

# WELCOME HOME HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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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](http://www.welcomehomehousing.org)

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## NEWS FROM THE HOUSES



### Rivercats

This year we enjoyed another Rivercats game. The weather was perfect and the Cats won with a last inning home run! We have one house of men who are real Rivercats fans, so if you have extra tickets, please think of them and donate those tickets to us.

### State Fair

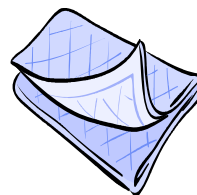
We received tickets from the State Fair office for free admission on disability day. However, this year most decided not to attend. I must admit that I only go on occasion. Besides, it was one of the hotter summer days. We try to offer a variety of activities for our residents so they can choose something that interests them, from museums to plays to sporting event.

### Spring Cleaning

Bob Weber, our webmaster, was kind enough to work with one of our men's houses doing some much needed spring cleaning. Furniture, even the refrigerator, was pulled away from the walls and the floor mopped underneath, the BBQ was scrubbed cleaned. The house sparkled! The guys proudly showed Sylvia and other volunteers how good it looked. Thank you Bob for your help.

The men always enjoy seeing a man's face instead of all the ladies who come by. We need a man or a lady to be a cooking mentor for a man once a week around 4pm. If you can follow a recipe, you can do it. Call Lynn at 916-505-5232 to volunteer. One house needs someone to help create some healthy and interesting vegetable recipes instead of the usual frozen vegies. They have a garden and don't know what to do with the fresh zucchini, beans, and tomatoes.

## CLOTHING DRIVE



We are having a clothing recycling fundraising event from mid August to mid September. Check the flier that is with this newsletter. If you are unable to bring your items to the drop off points, we may be able to pick them up. Call Lynn at 916-505-5232.

## A NOTE FROM A WHH MOM & COMMENTS FROM LYNN

"I am always so inspired by the courage this young man (her son) has. Time after time he rebounds from the devastation of his illness. Welcome Home Housing has been a god-send. Thank you for being there."

We are all so inspired by the courage of ALL of our residents. Sometimes they thrive, sometimes they move slowly and sometimes they need more help than we are able to provide and move to Board and Cares, sometimes they become independent. But we see them all trying so hard and moving ahead in small but definitive ways. Those who thrive are those who finally understand the need for medications and take them faithfully. Many of them move into their own places.

There is one house where I go just to enjoy a huge smile and laugh. These ladies make my day every time I see them, even when things are in turmoil. There is one house I go to just to have a good conversation about politics and life in general. If I want peace and quiet, another house is just the place to quiet down. Another house is full of energy and pumps me up. Each house has its own personality. That is one reason we interview each prospective resident. We want to be sure that we have a good fit and that we don't set someone up for failure.



## E-waste- Car donations-Antique Evaluation Day and Clothing recycling

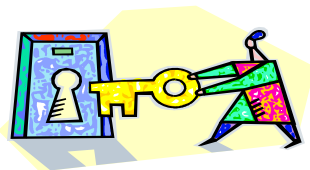
What do these have in common?

These are the four fundraising events we depend upon for funds. This year we found it necessary to add the clothing recycling because the funds raised from E-Waste has dropped significantly. Many other non-profits and for-profit commercial are offering e-waste recycling as is the County, so the competition has increased.

Car donations are few and the competition for them is huge.

We decided on these fundraisers because they give back to the community. E-waste keeps poisons from our landfills, car donations keep old, polluting cars off the road, clothing recycling provides local jobs and clothing and start up businesses to third world countries and lessens the need for more landfills. Antique day allows the community to learn about their treasures.

Our most important fundraiser is **YOU**. Local donations from those who support us is vital. Please join the folks who support us and give whatever you can afford. Thank you!



## OPENINGS

At the time of this printing, we have one opening for a woman. We recently had several folks move out into independent housing. Please check our website for the most recent openings.

[www.welcomehomehousing.org](http://www.welcomehomehousing.org) It may have changed. Our wait list is short.

Additionally, you can access our "program agreement" to learn what is expected of the person moving in.

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**WELCOME HOME HOUSING DONATION FORM**  
**Check out the flier inside on RECYCLING CLOTHING**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

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