



October 2014

We Care Program Newsletter

Our Lucky 13

As we prepare for our thirteenth shelter opening on November 8th, we count our blessings and remember why we do the work we do! We have been spending the last couple of months reaching out to you for monetary donations, items for the shelter and supporters to volunteer their time around We Care.

In the last months, we have had a few fundraisers that would not have been possible without our generous donors and amazing volunteers.

- Annual We Care Program Yard Sale raised over \$1100 that will go towards the costs of operating the Shelter beginning November 8.
- Our online Crowdrise campaign has raised \$200 of our \$1000 Goal. \$20/day houses and feeds one person a day at the shelter. The campaign is still ongoing at www.crowdrise.com/20forthehomeless

We still ask you to make monetary donations and/or volunteer your time. For more information, please contact us at info@wecareturlock.org or give us a call at (209) 664-2003

"This shelter has come to my rescue.

It has been Gods love extended to me in my time of need."

-Shelter Guest (2013-14 Season)

Shelter Facts!

- Provided over 61,181 shelter nights
- Housed 10 people in apartments in the last 2 years



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ALEX'S EAGLE PROJECT

Thank you Alex and friends!!

Alex E., 15 years old, is a Life Scout with Troop 451, which is sponsored by the First United Methodist Men. A sophomore at Pitman High School, he has been in the scouting program since 2nd grade.

Alex got the idea to do his Eagle Project at the We Care Program Shelter after preparing and serving meals through our church, First United Methodist. The initial planning for the Eagle Project began in April 2014. At that time, Alex decided to build shelves for the linen closet and tables for the men to sit on outside. If there was enough money, bike racks would be purchased so the men could lock up their bikes. Official approval for the project was obtained at the end of May. During June and July, Alex participated in a 106-mile backpacking trip in Northern New Mexico with scouts and attended a weeklong mission trip with church. He also spent countless hours making phone calls, writing letters, and visiting area businesses asking for donations.

Two Saturdays in August and September were spent cutting, sanding, and staining all the wood and building the tables. A total of 83 hours of labor by 16 scouts and adults were spent on the project.

On September 27 approximately 40 hours of labor by 7 scouts and adults were spent to complete the project. This included building and installing shelving in a linen closet and placing two 8 ft. picnic tables. They also installed 5 bike racks, which give enough space for 10 bikes.

The Project Donors are: Kiwanis of Greater Turlock-financial donation; Sysera-financial donation; Valley Distributors-helped with all wood for project; Lowes (Turlock)-materials other than wood needed to complete building; Park-a-Bike (Sacramento)-bike racks



Thank you to yard sale volunteers!!

Zachary Blakenship, Brenda Garcia, Linda Belew, Mark Abdoshou, Jennifer and Julia Zessi, Isaac Starks, Nena McCombs, Virginia Beavers, Doug Metcalf, Stephen, Dora, Katie and Tori Tagge, Angelo Victorino, Conrad Miranda III, Andrea Goodwin, Maris Sturtevant, Christopher and Nicholas Barkhousen, Johnny Vines, Humberto Gonzalez, Mary, Jennifer and Crystal Jackson, Julie and Ben Fox, Nick Rogers, Kenny Meyer, Kathy Myers, Debbie and Amanda Gutierrez

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