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SSHHS's Newest Program Full Service Rehousing Shelter

Sacramento County is funding a partnership between Sacramento Self-Help Housing and Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance to administer a new scattered-site shelter program. SSHH is expecting to manage 15 houses with 5 clients at each property, which adds up to a total of 75 beds.

The purpose of this program is to serve disabled and chronically homeless community members in Sacramento County. They are the individuals who have been homeless for years on the riverbank and other locales. While staying at the shelter for an indeterminate amount of time, clients will work with a case manager to help themselves overcome individual barriers and get connected with



appropriate systems of care. The goal is to give clients the attention and tools necessary to move into permanent housing.

SSHHS's Interim Housing Department already has one house ready to go!

February's Hospitality Week



This month, we participated in a social media partnership with various service providers—Loaves & Fishes, Women's Empowerment, Harm Reduction Services, TLCS, Inc., and Wellspring Women's Center. In the span of a week, we shared each organization's post on Facebook to highlight how each of our organizations demonstrates hospitality. Sacramento Self Help Housing decided to feature our dedicated volunteers at Friendship Park.

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Housing Navigation in Stockton Raymond & DeWitt

Raymond and his caregiver, DeWitt, were just housed earlier this month!

After having been assaulted by their previous landlord, Raymond and DeWitt lost their housing and were receiving services from Saint Mary's shelter in Stockton. The pair were having trouble finding a place and were referred to our Housing Locator, Bryan Kenney, in late July, 2017. "These clients had been denied housing in the past and were getting pretty discouraged." says Kenney.

Raymond and DeWitt wasted no time to attend and complete our Ready to Rent training. "They were among the most enthusiastic and interactive students in the class!"

After months of searching, Kenney successfully found a property manager in Stockton named Verna. She empathized with Raymond and DeWitt's situation and



offered to rent a 2-bedroom house to the pair and waive the application fee. "The next day, I brought them to see the house and meet Verna," says Kenney, "They loved the place so much, they were already planning their 4th of July BBQ."

Congratulations to Raymond and DeWitt!

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—Bryan Kenney,
SSHH Housing
Locator

February's Hospitality Week (continued)

SSHH has 10 different housing counseling locations across Sacramento County, but the Outreach Office at Friendship Park is the only location that is completely staffed by volunteer housing counselors. Three days a week, countless homeless individuals line up to see them! This year, with a new volunteer on board, we opened up housing counseling at the nearby Delaney Center. It is accessible for families who wish to bring their children with them (only adults are allowed into Friendship Park). Our housing counseling

volunteers take time out of their week to listen to and find solutions for our guests' housing crisis. We are eternally grateful for the work and guidance that our volunteers provide. Thank you to our volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Community Outreach Department.



A Message from Our Community Outreach Director

The last days of winter shelter are upon us. The HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) winter shelters are coming to an end, and the Sacramento County Winter Sanctuary's last day is expected to be April 2, 2018.

This is a difficult time for all of us—clients, providers and community members alike. We wish there was more we could do for the homeless individuals and families, and in some cases there are but not for all of them. Many will go back out to the streets.

I know that our SSHH Navigators, Jefflyne, Toni, and Randy, are all doing what they can to assist. Alas, there are no quick fixes for many of the homeless. Many programs and resources are limited in availability. We have to continue developing housing programs for our communities.

At SSHH, we do have some new programs coming up. The new 15-house project (as highlighted on page 1) probably will be up and operating in April.

As a donor or supporter of our mission, you can help by referring appropriate houses for us to rent in SSHH programs. Over the years, we have developed a strong relationship with landlords. We demonstrate continued success in house management and client services. If you have a prospect, please refer them to our Housing Acquisition Specialist, Patti Uplinger, at puplinger@sacselfhelp.org.

As a community, we must continue to advocate for more affordable and accessible housing.

It is easy to become discouraged, but each HART group, provider, and donor should be proud of what they have helped to accomplish this winter. Let us continue with our progress.

If you are not already involved in HART or SSHH, and would like to help create community change, contact us.

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Upcoming HART Meetings

Rancho Cordova HART

Thursday, March 15, 2018 12PM
Sun River Church, Rancho Cordova

Carmichael HART

Thursday, March 15, 2018 6:00PM
Christ Community Church, Carmichael Room M2

HART of Folsom

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 6:30PM
Harbor Church, Folsom

Citrus Heights HART

Thursday, March 22, 2018 12PM
Holy Family Church, Citrus Heights

Elk Grove HART

Thursday, April 12, 2018, 4:00PM
Elk Grove City Council Chamber



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