



Calendar of Events

January 2008

- Tuesday, January 1
**EOC Holiday
New Year's Day**
- Wednesday, January 2
Staff Returns
- Monday, January 7
EOC New Hire
Orientation
- Tuesday, January 8
EOC Team 21
Meeting
- Wednesday, January 9
County-Wide Policy
Council Executive
Committee Meeting
- Monday, January 14
**EOC Take Action!
Wellness Program
Begins**
- Wednesday, January 16
County-Wide Policy
Council Meeting
- Thursday, January 17
TD/CD Meeting
- Monday, January 21
**EOC Holiday
M. L. King Jr. Holiday**
- Tuesday, January 22
EOC New Hire
Orientation
- Friday, January 25
**County-Wide Staff
In-Service
EOC Recognition
Luncheon**

PBS (Channel 18) to Air "American Idealist—The Story of Sargent Shriver



On Monday, January 21, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm PST, PBS will air *American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver*, a biographical documentary about Robert Sargent Shriver, the founder of many popular federal programs such as, Job Corps, the Peace Corps, VISTA, **Community Action, Head Start Program, Legal Services for the Poor, Youth Corps** and more. All but forgotten today, Shriver initiated social programs during the 1960's that helped shape an era that dared millions of young Americans to live out their ideals. Check your local television listing for more information.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Sanctuary Youth Services staff and clients would like to extend their sincere gratitude to those of you who generously donated food during our Agency's annual holiday food drive.

We were all amazed by both the quality and quantity of this year's assortment. Please know that your contributions truly made a difference and brightened a family's day this holiday season.

Ready to eat items and canned foods with pop-top lids were distributed to homeless families in motels and on the streets by our SOS team. Boxed and bagged items such as lasagna noodles, masa mix, and corn-meal and stuffing will be used in cooking workshops to teach the young adults in the transitional Living Centers how to make nutritious and delicious meals at home. The canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, chili beans, soups, pastas, sauces, macaroni and cheese, juices and other items were divided into bags and boxes and distributed to Sanctuary youth and families who dearly appreciated the opportunity to restock their dwindling pantries.

Thank you again and Happy New Year from all of us at the Sanctuary!

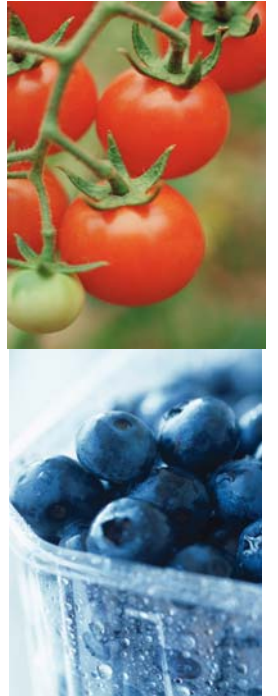


EOC Take Action! Program

The next *Take Action!* session will begin on Monday, January 14, 2008, and will end Friday, March 7, 2008. This flexible 8-week program encourages employees to eat more fruits and vegetables and be more physically active on a regular basis. The minimum requirement is (a) three servings of fruits/vegetables per day AND (b) any type of physical activity for 60 minutes per week (20 minutes per day X three times a week). The reward for completing this 8-week program is a \$10.00 gift certificate of your choice from the following local businesses:

Bath and Body Works/Sports Authority
Robeks/Sweet Tomatoes
Regal Cinemas/ Trader Joe's

Contact the Human Resources Office to sign up for *Take Action!* You can download the daily tracking form on the intranet.



Welcome New Employees

Estreyita Serna, Disabilities Assistant—Head Start
Guadalupe Mora, Teacher II—Head Start
Elizabeth Tafolla, Teacher I—Head Start
Marisa Vallejo, Teacher Assistant I—Head Start
Irma Martinez, Home Base Educator—Head Start
Silvia Whitehorn, Teacher/Caregiver—Early Head Start
Maria Ramirez, Home Base Educator—Head Start
Denise Patino, Food Services Assistant I—Head Start
Audrey Abbs, Teacher/Caregiver—Early Head Start

Please take a moment out of your busy schedules to welcome our new employees to the Head Start/Early Head Start family.



IRS Releases Mileage Rate For 2008

Effective January 1, 2008, the Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate of 50.5 cents per mile.

Since EOC's Policy as approved by the Board has been to reimburse employees for business related travel at the approved Internal Revenue, Service, rate, all staff will be paid at 50.5 cents.

Black & White Ball 2007

Black and white balloons ascended toward the ceiling and soft music played in the background as employees and guests, dressed to the nines, filled Fresno Pacific Tower's Bankers Ballroom. **The Diversities**, the Agency's choir, kicked off the annual holiday party with a stellar performance including "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Joy to the World," and "Santa Baby." After a mouth watering feast, party-goers took over the dance floor and danced the night away to the tunes of **Rhythm Review**. To view photos of the festive occasion, check out our intranet website.



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