

Interfaith Community Social Services Newsletter November 2020
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Director's Notes

Thankfulness!

Well, here we are again. I wonder how many of us thought all this would still be going

By now!?!?! I think a lot of us are feeling the "pandemic fatigue". I hear many are beginning to give up on the rules a bit, and are a little concerned about the flu season with Co-Vid. For all intents and purposes, Interfaith can open with all services. We have modified HOW we do things, and it is all working very well.

So, the question becomes always... WHEN can we offer full services again... with the modifications??? And the answer depends on the volunteers coming in.

Having said that.... Please, please, please give me a call and let me know your position. Once a month, same spot, not at all.... However it shakes out, we need to know, so we can recruit more, close certain days, limit some services permanently, or close all together. Closing would be devastating to this community!!! And break our hearts as well.

So, please call in and let me know soon.

Excellent News

Adventist Health-Sonora has given us a huge boost... \$4,700 to purchase a new 3-door refrigerator. WOW, oh WOW! That will hold much more, enable us to remove the older (less efficient) ones. If you see any management or Marketing Dept folks... thank them heartily. Also, Sonora Area Foundation continues to send us generous donations from the community donors. These extra

donations have enabled us to continue to purchase quality foods for our clients. Please be sure to thank Chicken Ranch management, and Clarke Broadcasting for their fundraising HUGE support. Last years cash drive and support from Chicken Ranch and community donors was huge... and we could sustain ourselves for no services interruptions in upgrading our food purchasing, and more utility assistance for our clients who have been laid off, lost jobs, children home, no day care, etc. Their rents and utilities continue without a break, and we've been able to increase our assistance, with Salvation Army partnering.

Wood Distribution

Barbara has completed taking wood sign-ups for our clients. Currently she is checking each home for safe storing and burning of the wood we give them. Next she will call each applicant to make an appointment for them to pick up the wood in Nov and Dec. We also refer people to Sierra Bible Church (any age ok) and to the Senior Center (60+ years) for any additional needs. The Sonora Sunrise Rotary will deliver wood from the Senior Center to registered clients. So, if you know of anyone who has donated to ours, or the other two programs, as well as anyone in the Sonora Sunrise Rotary Club, please thank them too.

Real Information

Lately we have received many donations, and other service inquires, that are incorrect. Somehow, as in all things, often erroneous information is given out, people get irritated, and

everyone loses. If you hear of questions ~~or statements, please refer back to~~ myself or Barbara. For example, we do not accept donations on Mondays... yet people constantly tell me they were "told" to come on Monday; we have motel vouchers... we don't because the client abused the priveledge so badly, we ended up paying thousands of dollars in repairs, we give out gasoline vouchers... nope. So if you hear such information, please give them the facts, or have them call us for further info, etc.

Up and Coming:

Nov 11 CLOSED Veterans Day
Nov 26/27 CLOSED Thanksgiving
Nov 30 Start See's Candies sales
 Every day thru 12/23
 Sign up to work booth
Dec 24/25 CLOSED Christmas
Jan 1, CLOSED New Years Day
~~November colors... browne, green,~~
golden,; Dec colors... red, white, green,
black, sparkly; Jan blues, white for
snow!! Feb reds, white, March greens
All for some fun!!!!

Reminders:

- ✓ We continue with ALL Co-Vid workplace precautions
- ✓ Please invite potential volunteers to come in and give us a try.
- ✓ Training Schedule for 2021 attached
- ✓ Do not leave clients unattended on "clothing" days!!! Volunteers ONLY handle the clothing.
- ✓ Call office, Barbara or Cathie IF NOT able to come in. Please do
- ✓ not send in an absence message via someone else.

Please stay the course with Co-Vid ~~precautions, help neighbors, and take~~ care of yourselves, and your families.

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Training Schedule for 2021 all trainings at Interfaith Conference Room

New Volunteers (within 3 months of actual start date)

January	Tues	5 th	1:00-4:30PM
February	Thurs	11 th	10-1:30PM
March	Sat	13th	9-12:30PM
April	Tues	16 th	1-4:30PM
May	Wed	13 th	10-1:30PM
June	Sat	13 th	9-12:30PM
July	Tues	27 th	1-4:30PM
Aug	Wed	18th	10-1:30PM
Sept	Thurs	9 th	1-4:30PM
Oct	Wed	6 th	10-1:30PM

Departmental (Once a year) (1/2 hr Safety Review)

<u>Clothing/HH/T/Donations</u>	<u>Pantry</u>	<u>Referral/Greeter/Interviewer</u>
Jan 19 Tues 1-4PM	Feb 11 Thurs 1-4PM	Jan 27 Wed 1-4PM
April 7 Wed 10-1PM	May 19 Wed 1-4PM	April 20 Tues 1-4PM
July 19 Mon 1-4PM	Aug 24 Tues 1-4PM	July 15 Thurs 10-1PM
Oct 28 Thurs 10-1PM	Nov 22 Mon 10-1PM	Oct 18 Mon 1-4PM

Please:

1. Sign Up ahead... for enough materials
2. Bring snacks if you'd like
3. Trainings may include different items than prior trainings... as things change.
4. Always remember the overall mission, and not our personal objectives.
5. Finally, bring questions, and respect others in class.