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InnVision is dedicated to empowering homeless families and individuals in finding... the way home! We offer various levels of housing and day programs in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-worth and independent living.

GEORGIA TRAVIS CENTER 2ND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

For over a decade, the InnVision Georgia Travis Center has been the gateway to services in Santa Clara County for homeless women and children. Last year, we served over 5,000 women and children. The Georgia Travis Center empowers women and children to build the skills necessary to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Please join InnVision for the 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner benefitting programming at the InnVision Georgia Travis Center.

SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2005 • 5:00 PM-9:00 PM (BUFFET MEAL SERVED 5:30-7:30PM)

InnVision Georgia Travis Center • 297 Commercial Street • San Jose

\$25 per adult/\$50 per family • Includes dinner, music, kids activities, dessert auction and more!

Buy your tickets or RSVP online at www.InnVision.org.

For questions or RSVP's, contact Autumn Gutierrez 408-292-4286 or autumng@InnVision.org

FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE GRANT

Help Fight Hunger with the Feinstein Foundation!

From March 1 through April 30, the Feinstein Foundation will match a portion of each dollar received and each item donated for our emergency food assistance programs. The Feinstein Foundation, a national organization committed to ending hunger, has offered this annual Challenge Grant to help us combat hunger in Silicon Valley.

All you have to do is designate your gift **FOOD PROGRAMS**. Your fully tax-deductible contribution, regardless of size, will have a direct impact on those in need. To donate call **(408) 292-4286** or go to the InnVision website at www.INNVISION.org for on-line donations. All cash or in-kind donations made to InnVision food programs (including canned food, fresh produce, etc) will directly benefit homeless and low-income individuals and families in the community.



5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

In addition to your financial support, there are many ways to help InnVision:

- 1 Organize!** Plan a food drive in your neighborhood. Help InnVision food services division keep the cupboard stocked with needed items.
- 2 Collect!** Going on a trip? Save the hotel toiletries and bring them to the Georgia Travis Center. They're the perfect size for our clients.
- 3 Donate!** We are always in need of gently used clothing for men, women and children. Used towels are also very important.
- 4 Volunteer!** Our biggest need is for volunteers willing to work on weekdays in our various programs.
- 5 Invite Us to Speak!** We would like to come speak to your organization about InnVision and homelessness in our community.

Have questions or need more information?
Call us at **(408) 292-4286** or visit our website at www.INNVISION.org.

INNVISION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTING OVER \$2,500 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM JULY 2004- JANUARY 2005:

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We've tried to include everyone on the list, and we apologize if we missed you!

IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

At only six years old, Justin knows this message better than most. Each year he and his sister choose to donate their birthday money to a cause they feel is important. A friendly encounter with a homeless man sparked Justin to give his birthday money to feed the homeless residing at the InnVision Julian Street Inn. Thanks for dinner Justin!

Chantale Hansen and Cheryl Conner took this saying to heart as well when planning their birthday party this year. Instead of gifts for themselves, the two local women asked for support for InnVision. When asked why they chose to pursue the donations, they responded "We recognize how blessed we are with friends, family, homes, food, and life's basic necessities. So we thought it would be wonderful to get everyone together to help raise money for people who truly need it. Our greatest birthday gift came in the form of \$1,500 in cash donations and more than 20 bags of clothing for the families at InnVision."



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SAN JOSE CRYSTAL BOWL AWARD

InnVision is proud to announce that Ben and Alex Greer will be presented with the Junior League of San Jose's Crystal Bowl Award at their annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 22.

They will be recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts in the community. Alex and Ben planned and implemented a backpack drive collecting over \$6,600 in donations to fund more than 250 backpacks for children of InnVision programs.



INNVISION THE NIGHT GALA

SAVE THE DATE!
InnVision the Night Gala
2005
Friday, September 16, 2005
Fairmont Hotel San Jose



INNVISION OFFERS A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS:

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- Xilinx
- And all our individual volunteers

"I've been in and out of shelters and mental institutions all across the United States. This place is the only one that has helped. Just like it says over the door, I'm finding The Way Home." – Robert J.



BROOKE SCHARNKE PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF INNVISION PENINSULA PROGRAMS

InnVision the Way Home is pleased to announce the promotion of Brooke Scharnke to Director of Peninsula Programs. Scharnke will provide leadership and direction to the InnVision programs located in the Palo Alto/Menlo Park area including Urban Ministry of Palo Alto and Clara-Mateo Alliance. In 2006, InnVision will manage the services in the new Opportunity Center of the Mid-Peninsula. For over 30 years, InnVision has been serving homeless and low-income individuals and families in Silicon Valley with emergency shelter, housing, and day services.



THE WAY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Biker Santa and the Elves of the Northside 801 Motorcycle Club traded reindeer for horsepower and brought gifts to the kids of InnVision programs.



Two of Santa's Cupboard helpers from High Tech Connect assisted families in "shopping" free of charge for gifts for their children. Santa's Cupboard served more than 750 families distributing over 10,000 gifts.



Steve Troy of Aerofund loads a basket of toys for the children of InnVision. The annual shopping trip to Toys R Us helps InnVision to stock Santa's Cupboard, an event that allows homeless and low income families to have a holiday shopping experience without the huge price tag.

**To donate, you can go directly to
www.INNVISION.org/donate.html**