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HAPPY HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Thank you all for your time, talents and financial support as we come alongside the unhoused throughout the year, and especially this holiday season. Your gifts make the difference for many who need extra care and support in their lives. United, we are strong and effective. In the last six weeks alone, three more individuals have been provided safe, transitional housing and professional case management services to help them transform their circumstances! Thank you!!



Your Winter Shelter Needs You!

A huge thank you to all who are serving! All shifts must be covered for us to open on Tuesday, January 2. We still have a few openings each for Morning Team, Intake, Welcome Team, Storage Pod and Weekend Drivers - we would love for you to join us in this important service to our unhoused neighbors in Folsom. "This is the best rest I've had for a long time," and "Thank you for providing a place where I can rest and think clearly," are some comments from our guests in 2023.

Please sign up here: [Folsom Winter Shelter](#)

Most weekly shifts take just 90 minutes and training is provided.

Questions? Contact Bev Siess: cyclinggirl@att.net or 530-306-6484.

JOIN THE HART OF FOLSOM BOARD!!

The HART of Folsom Board of Directors has an opening for a Board Director! The board meets the third Tuesday of each month from 5pm-7pm, and the commitment to attend each meeting is essential. If you would like to serve on the HART of Folsom Board for a term of three years, we hope to hear from you!



Please email janiekypa@hartoffolsom.org to receive an application. The board will review applications in early December and notify applicants by Friday, December 20th. Interviews will take place the first week of January, and the first day of service will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Thank you for considering joining the HART of Folsom Board!



Monthly Volunteer Highlight!

Lynn and Janna LePage

HART volunteers come from all over our distinctive city and Lynn saw the need of the unhoused in our park system, while he was working at the City of Folsom for 33 years. Lynn saw plans to assist the younger community members and our seniors but unfortunately no planning occurred for our unhoused community. Therefore volunteering with HART provided a way for him to assist with finding a solution to a challenging

problem. Lynn says that HART has done a good job at collaborating at all levels of our community, regional, and state. Additionally, he states that HART has developed sister programs in neighboring communities so that each area has a similar service, helping to keep people from traveling to a neighboring community.

Janna saw a growing need in our community overall through her experience caring for the unhoused in healthcare. Janna has always felt that God has called her to serve others, and with her experience in public health and case

management, she has been able to volunteer her time with HART.

They both joined HART seven years ago as volunteers for the winter shelter after hearing the call to action from Folsom Telegraph. Janna says that HART has done an admirable job providing transitional housing, which also provides steps and resources for wraparound services to our clients.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved and match your unique gifts and talents with the needs of the program. Many volunteers have told both of them that they are surprised that they have received more benefit from their service to others than they anticipated. We are always looking for new people with new talents and ideas.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Lilli Duval at lilliduval@gmail.com.

HART Transitional Housing Update

HART is developing a new quarterly social program for our transitional housing clients that will provide fun activities throughout the year to enrich their lives. We are looking for volunteers to help implement this program. If you have an interest, please contact Lilli Duval at lilliduval@gmail.com.



Client Success Story Updates

The benefits of professional case management and volunteer support for our clients are quite visible! One of our clients will be moving from transitional housing to independent housing soon. Another client found full time work shortly after being placed in our transitional housing and is truly enjoying the job. An additional client is actively engaging in improved family relationships. And, another client is receiving medical care that had been deferred until placement in our program. All of HART's clients are working, saving money, and making positive strides towards self-sufficiency and independence!

Kind regards,
Your Team at HART

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