

Welcome Home Housing
c/o Lynn Smith
816 Elm Street
Woodland, Ca 95695

Non profit Org
US Postage Paid
Sacramento, Ca
Permit No 808

Return Service Requested

WELCOME HOME HOUSING- OUR THANK YOU EDITION



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

AMOUNT OF DONATION: \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ other \$ _____

We are a non-profit 501c3 organization. Your contribution is fully tax deductible. Tax ID#04-3795698. We receive no Federal, State or County money. We are dependent on your generosity.

To recycle your old computers, cell phones, TV's, and Monitors or to donate your old automobile, truck, boat or cycle call Roger at 723-3341

WELCOME HOME HOUSING NEWSLETTER

WHH is a non-profit tax exempt 501c3 organization. We provide affordable homes for adults with mental illness in an environment that encourages individual development and personal self worth.

www.welcomehomehousing.org

January 2012

Our First Thank You is to our Many Volunteers

We simply could not function without our wonderful volunteers: **Ailene Kreydich, Lois Hoeffel**,(cooking mentors) **Lee Gassaway** (beading instructor), **Jim Hooper** (Food link helper and general fixit man), **Layma Ahmadzai** (one on one helper), **Lindsay McCarthy**,(cleaning coach) **Bob Weber** (webmaster), Rich Robbins (buddy). Our Board members: **Deborah Coughlin**(cooking coach), **Wilma Hash**(cooking coach and antique day chair), **Roger Warloe**(recycle chair), **Tony DaVigo**(Board chair), **Taryn Smith** and **Lynn Cathy** are all volunteers as is our Treasurer, **Allison Aber**, our Secy, **Anne Hindman** and **Lynn Smith**, our Director. We are blessed with their efforts.

Should you want to volunteer in our village and community, please contact Lynn Smith at 916-505-5232, or 530-666-0202 or email her at LS816@wavecable.com. We need cooking and cleaning coaches.

ANTIQUÉ EVALUATION DAY RETURNS

We will have another antique evaluation day on April 21, 2012 from 11-3 at 2524 Sierra Blvd in Sacramento's Arden area. Start checking out your home for those "is it valuable" or "what the heck is it?" or "grandma left this to me, should I keep it?" or "is this garage sale find valuable?" items. We had great fun last year learning about paintings, jewelry, furniture, knick knacks, toys and so many other items. A #1 Barbie doll was estimated to have a value of \$2,000 while several paintings were valued at over \$5,000 and jewelry over \$10,000. A civil war blanket with bullet holes belonging to a great, great grandfather had a value of over \$5000. One book was priceless and museum quality. Bring 5 items and have them all evaluated for \$35 or one item for \$8.00. More information will be in the April newsletter and start telling your friends.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR EVALUATORS

We had some wonderful evaluators last year! We expect to see them back this year. They include **Gary Cox, Daniel Smith, Gary Schiff, Chuck Breitsprecher, Brian Witheral, Randy Abbott, John Webberly, Mary and Bob Hensley, Tony Davigo, Jim Stewart and Keith Burns**. In April, **Sylvia Fitzgerald**, a generalist and **John Ross**, an expert on old armament, will join us.

MORE THANKS

A big thank you to **Vi McNally** for offering her public relations expertise for our Antique day. Thanks to **Gloria Glycer** for putting our event in her Bee column. Thanks to **Paul Craig** for his donation of furniture and **Robyn Allen** for a new TV! There are so many others who have donated items they no longer needed. Thank you for thinking of us first.

Thank you to **BarJo TV repair** company in Roseville for letting us take the old unrepairable TV's for recycling, Thanks to **Nilgun Smith** for telling us about her company wanting to get rid of old computers and to **Lillie Lowe** for donating her unneeded car.

HOW WE USE YOUR DONATIONS- When we opened in 2004, we were blessed with donations of used furniture & beds. However after almost eight years, we have found it necessary to start replacing beds, linens, desks, lamps, pots and pans and dressers. Some of our beds are over 10 years old and have dents and lumps in them that make sleeping difficult. Dressers have broken drawers. Pots and pans are scratched and dented. It's time to replace! Worker's comp insurance is another expense that your donations help us cover, along with special outings for the residents. Thank you for helping us.



Our Thanks to You for your Financial Assistance \$\$\$\$\$

Without all of you and your generosity, we couldn't do it. We have a budget of \$135,000. The residents' rent covers about \$120,000 depending on vacancy factor. The balance of \$15,000 must come from fund raising efforts such as e-waste recycling, car donations, antique evaluation day and donations from you.

In our fund raising, we make an effort to provide a service and give back to our community.

Your old TV's, computers, monitors and cell phones turn into cash for us and the landfills stay cleaner. We appreciate all who have hauled their old electronics to our houses and to those who donated their old automobiles. Our Antique day allows many of you the opportunity to learn more about your special items.

Thanks to those in the Platinum Circle- \$1000+

First Christian Church

Lynn Overoye-Smith

Thanks to those in the Gold Circle- \$500-999

Friends of People with Chronic Mental Illness

Charlene Yarrigle

Ann Kohl

Roger and Kathleen Smith

Elwin Jang

Thanks to those in the Silver Circle-\$100-\$499

David Overoye

Linda Abbott

Mags Veldman

Roger Warloe

Lynn Cathy

Bob Weber

Tony DaVigo

Norm and Iris Pobanz

Kimberly Pell

Jerald and Karen Kleinberg

Henry Auwinger

Dan Sullivan

Anne Hindman

Stanley and Ruby Law

Thanks to all others- \$5-\$99

Carol Smith

Brian and Carla Jacob

Chilla Hiltz

Vivian Harp

David and Lisa Scribner

Dixie Clark

Judy Moise

Doug Fannin

Erin McGrath

Evelyn Blair

Gene Denos

Georgeann Cujkati

Helene Meyer

Henrietta Baron

Jim Neighbors

Joan Moran

Joan Nolan

Joy Doyle

Joyce Reid

Lois Bruner

Lynn Evert

Ron Somerby

Rosa Barillos

Rose King

S M Ebenholtz

Walter and Pamela Meyer

United Crusade

Anonymous

Denise Bell

Marcia Maleski

Laura Kellijian

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

My Attorney recently sent me a letter asking me to come in to revise my trust because "special needs trusts don't work like they used to. Over the last several years the State and counties have become more restrictive on what they allow a special needs trust to do. Many SNT's that have been created before 2007 may no longer work." The Government has disallowed many older Trusts especially if they are part of or are nested within your own trust. If they disallow it, then it's like your family member inheriting normally and your family member could lose the medical benefits and SSI benefits they now receive. My Atty recommended using a separate Family Needs Trust instead of a Special Needs Trust, because the Gov't. could come back after the death of your family member and take all the remaining assets of a SNT to pay for Med-i-Cal costs paid to your family member. In a Family Needs Trust, they can't, thereby allowing the proceeds to be inherited by another family member. Please check with your own Atty concerning this. It may cost you, but it's worth it for your family. I am happy to pass on the name of my Atty who specializes in Estate planning if you don't have one and no.... I'm not getting a kickback!

OPENINGS: We will have an opening for a woman on January 20. Call Lynn at 916-505-5232 for an interview or more information. She must be able to take her meds without prompting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

What fun we all had at the Christmas party! Lots of good food, Christmas stockings, and games! Family members, Board members and volunteers joined us. The picture below is of 4 people we decorated as Snowmen. We divided into 4 groups. Each group was given a bag with 2 rolls of toilet paper, bows, toy coins, tape, scissors and a piece of construction paper and were told to make one person into a snowman. The snow men created were certainly unusual. The one on the left appears to be melting; one looks more like an Egyptian mummy.

Santa arrived too, wearing orange shorts and bearing gifts.

Lynn Smith, Director & Sylvia Young, our life skills coach,
enjoyed themselves too.