



November 2011

- Wednesday, November 2
County-Wide Policy Council Executive Board Meeting
- Thursday, November 3
EOC Employee Appreciation
EOC Pension Committee Meeting
- Friday, November 4
Site Office Day (SOD)
- Monday, November 7
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Wednesday, November 9
CAST Session VII
- Friday, November 11
EOC Holiday
Veterans Day
- Tuesday, November 15
EOC Benefits Open Enrollment Begins (30 Days)
- Wednesday, November 16
County-Wide Policy Council Meeting
EOC Board Meeting
- Thursday, November 17
EOC Management Training
- Monday, November 21
County-Wide Staff In-Service
EOC New Hire Orientation
No Center Based Class
- Tuesday, November 22
No Center Based Class
- Wednesday, November 23
No Center Based Class
- Thursday, November 24
EOC Holiday
Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 25
EOC Holiday Day After Thanksgiving Day

Saying Goodbye To Reverend Swillis



"If I've learned one thing in life, it is... to love God."

***Reverend E. Swillis, April 2008
Board Member Spotlight***

Edward L. Swillis was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Reverend Swillis had a strong commitment to the youth in the community for over 56 years. In 1981, Reverend Swillis began his work with EOC serving as Board Commissioner and even housing the first cycle of YouthBuild Corpsmembers at his church. He remained on the Board until 2009.

The Reverend also served the community as Board Member on the Central Valley Minister's Board and Fresno County's Social Services Advisory Board. During an interview in April 2008, Reverend Swillis said his greatest personal accomplishment was helping establish the first alcohol recovery home for African-Americans in West Fresno.

In July 2010, Reverend E. Swillis was honored for his 28 years of servitude, dedication and commitment when EOC named our new youth center the Reverend E. Swillis Neighborhood Youth Center.

EOC thanks Reverend E. Swillis for his timeless dedication to the mission of our Agency. You will be missed.



EOC News: Business, Entertainment, Sports, & Food

Feeding West Fresno

It was a sign of the difficult economic times. Hundreds of struggling families lined up Saturday morning, October 22, 2011 at our Neighborhood Youth Center to receive bags filled with nutritious food.



People lined up as early as eight in the morning for the 10 am distribution; within two hours, all the food had been distributed and unfortunately some families had to be turned away. "I've led dozens of food distributions over the years and it's never easy to tell a family, who has been patiently waiting, that we ran out of food," says Gabriela Romero who coordinated the food distribution. "The number of individuals waiting in line for hours shows you how great the need is."

Shawn Riggins, Director of our Local Conversation Corps adds, "...these are working families...men and women who have a job—sometimes even two jobs—and still can't make ends meet. I'm glad we were able to provide them with a bit of relief."

Food distribution participants were also able to learn about other Agency programs including Home Energy Assistance Program Rural Tobacco Education and Head Start.

The food distribution was made possible by the Agency's Crisis Relief fund and over 50 dedicated volunteers including Agency employees, LCC Corpsmembers, students from our Youth Build California Charter School and SOUL's Heart & SOUL Club and participants of King of Kings Men's Recovery Home.

Other food distributions will be scheduled.

The Neighborhood Youth Center is located at 1805 East California Avenue in West Fresno.

11/15/11 To 12/14/11



Benefits Q & A Session
Thursday, November 17, 2011
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Human Resources Office
1900 Mariposa Mall Suite 121
Fresno, California 93721

CONTEST WINNERS



Top Left—Scariest, Maypar Lee, AFLP

Top Right—Best Group, Linda Hernandez, Yolanda Garza, Hlee Vang, Martha Cornejo, Felicia Amescua & Marisela Acosta, HS

Bottom Left—Most Creative, Iselda Estrada & Amanda Bouche AFLP

Bottom Right—Cutest, Nora Berumen, HS

EOC Annual Canned Food Drive

Help replenish Sanctuary & Youth Services pantry! Bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to your program or the Human Resources Office by Wednesday, November 30, 2011. (Please check the expiration dates on the items you donate).

You will receive a complimentary raffle ticket for each item donated. Winners will be announced during our Annual Holiday Party on **Friday, December 2, 2011**. You need not be present to win.



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