



HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY

Folsom Lake Rotary

presented HART with a check for \$1,000.00 on March 6, 2024! Their generosity is greatly appreciated and 100% of the funds will be used to care for our unhoused neighbors in Folsom.



Thank you Folsom Lake Rotary!

Come one, come all, to **HART's general meeting on April 2, 2024, at 6:30 pm**
Oak Hills Church, 1100 Blue Ravine Rd,



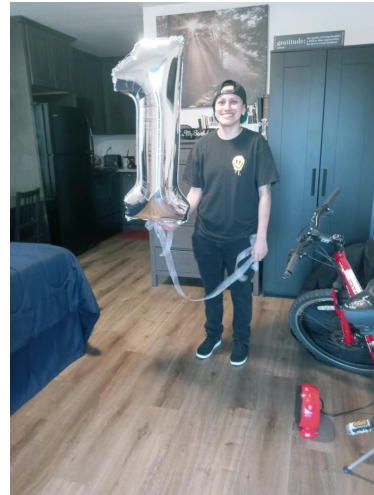
Folsom, CA 95630, Room 201.

Councilwoman Anna Rohrbough will be our guest speaker, and HART's programs, current goals, and vision for the future will be addressed. We hope to see you there, and please extend our invitation to family and friends in the community!

Monthly HART Highlight!

We are very pleased to have Gina Godoy on our team, as she recently completed her program with HART and is now a volunteer, helping us with the website, fundraising, and social media.

Gina had lost her job in parks and recreation, her housing, her car, and ultimately her freedom. With the help of God, she google searched "homeless shelter" and contacted the first number listed which was HART. Gina patiently waited for a room to become available at the Bidwell Studios. Within a month's time she was housed and the rest is history.



Gina states, "I think transitional housing is truly a blessing for the unhoused folks in the community. It is meant to be a temporary solution to a seemingly long term problem. The program helped me transition from being homeless to being housed." She recommends HART to others who have the same need and says to give it a chance, as she thinks HART is a great non-profit. Additionally, she said to not be afraid to ask for help from your HART case manager because that's what they are there for. Gina says providing case managers to clients could be a real game changer for the program and its success.

And Then There Were Nine

We are excited to welcome Vijay Jonnalagadda to the HART of Folsom board! He has been living in Folsom since 2002 and has raised two children



here, who are both now in college. Thanks to his empathetic nature for all fellow humans, he would like to help everyone for as long as they need it, and as long as he is able.

After moving to the USA from India 27 years ago, he has volunteered by donating blood, is on the library commission, founded and led several Indian cultural organizations, volunteered at the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, and HART of Folsom. He loves HART of Folsom because it positively impacts the lives of the unhoused. Personally he believes that no human should have to live on the streets in this age and time when human civilization is at its best in history.

Vijay would like to thank HART of Folsom for giving him the opportunity to serve on the board where he hopes to contribute to its good work.

Fundraising in 2024 is moving forward!

Committees for Big Day of Giving and the first annual “Holidays with HART” event are well underway! Big Day of Giving is May 2, 2024 and “Holidays with HART” will be at the Folsom Community Center on November 16, 2024. There are plenty of opportunities to help. If you’d like to be a part of the fundraising team, email HART’s Fundraising Chair, Eric Gifford, ericgifford@hartoffolsom.org. Thank you!!



2024 Winter Shelter Update

Wow! The 2024 Folsom Winter Shelter finished on Sunday morning, March 3. It’s been an honor to be with our guests as well as our volunteers (both HART and host).

It truly does take a village to do the shelter each year, and our guests feel the kindness from our city, each individual, each group, and each business who

provided their village-ness. This tremendous expression of love and care when we come together every winter with our friends who are struggling is a great gift. Thank you all for your sacrifice of time, energy and support!

**Kind regards,
Your Team at HART**

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