



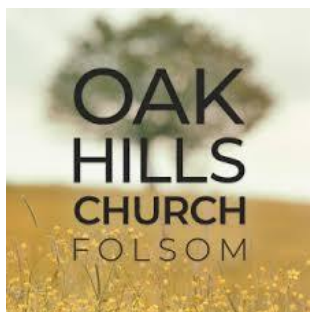
Folsom Pro Rodeo 2024

On behalf of HART Of Folsom, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for volunteering at the Folsom Rodeo in July. It is the selfless dedication of volunteers like you that empowers HART of Folsom to provide essential services such as transitional housing and winter shelter to those in need in our community.

Your time, generosity, and energy, especially during the scorching heat, are deeply appreciated.



Please take care and stay healthy during this hot season.



Housing Folsom Lake College Students

HART of Folsom is excited to partner with **Oak Hills Church and Folsom Lake College** to provide transitional housing with professional case management to unhoused Folsom Lake College Students.

HART's vision for this project crystallized upon learning that the population of unhoused students at Folsom Lake College increased significantly in the past few years. To date, there are 77 unhoused students at Folsom Lake College. These students are working diligently to complete their college course work while couch surfing, sleeping in cars, storage units, or in tents.

Five years ago, HART and Oak Hills Church joined hands to reduce homelessness in Folsom by helping those in our community who were marginalized and without a home. This was accomplished by Oak Hills Church providing housing units on their campus for the clients of HART's Transitional

Housing Program. Building on the success of our partnership, today we share a goal to expand housing on the Oak Hills Campus by converting a modular office building into five studio apartments.

Once completed, the new transitional housing units on Oak Hills Church Campus will house female students from Folsom Lake College in need of safe shelter. These students will be clean and sober and willing to work a minimum of 12-20 hours a week. We are grateful that Folsom Lake College is working with us to reduce homelessness in Folsom by referring potential clients.

The focus of our transitional housing program is to help those who are striving to change their circumstances before trauma becomes deeply ingrained. Our objective is to stabilize the students for approximately six months to eight months while providing professional case management through First Steps Communities. Our purpose is to help individuals today and prevent long term homelessness tomorrow.

HART's Holiday Festival on November 16, 2024, is the launch for the remodeling project on Oak Hills Church Campus. It's at the Folsom Community Center from 12 pm to 7 pm. This event will have fabulous live music, a multi-cultural food court, discounted drinks, wonderful holiday shopping, and the entry fee is only \$5. Please mark your calendars and share the event with family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone who participates in Hart's holiday kick-off celebration will make a big difference in the lives of those who are willing and able to change their circumstances. We hope you will join us!





HART's Holiday Festival in November

\$5 Entry Passes Available [HERE](#)



Monthly Volunteer Highlight

Christine Canelo

Before Christine moved to Folsom, she began volunteering with her church for HART of Carmichael. When she moved to Folsom, she went to a HART meeting and signed up to be involved. She's been involved for over four years now. Volunteering for HART helps Christine contribute to bettering her own community as well as meeting great folks along the way. It gives her a sense of purpose.

She grew up in a "volunteering family"; her parents were always involved with volunteering while she was growing up and she has followed their example since she was in college. She is encouraged by HART's expansion of its transitional housing with professional case management for our unhoused neighbors. The other volunteers she's met have become friends.

Christine says, "By working with the other volunteers and our unhoused neighbors, one definitely receives more than one gives. Fundraising and making connections in the community has only enhanced the experience."



Next HART General Meeting Scheduled

We are delighted to have our local Assemblyman, **Josh Hoover**, as the guest speaker at our next General Meeting.

It'll be a most informative evening. Please join us on September 25, 2024, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Oak Hills Church Family Auditorium.



Fun Teams for the Holiday Festival

Are underway! **Our next meeting** is Saturday, August 17th from 10 am - 11 am, Oak Hills Church, Room B-1. Hope to see you there!

If you enjoy reaching out to businesses for sponsorships or acquiring event vendors we need you! If you enjoy marketing and being creative, we would love for you to join our teams! If you'd like the opportunity to think outside of the box please join our fundraising team and email HART's Event Manager, Vijay Jonnalagadda, jvbrao@gmail.com. Thank you!

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