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Serving the Stockton/San Joaquin County Community Since 1969

Adopt-a-Youth

The holidays are approaching and, here at CPPA, preparations are underway for the annual “Home for Holidays” party. Every year CPPA’s Christmas party welcomes current and former residents of its homeless youth programs to a mid-day meal. CPPA’s staff members supply the food, bringing everything from traditional holiday foods to homemade ethnic dishes to pizza for the feast. Workers from all of



UOP professor Roy Childs has played Santa to the CPPA family for many years.

CPPA’s programs—not just youth services—are there to bring the warmth of a family gathering to youth who know too much about being left out in the cold. These youngsters are the often forgotten teens who, usually through no fault of their own, have no place to go for a holiday celebration. Many have infants and toddlers of their own. In the Stockton/San Joaquin area, though, homeless youth do have someplace to go.

After dinner everyone gathers around the tree to see what’s in Santa’s bag. Thanks to the generosity of its community, CPPA is able to give gifts to 25-30 youth and their children. Most of the youth receive plenty of practical items—socks and warm hats, toiletries and grooming products—as well as some special items from their personal wish lists. Their little ones get dolls and trucks and other toys. The room fills with magic, the special grace of childhood that some homeless youth have almost forgotten.

The real magic, of course, is supplied by you, the friends and supporters of CPPA who make sure that every youth and child receives a gift. A \$100 contribution to the “Adopt-a-Youth” program supports all of the gifts for one youth or child. Smaller contributions are welcome and will be combined to make sure everyone’s wish list is fulfilled. CPPA will shop and wrap for you or, if you prefer, will provide you with a shopping list.

“Keeping the season” means something a little different to each of us. At CPPA, it means reminding young people that they are loved. Businesses and individuals who want to be a part of CPPA’s “Adopt-a-Youth” program can get more information by calling Maryann at 209/929-6700.

CPPA and friends enjoy “An Evening in Autumn”

More than 100 supporters gathered at the beautiful Berghold Winery on the evening of October 14 to enjoy an evening of fine wine, gourmet food and dancing. The event was planned and organized by a group of volunteers led by Chris and Claudia Haro. Chris and Claudia are members of an informal “wine club” that decided to expand its horizons by hosting a charity event. Steve and Denise Thompson, Lisa Grijalva and Tobe DeVore are the other members of the club.

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Director's Perspective



Linda J. Mascarenas

Did you ever wish for something, put it out of your mind and then, one day, the wish came true? As the Executive Director I have always struggled with fund raising. We are just not as sexy and appealing as some of my colleagues' organizations. After all, who wants to give to angry teenagers who are ungrateful?

One day, I was minding my own business and in the door walks a gentleman by the name of Chris Haro. I had no clue who he was or what his motive might be. He said he wanted to do a fundraiser for CPPA. Well, being the skeptic that I am, I'm thinking, "Where is the catch, how much of a percentage is he expecting to take?" I was stunned when he said his wine group wanted to help out in the community, Pastor Dunn had referred him to United Way, he picked CPPA because we have a low visibility and they wanted to help raise our presence in the community.

After a lengthy discussion and a second meeting with my board chair we were excited to move forward with the event. The amazing thing is that we did not have to do anything! They did everything—I just had to get all dressed up and go! Now, as I look back on my wish, there it was. I wished someone would walk in the door and do a fundraiser for us. Can you believe how fortunate I was to have my real wish come true? There really are wonderful strangers out there who do wonderful deeds!

CPPA Wish List

The items on this list are frequently in need of replacement at the residences.

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| pillows | bathroom mat sets |
| regular garbage cans | bathroom plunger |
| 13 gallon trash cans for the kitchen | bathroom waste baskets |
| brooms | mop and mop heads |
| kitchen drain boards | towels |

On a sad note, Jan Sasser, Operations Manager for CPPA, has left us after ten years. While at CPPA, Jan helped bring us into the computer world, built our databases, made sure we stayed in budget and so much more. I wish her well at her new endeavors.

My friend Blake Bomben recently lost his father to cancer. As a gesture of kindness and in memory of Rey, the family asked that donations be sent to CPPA in lieu of flowers. I was so touched. I had Christmas brunch with Rey and Julia for a few years. He was a kind and gentle man loved by his friends and family. He is truly missed.

As always, call me, come on over and have a cup of coffee and learn about our work here at CPPA. By the way, don't forget my kids need your help to make their Christmas special! Have a great holiday season!

Special thanks!

CPPA was recently honored to accept a grant award of \$4,000 from the Credit Bureau of San Joaquin County Charitable Foundation. These funds will be used to improve the agency's education and employment services for residents at the Casa de la Paz group home and the two homeless shelters.

CPPA's Mission:

Strong communities are built by people who make good decisions for their own lives. CPPA helps youths and adults acquire the skills and personal characteristics they need to create positive environments for themselves, their families and their communities. CPPA, dedicated to preventing self-destructive and socially negative behaviors, respects the individuality and honors the strengths of every client.

An Evening in Autumn



Event organizers Chris and Claudia Haro.

Thank you to these generous donors to An Evening in Autumn's Silent Auction:

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Former Casa de la Paz resident April Hollander mesmerized event guests with her story.



CPPA Board President Wayne Hose and his wife Carla.

Congratulations, April!

On October 3, 2006, former Casa de la Paz resident April Hollander proudly earned her high school diploma from the One Success school. April has been out on her own since turning 18 last spring and has succeeded in establishing a stable living environment that will support her educational and career goals.

She plans to attend the police academy at Delta College in the spring and, on completion, to work her way through college and law school in pursuit of her long-term goal to serve as an attorney in the District Attorney's Office.



CPPA Executive Director Linda J. Mascarenas and her escort, David Colgan.



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