



Sanctuary

Shout Out

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Every Year...

EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services

- Shelters **600** homeless and runaway youth.
- Provides transitional housing for **72** homeless youth and young families.
- Provides youth access to immediate help and safety through a network of **260** Safe Place sites that open its doors to troubled youth.
- Provides street-based services and Drop-In Center to **4,000** transient and homeless youth with basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, and hygiene items), transportation, recreational activities, and linkages to other services.
- Provides substance abuse and prevention services to over **2,500** youth.
- Provides over **200** teens monthly with pregnancy prevention and parenting services.

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By texting **69866** with the word **SAFE** and their location any runaway, homeless and street youth in Fresno can now get immediate access to help and safety.

Our Sanctuary and Youth Services, in partnership with the City of Fresno and Fresno Area Express, is running a bus ad campaign which incorporates the National Safe Place "Text 4 Help" initiative on the interior and exterior of city buses.

text with the address and phone number to a nearby resource. In Fresno County, they will be referred to our Sanctuary Youth Shelter.

"The 'Text 4 Help' campaign allows us to reach even more youth in crisis through the use of a cell phone," says Joe Martinez, Sanctuary and Youth Services Community Relations and Outreach Manager. We strongly believe that by communicating to youth in a way that they're

"Text 4 Help" To Help Youth In Crisis

The ad is designed to encourage troubled teens and youth in crisis ages 11-17 to text the word "safe" and location; youth, in turn, will receive a

comfortable with, we will reach thousands more youth needing help than we have in the past." Safe Place is a national youth outreach program that educates young people about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own through a network of sites that serve as access points to local youth shelters.

There are 260 Safe Place sites in Fresno that are marked by a yellow and black "Safe Place" sign and include all Fresno city buses, Fresno Unified School District campuses, WalMart stores, Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County, and Circle K stores.



Sanctuary Volunteers are "Hands On" Award Winners

Sanctuary and Youth Services volunteers were honored at HandsOn Central California's 42nd Annual Hands Across the Valley Award luncheon. Among the finalists were Scott Bennett, recipient of the Humanitarian Award, and Daniella Valencia, Transitional Living Center resident and Outstanding College Volunteer of the Year (pictured to the left in photo).

In partnership with HandsOn Central California, Sanctuary and Youth

Services recruits all its community volunteers online.

Visit

handsoncentralcal.org and type "sanctuary" as keyword under volunteer opportunities and make a change by volunteering for youth.





(Pictured, TLC Youth Council) Elizabeth Bortz, Treasurer, Steven Lewis, Secretary and Rito Ramos, President

THE YOUTH COUNCIL CHARTER

Sanctuary TLC Youth Council serves as the voice of youth within the program, agency and community. They are representatives at Board Meetings, agency activities and community events. Members promote leadership, fundraising and community service activities and assist in coordinating recreational and educational activities for youth residents.



"I felt so proud knowing that I had a direct impact in the lives of so many

people," says

Latasha Marin, HPRP Case Manager

TLC Youth in training for leadership roles

Transitional Living Center (TLC) youth are developing their leadership skills by participating in several different activities around the valley. In partnership with Central Fresno Weed and Seed program, TLC residents will participate in training sessions called NeighborWorks America Youth Leadership Development. The training is aimed at building their capacity and leadership skills in hopes the youth will return to serve

their communities and solve local issues.

In July, two TLC residents and program staff will travel to Oakland and participate in the "Bridging the Gaps" conference. Youth will learn about issues on homelessness, mental health, education, and other critical services that target homeless and transitional age youth. Sanc-



tuary Director will lead housing workshop presentation at conference also.

To encourage further leadership involvement, TLC sites facilitate a Youth Council where resident leaders actively participate in year round community service projects, sponsor residential housing activities, and serve on the Sanctuary Safe Place Advisory Board.

Artwork by, Ashley McGee, TLC Resident

Employee's Inspirational Work to Help with Homelessness

Thanks to the hard work of Latasha Marin, 103 homeless men and women residing in "Tent City" – a homeless encampment in downtown Fresno – have been provided intervention, case management, and housing assistance. This assistance was a collaborative effort with Sanctuary and Youth Services, City of Fresno and the Housing Authorities.

It is because of her efforts that 90 of her clients remain in housing, two children were

reunited with their families, 28 clients secured income or social security benefits, and five have enrolled in school.

Because of her inspirational work, Latasha was promoted to Case Manager for Sanctuary's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). HPRP is a newly federally funded program that provides temporary financial assistance to those at-risk or experiencing homelessness. Up to 26 households for the next three years will receive help to obtain, maintain, and sustain their housing which could included assi-

tance with rent, deposits, moving expenses, and utilities.

HPRP is a partner with Fresno First Steps Home program – a city sponsored program aimed to end the cycle of homelessness.



Upcoming Summer Events with our Partners in Youth

Camp Sanctuary to Take Youth to Great Outdoors
Camp Sanctuary, a five-day adventure camp on the San Joaquin River will provide 14 Sanctuary youth an opportunity to experience the great outdoors. Camp scholarships are provided by San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust.

S.O.S. Program to Help With Statewide Training
Sanctuary Outreach to the Streets program will participate in a statewide training on best practices and techniques in conducting street outreach to homeless and street youth. The training will involve 25 outreach

workers from across California and other western states.

AFLP and Early Head Start Host Healthy Start Prenatal Education
8 free educational sessions targeting pregnant teen moms. Classes begin July 28th from 3:00-4:30 p.m. weekly. Call 263-1395 for details.

Sanctuary Leads Fight Against Human Trafficking

Law enforcement officials and social services professionals received an eye opening and thought provoking lesson on human trafficking during “Slavery Shall Not Exist” – Sanctuary’s inaugural conference on human trafficking.

Participants learned about the dynamics of human traf-

ficking, its victims, and how our community can build a support network for these victims. The key objectives of the conference was to provide awareness of human trafficking in the Central Valley and begin the process of engaging and strengthening collaboration

efforts between agencies to end trafficking in our community.

The most powerful point in the conference came when a young woman gave her personal account as a victim of human traf-

ficking. She shared her story and gave examples of the jargon used in

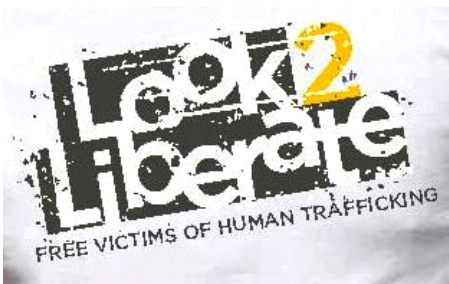
the human trafficking industry; the 18-year-old victim recently helped put her trafficker, or “pimp”, behind bars.

The conference was held in partnership with Central Valley Against Human Trafficking Project, Central Valley Freedom Coalition - an anti-human traf-

ficking coalition funded by Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Refugee Resettlement / ACF, and Anti-Trafficking in Persons Division.

LOOK2LIBERATE is Sanctuary’s marketing strategy to fight human trafficking. Your help can bring the victims in the Central Valley out of the shadows. To report suspected human trafficking, please call 1-888-373-7888.

To learn more about human trafficking please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking. Sponsored by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.



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Teen Parents Learn the Value of an Education



Mommy Talks was a free 8-week parenting session offered to pregnant and parenting teens by Sanctuary’s Adolescent

Family Life Program (AFLP). Classes were held in June at Manchester Center. Each week, parents learned about different parenting topics including: what to do about crying, proper discipline techniques, toilet training, and sharing.

“We were fortunate to have an experienced parent to facilitate the program,” says Christy Gorden, AFLP Program Manager. “We wanted to cover topics that parents of any age will need to face.”



AFLP Congratulates Its 19 Graduates!

Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) held its annual Graduation Recognition Event in June at John’s Incredible Pizza in Fresno. This celebration luncheon included award certificates, games, rides, and more! AFLP recognizes the challenges these teen parents have undergone to achieve their high school education, while juggling the many responsibilities of parenthood. Hats off to the 19 teen grads!

Make a Donation From Sanctuary's Wish List!

EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services

provides a "continuum of care" to assist runaway, homeless, and other at-risk youth with successful transition from adolescence to adulthood.

We also provide, emergency housing, case management, outreach services, transitional housing assistance, substance abuse prevention services, and teen parent and pregnancy prevention services.

Mail or deliver your donation today!

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Recreation & Activity Items

- DVD Movies
- Educational videos and material
- Board games
- Books/teen novels
- Arts & Crafts supplies
- Coloring books/crayons
- Teen magazines
- Footballs, softballs, basketballs, billiard sets, frisbees
- Playstation 3 system/video games

Seasonal Tickets

- Cultural arts (theater or museum)
- Sporting events (i.e. Fresno Fuego, Fresno Grizzlies, CSUF sports)
- Chaffee Zoo
- Amusement Parks

School Supplies

- Backpacks
- Ruled paper
- Notebooks
- Binders/Stationary

Food Items

- Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix)
- Bottled water, small beverage drinks, and reusable water bottle containers

Clothing Supplies

- Socks-all adult sizes
- T-shirts-med, large, and x-large
- Pajamas/sleepwear all sizes
- Young women's underwear-all sizes
- Sweat pants-all sizes (white, grey, black)
- Plus sizes in women's clothing

Infants & Toddlers

- Clothes-all sizes
- Diapers
- Blankets
- Books
- Developmental toys

Outreach Supplies

Incentive items (i.e. gift cards, movie passes, t-shirts, pencils)

Hygiene Supplies

- Individual shampoos, soap, toothpaste, and tooth brushes
- Deodorant (roll on)
- Combs/hair brushes
- Personal care items for women

Furnishings/Supplies for Drop-In Center & Transitional Living Centers

- Message & bulletin boards
- Small laundry baskets
- Large towel sets /wash clothes
- Twin sheets
- Pillows and pillow cases

Monetary donation buys the following:

- \$5 A Hygiene kit
- \$10 A First aid kit
- \$20 Backpack & school supplies for a client
- \$50 Recreational activities for up to 5 clients
- \$100 Volunteer background checks
- \$150 Sponsors monthly youth outings to community
- \$500 Daily counseling sessions for client & family during Shelter stay
- \$1,000 Sponsors a child for their stay at the Shelter (10 days)

With your financial support, volunteer service, and donations, Sanctuary and Youth Services reached nearly 8,000 homeless youth in 2009. Thank you for your dedication to serving youth in Fresno County. Together, we can continue to provide youth with direction as they transition to self-sufficiency and independence. Our goal for 2010 is to reach over 10,000 youth with our services.

-Michelle L. Tutunjian, Sanctuary Director

LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT AGENCY PARTNERS

Alliant International University
Anthem Blue Cross of California
AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign
Bennett Family Foundation
Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County
Central Valley Coalition for Human Services
City of Fresno - Department of Transportation/FAX
City of Fresno - Community Development and Block Grants
City of Fresno - Fresno Police Department
City of Fresno - Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
City of Fresno - Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department
Clovis Unified School District
County of Fresno, Department of Behavioral Health
County of Fresno, Department of Social Services
CSU, Fresno American Humanities Department
CSU, Fresno College of Health and Human Services-Department of Health Sciences
CSU, Fresno Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning
CSU, Fresno Community Service Scholarships
EOC Local Conservation Corps-Fresno Safe & Proud Neighborhoods AmeriCorps

EOC Health Clinic
Evangel Home
Fresno Unified School District
Fresno Family Counseling Center
Fansler Foundation
Fresno Regional Foundation
Fresno Rescue Mission
HandsOn of Central California
Homeless Youth Capacity Building Project - John Burton Foundation
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Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits Program
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Macy's West G.I.F.T
Marjaree Mason Center
Pacific Gas & Electric
Poverello House
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
Sister of St. Joseph Foundation
TRUIST
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
United Way of Fresno County-Emergency Food & Shelter Program (FEMA)
Valley Teen Ranch
Youth Leadership Institute

Youth for Christ
Wells Fargo
Westside Family Preservation

NATIONAL AND STATE PARTNERS

California Coalition for Youth
National Safe Place
National Runaway Switchboard Hotline
National Network for Youth
The California Wellness Foundation
U.S. Health and Human Services-Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs
University of California, San Francisco

COMMUNITY NETWORK PARTNERS

Fresno County Foster Care Oversight and Standards Committee
Fresno County Drug Prevention Advisory Board
EOC Foster Grandparent Community Advisory Group
Fresno Madera Continuum of Care

A special thank you to all our community volunteers!