hygiene-bay construction will be put out to bid and paid for with the grant.

## Remodel at a Glance

**The remodel will increase the hygiene bay's basic facilities, allowing HSC to better serve approximately 250-300 clients who use the services each day.**

	NOW	PROPOSED
Toilets	3	4 + 1 urinal
Showers	3	6
Sinks	2	6
Grooming station	0	6
Washing machines	2	3
Dryers	4	6

## Correction:

In our April issue we mistakenly identified donor Tom Lehmkuhl. We apologize for the error.

# HSC Answers:

## How do you handle panhandlers?

We've all faced this situation: You're going about your errands—buying groceries, filling your gas tank—and there, on your path, is a homeless man or woman asking, "Spare any change?"

At this point you have to make a decision. Do you fish out the loose change in your pocket or purse and drop it into the outstretched hand? Do you look away and mumble "sorry, no" as you hurry past? Or do you stop and talk to the person, perhaps buy him something to eat?

Most of us have done either one or some combination of the above. But most people admit that when it comes to panhandlers, they're not sure they are doing the right thing.

Ken Cole, HSC executive director, says how to handle someone soliciting money is one of the most frequent questions he receives. Unfortunately, there are no easy answers.

Whether or not you choose to give is a personal decision—and one that you should feel confident about either way. "If you do give, just give freely," he advises. "Once you give that dollar away, feel good about it. It's a charitable act."

By the same token, if you don't feel right about giving, don't worry that the person can't get help. "If they are panhandling, they know where all the services are," Cole says.

Here are some guidelines to consider before deciding if—or when—to give to a panhandler:

- **Have a plan.** Knowing ahead of time how you will deal with a solicitation is the best way to avoid an awkward moment. If you notice a panhandler waiting outside a storefront, take a few seconds and decide how you will handle the situation before you approach the store.
- **Don't allocate a handout.** "People say, 'I want to give but I don't want [my money] to go for alcohol or drugs.' I point out that there are no guarantees where that money will go," Cole says. However, he adds that in general, handouts "are not going to be spent on something that is going to help the person."
- **Healthy food helps more than cash.** "If you really want to give, buy them an apple or a turkey sandwich," Cole advises. "If they can't use it at that moment, they will give it to someone who can."
- **Respect laws and businesses, even if panhandlers don't.** It's illegal (and dangerous) to panhandle on road meridians, and it's a nuisance to solicit money outside of stores. "This is an activity that's very hard on businesses," Cole says. "Those merchants and industries deserve our help, not promotion of that activity."
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Take note of where you are and who is around before ever stopping and taking out your wallet.
- **Be wise to a scam.** If you're asked for a specific amount for a bus ticket or a new car battery, be wary. Such requests are inevitably a scam.
- **If you stop to talk, be willing to give.** In the world of panhandling, talking is a social exchange. In exchange for telling you their story, panhandlers expect something in return. If you don't intend on giving, don't engage them in conversation.
- **Give where it will count.** If you really want to give in a way that will help the homeless, donate money or goods to organizations working to provide safe shelter, nutritious meals, health care and other services.

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## 115 Coral Street Update

### HSC Food Services Department

In April and May, we served 8,525 meals at the Rebele Family Shelter and 17,330 meals in the Day Center. On Mother's Day, Kitchen Manager Teresa Scott and her family made homemade tamales for breakfast. The staff also served a special Father's Day breakfast. We continue to look for a good source of dairy products.

### Day Center and Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program (ISSP)

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### Rebele Family Shelter

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### Page Smith Community House

We've had many residents move into housing this past quarter, averaging about three per month. And several have scored high on a lottery for the Seacliff Highlands affordable-housing project being developed in Aptos. Those units should be ready sometime later this summer.

We've enjoyed many community events, including outings to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the San Francisco Zoo, both of which were generously donated. These events help to foster a sense of community and hope, which in turn supports our residents in their journeys towards recovery.

## Programs of the Homeless Services Center

### Rebele Family Shelter

Emergency housing for up to 28 families for up to six months. The shelter provides family suites, three meals per day, children's indoors and outdoor play areas, a classroom/meeting room, a central lounge on each floor and laundry facilities. Adults receive counseling, health-care and job-assistance support, and children attend area schools.

### Day Center

An on-site day program providing basic services to homeless individuals, such as morning and evening meal service, laundry, mail facilities, showers and social-service referrals.

### Page Smith Community House

A transitional-housing program for 40 single male and female adults for up to 18 months. Eight co-housing units, individual and group counseling, referrals for social services, job placement and other resources help homeless individuals transition into self-sufficiency.

### Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program (ISSP)

Emergency-shelter service and a hot meal for 45 homeless men, women and children at 17 area churches, 365 days per year. Private donations provide screening, van service to and from the sites, and an overnight monitor in each facility.

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# Summer 06: News from the Homeless Services Center

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### Soupline Supper hits a \$53,000 home run



Civic leaders man the soup station.

Some 375 people enjoyed more than 80 gallons of donated soup and other fixings from Santa Cruz County's finest eateries, at the Homeless Services Center's (HSC) popular Soupline Supper. The event was held April 27 at Holy Cross Church's beautiful Parish Hall, and featured the "expert" ladling services of community leaders such as Cynthia Matthews, Neal and Ryan Coonerty, Tom Brezsny, Mardi Wormhoudt and others.

This year's supper was the biggest yet, netting more than \$53,000 in tickets and gift sponsorships. "It was beyond our expectations," says HSC's Executive Director Ken Cole. "It reflects that people enjoy the event and want to help HSC through sponsorship."

### Foster Pet Care Needed

When a family becomes homeless, what to do with a family pet presents a huge challenge. Animals are not allowed at shelters, and for children especially, the loss of a beloved dog or cat (or iguana or rabbit) can be devastating in the midst of so much other instability. Knowing that their pets are safe in temporary "foster" care is a big burden off the minds of kids at the Rebele Family Shelter. And the joy of reuniting with Buster or Fluffy after many months can go a long way toward returning a sense of normalcy to a young family trying to get back on its feet.



*To find out more about acting as a temporary foster pet-caregiver for a family at the Rebele Family Shelter, please call Peg Foster at 458.6020, ext. 1106.*