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Collaboration Key to a Successful Future

Local agencies work together to provide the best possible support for those in need

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AGENCIES HELPS EVERYONE

The current economic situation has made funding unpredictable and resources scarce for many non-profit organizations (NPO's). Previously stable sources of revenue from private foundations, federal, state and local budgets, and even private donors are being chipped away, threatening NPO's that are not willing or able to adapt to this changing landscape.

Community Human Services has felt this pinch especially through our federal funding sources.

For instance, we received word in November that two of our Runaway and Homeless Youth grants would be cut by over 6%, a result of the Budget Control Act of 2011. These types of across-the-board cuts are challenging NPO's in all sectors. Health and human services, education, the arts, athletics, and virtually every organization paid for in full or part by grants or donations could be affected by these cuts.

One positive outcome of this situation is that it is inspiring organizations to create new relationships and strengthen existing relationships with other entities that share a part of their mission. The collaborations that result tighten an organization's mission, decrease the number of overlapping services being offered, provide a better continuum of care for clients and lay the framework for long, mutually beneficial relationships that help everyone involved.

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Safe Place Open House Friday January 24th, 2014 from 2:00-5:00

On Friday, January 24th, from 2:00-5:00pm, Community Human Services' Safe Place will hold an open house at 590 Pearl Street in downtown Monterey. The afternoon will feature tours of Safe Place, interaction with staff and clients, information about the services provided,

SAFE PLACE



food, beverages, and youth-made crafts and artwork available for purchase. All proceeds raised will benefit our clients directly.

Safe Place attempts to identify at-risk youth, provide them basic aid, offer safe exits from the street, and reduce their risk of harm. We provide food, clothing, temporary shelter, a 24-hour helpline, street outreach, crisis resolution counseling, family reunification or alternate placement, education about sexual safety and violence, substance abuse prevention and intervention, information and referrals, and aftercare.

Call 831-373-4421 to learn more about Safe Place and how you can become involved.

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CHS has long prided itself on our utilization of available community resources in meeting the needs of our clients, and staff routinely works hand in hand with a host of local agencies. Linkages are maintained by our participation in local collaborative groups, including the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, Silver Star Resource Center, Community Action Partnership, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Collaborative, United Way Council of Executives, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Chil-

dren's Council, Community Corrections Partnership, and others.

We are also highly collaborative with other organizations and individuals, including the Monterey County Office of Education, the cities of Monterey, Salinas, Seaside, Marina, and Pacific Grove, the Monterey County Youth Employment Program (One-Stop Career Center), the Kinship Center, Department of Social Services, the Probation Department, Family Courts and the Behavioral Health Department,

as well as nonprofit organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, Turning Point, Sunrise House, SecondChance Youth Program, Catholic Charities, the Rape Crisis Center, Planned Parenthood, the Food Bank of Monterey County, Door to Hope, Sun Street Centers, Salvation Army, YMCA, Shelter Outreach Plus, Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services (CCHAS), church and service groups, and loyal volunteers.

CHS is financially secure and committed to providing

the same level of service we have for almost half a century. Varied funding sources and long-term relationships we have built with other individuals and organizations place us on solid financial footing. We are looking towards the future with a sense of optimism and a belief that together, with our supporters and with the help of other local agencies, we will be able to provide people of all ages with the tools and support to overcome their challenges and create lasting change in their lives.

Safe Passage: Transitional Living Program a "Sanctuary & Safe Haven"

Safe Passage is a drug and alcohol free transitional housing and supportive services program located in downtown Monterey. The facility is a renovated former family home with six beds for homeless young men and women ages 18 to 21 and youth aging out of foster care. Residents may stay in the program for 18 to 24 months while they receive counseling, case management and life skills training with the goal of becoming self-sufficient adults.

Safe Passage has successfully been in operation for over four years, is the only program of its kind in Monterey County and has helped fill a gap in services for Monterey's most vulnerable residents. The program provides residents with food, clothing, bus passes, bedding and towels, toiletries, and household cleaning supplies. These items help meet residents' basic needs and contribute toward a stable living environment, which in turn allows residents to go to work, attend school and learn to run and care for a household. A Program Coordinator provides on-site supportive services and guides residents in completing their learning plans.

The following testimonial is from "Laurel," a Safe Passage resident.

Safe Passage Transitional Housing Program has tremendously helped my life. My name is Laurel and I am a 20 year old girl who has struggled all her life. I've never had a stable home or family and Safe Passage provides security and guidance for me. I couldn't imagine what my life would be like without this phenomenal program.

I grew up in a broken home with my drug-addicted mother and younger brother. I've been abused physically and emotionally, surrounded by bad influences and ill fortune. My mother unintentionally taught me to avoid responsibility. I was poverty stricken, and took to desperation and depression. I soon used drugs as an outlet, or a way to escape. I ceased to attend school and started getting arrested multiple times. I was admitted to a rehabilitation program that gave me my life back but I had no idea how to be an adult. I lacked direction and resources to improve my quality of life so they suggested I apply for Safe Passage.



LAUREL AT SAFE PASSAGE

At Safe Passage I've been given a warm house to come home to. If I can't afford food, then they have cabinets I can choose from instead of starving. I'm administered dental work that's greatly needed. This program is my sanctuary and safe haven. The staff are always friendly, considerate, and available.

Currently I am receiving help getting into a culinary school and getting my G.E.D. I am being taught money management skills as well as rental laws and taxes. I am being walked through being a young adult and given preparation for the future which is the greatest gift you could bestow on anyone my age.

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Help us make sure that Community Human Services will be there to provide affordable mental health, substance abuse, and youth services to future generations of Monterey County residents while also securing an income source for the rest of your life. Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA's) could be the perfect solution to providing dependable income for yourself while also helping to fund our mission of creating lasting, local change.

The benefits of a CGA are numerous and include a dependable income for the rest of your life, an immediate tax deduction for part of your gift, and possibly an increase in the yield you currently receive from your assets.

For information, please call the Development Department at 831-658-3811 or email rapp@chservices.org.

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All Women's Ball

A fundraising event to benefit Community Human Services



THUMBS UP TO THE ALL WOMEN'S BALL!

On Saturday, February 1st, from 8:00-11:00pm, Community Human Services will host the 8th Annual All Women's Ball at All Saints Church located on the corner of Dolores and 9th in downtown Carmel. All proceeds will benefit Community Human Services' Elm House and Safe Place programs. The event has a suggested donation of \$20 and all WOMEN are welcome. (All MEN are welcome to volunteer!)

The evening will feature desserts, fun, dancing, a silent auction, rock & roll and prizes for best costume! Come in your best dress, worst dress, prom dress, or wedding dress! Guests can also learn about ways they can help Community Human Services fulfill their mission. All proceeds raised will benefit our clients directly.

Call 831-658-3811 for ticket information and to learn more.

Safe Place Volunteer Finds Her Calling Working With Runaway & Homeless Youth

Peninsula resident Nancy Fountain has volunteered at Safe Place for just over a year. It is a true testament to her desire to help and her ability to connect with youth up to 60 years younger than her that makes it hard to imagine the program without her.

Safe Place serves runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 24 and is located on Pearl Street near downtown Monterey. It is here where Nancy helps out with Tuesday morning breakfasts, Thursday evening dinners, and a host of other activities aimed at serving these youth and ultimately helping them secure a safe living situation.

It is truly a sight to behold watching Nancy interact with the youth, many of whom came from dysfunctional homes filled with drugs and alcohol or abuse. "I love them. I have so much love in my heart. Now I can spread it around," she says.

To thank her for her generous financial support, but more importantly, for her overall willingness to advocate for and work with our youth, Nancy was named Community Human Services' National Philanthropy Day honoree for 2013.

To find out how you can donate or get involved with CHS, please visit our website at www.chservices.org.

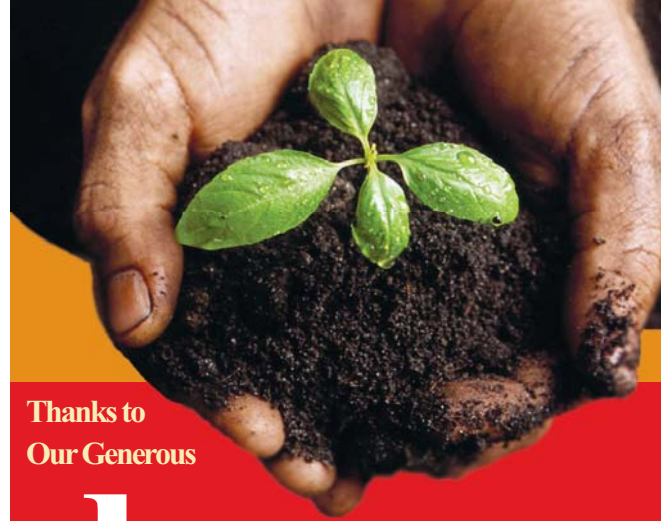


NANCY FOUNTAIN WITH ROB RAPP, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AND VINCENT DELGADO, YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM OFFICER, AT NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY.

Thank you, Nancy, for all that you do! Your spirit and energy truly serve as a beacon to the runaway and homeless youth on the Monterey Peninsula.

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Call 394-4622 for more details.



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