

# HOMeward BOUND

## News from the Homeless Services Center

Page Smith Community House \* Rebele Family Shelter \* Paul Lee Loft Shelter  
Day Resource Center \* Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program

Summer 2008

## Teresa's story includes you...

Before moving into Page Smith Community House, "Teresa" had been homeless for more than four years. She first made contact with the Homeless Services Center through our Day Center and began participating in our meal program. She also received her mail at the Day Center.

The Day Center staff connected Teresa to our church-based Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program. She was a regular participant in the ISSP program for many months...and then she applied to live at our Page Smith Community House transitional housing program.

She moved into Page Smith 10 months ago, where she benefited from the support of our case management staff and from the clean and sober living environment. Because she lived with four other women in a Page Smith unit, Teresa gained important independent living skills and built new social connections. She was also able to save money (Teresa was able to receive disability income for a physical challenge) and after nine months she had enough for a "first and last month" rent payment and deposit.

Last month, she moved into her own studio apartment...and she is successfully living on her own. Your donation to the Homeless Services Center helped make this happen...and your donations continue to make a difference.

## Paul Lee Loft Shelter Now Open —for 46

The new Paul Lee Loft Shelter has 14 beds for women and 32 beds for men in the loft above



our freshly renovated hygiene center. This means that PLLS residents have showers

and laundry facilities immediately adjacent to their dormitory rooms. The Loft Shelter provides shelter for clients that had previously been bused to and housed at many generous and caring ISSP churches throughout Santa Cruz County. The rapid rise in transportation costs made the church-based program difficult to sustain.

ISSP faith communities continue to support our shelter programs through the provision of weekend shelter meals, donations, and recreational activities. Families with children needing emergency shelter will continue to be housed at ISSP churches and at the Rowland and Pat Rebele Family Shelter.

The Loft Shelter is named for long-time homeless advocate and philanthropist Paul Lee, who helped initiate the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program more than 20 years ago.



## Generous Golfers Gather

### Golf Tourney on October 1 Benefits Homeless Families at Rebele Family Shelter

Our friends from New Horizons School, the school for homeless children that recently closed its doors, have decided to transform their annual benefit golf tournament into a benefit for the Rebele Family Shelter. The tournament will begin "shotgun" style at noon on Wednesday, October 1 at Delaveaga Golf Course. Your donation of \$175 (or \$600 for a foursome) entitles you to 18 holes, a raffle, and appetizers and refreshments. We still have room for more players...if you'd like to join in the fun and support a great cause. Please contact Janice Zappa at 457-5003 ext.2122 or Martha Andersen at 688-1090 to sign up or to learn more about the tournament.

## HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER

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## How we served the homeless in 2007

In the year 2007, the Homeless Services Center succeeded in both providing essential services and assisting families and individuals to move out of homelessness.

- More than 50 families successfully moved from the Rebele Family Shelter to longer term housing.
- More than 25 individuals successfully moved from the Page Smith Community House to longer term housing.
- We provided over 20,000 nights of shelter at the National Guard Armory and at local churches.
- Nearly 500 Day Center clients enrolled in either our employment program or case management, thereby improving their situation.
- Our shower and laundry facilities were used more than 25,000 times.
- We served more than 140,000 nutritious meals to families and individuals.

*Your donations to the Homeless Services Center make all of this possible!*

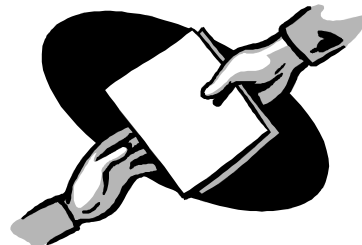
## Better than ever...

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Soupline Supper** and Benefit Auction on May 8 was a smashing success, breaking all previous attendance records with more than 450 people attending and more than 50 volunteers assisting. Nearly 40 restaurants and bakeries donated food and beverages. We also had our most successful silent auction ever, with more than 100 items donated by local businesses and individuals. The event raised over \$65,000 to support our mission of providing emergency and transitional services to homeless families and individuals.



## How to leave a lasting gift

Earlier this year, the Homeless Services Center launched our new **Legacy Society** for supporters that have included HSC in their will or other estate plans. If you would like to ensure that our services are available to families and individuals in need in the years ahead, please name the Homeless Services Center in your estate plan...and become a member of our Legacy Society.



### New HSC staff ...give them a call

**Stacey Plant** is our new Fundraising Coordinator. Please contact Stacey if you have questions about donations to the Homeless Services Center and its programs. Phone: 458-6020 ext. 2101. Her email address is [splant@scshelter.org](mailto:splant@scshelter.org)

**Sean O'Meara** is our new Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Sean if you're interested in doing volunteer work at HSC. Phone: 458-6020 ext. 1104. His email address is [volunteers@scshelter.org](mailto:volunteers@scshelter.org)

Legacy Society members receive invitations to special events and are recognized regularly in our semiannual newsletter. It costs nothing to join—all you have to do is commit to naming HSC as one of the beneficiaries of your estate plan. If you'd like to join or learn more, please return the enclosed card or go online to [www.scsshelter.org](http://www.scsshelter.org) and click on "Legacy Society" or call Stacey at 458-6020, extension 2101.