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Shelter Dinner Providers Needed! Can You Help?

Transition House needs help providing dinner and/or lunches for families living at our family shelter! We are in need of four regular dinner providers and a few dinner provider substitutes. Regular available slots are the third Tuesday of every month (12 times a year), the thirtieth of every month (11 times a year), third Saturday of every month (12 times a year) and the first Saturday of even months (6 times a year).

We are so **THANKFUL** for our current and past dinner providers who faithfully provide dinner 365 days a year! Dinner providers have been serving meals to the families living in our shelter since our inception in 1984. This is roughly 1,403,060 meals in the last 31 years, saving Transition House roughly \$7,931,815.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Nicole Janowicz, to receive more information and get a copy of the dinner provider guidelines. You can contact her at 805.966.9668 ext. 115 or email her at njanowicz@transitionhouse.com.

* If you are a part of any of the dinner provider groups listed to the right that are missing the year they started serving, please contact Nicole Janowicz to give her this information. We would love to be able to track every group. 



Friends have fun making dinner and sack lunches together—silly hats optional!

<i>Name of Dinner Provider Group Currently Serving:</i>	<i>Year Started Serving:</i>	<i>Number of Years Serving:</i>
First Congregational Church	1985	30 years
First Presbyterian Church	1984	31 years
All Saints- by-the-Sea Episcopal Church	1985	30 years
Amie Parrish	2002	13 years
Caley & Friends	2015	Newest provider
Calvary Chapel of Santa Barbara	2010	5 years
Carpinteria Community Church	1991	24 years
Central Coast Nursing Center	2014	1 year
Congregation B'nai B'rith	1984	31 years
Cottage Hospital, 5 South	2014	1 year
* El Montecito Presbyterian Church		
Feed Your Soul	2005	10 years
Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara	2014	1 year
* Goleta Presbyterian Church		
Jessica & Friends	2013	2 years
Kathy Bailey & Friends	2003	12 years
Knights of Columbus	1989	26 years

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Transition House Annual Corporate Supporters

\$20,000+

Yardi Systems
Towbes Group
Network Hardware Resale/Curvature

\$10,000-20,000

Williams-Sonoma/Pottery Barn

\$5,000-9,999

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Reaching Out to Landlords

Transition House has been working to develop relationships with local landlords who are willing to accept our client households in their vacant units. The effort is part of a program called Rapid Rehousing, a nationally accepted best practice which aims to decrease the time spent in shelter for families. While some households with very limited income and multiple barriers to stability benefit from longer shelter stays, others are able to get back into housing more quickly with Rapid Rehousing interventions. When needed, our program provides clients with security deposits and/or short-term cash rental assistance.

The Rapid Rehousing program requires clients to continue with case management services for a minimum of six months after moving into housing, thereby giving them the same service benefits as households that stay longer in shelter.

The following client story is a good example of how Rapid Rehousing and landlord partnerships can help families. Betsy is a victim of domestic violence who escaped her abuser and eventually entered Transition House. At the time, Betsy worked as a cleaning attendant,

earning about \$20,000 per year—not much money, and far less than adequate when one has three children to support. After entering Transition House's shelter, Betsy worked with our Rapid Rehousing case manager, Cheyenne Harty, who negotiated with an area landlord to secure an apartment for Betsy's family. Transition House paid her security deposit and provided six months of partial rental assistance, as well as case management geared heavily toward savings, money management, and increasing her income by networking to find more housecleaning contracts. After proving, through her savings and budgeting efforts, that she was able to pay rent each month on her own, Transition House ended her rental assistance. A year later, the landlord reports that Betsy has always paid rent on time and is a model tenant. Betsy reports that her oldest daughter, after witnessing the abuse that her mother experienced, wants to be a police officer. Before that, however, her daughter plans to go into the Army. She graduates this June, and will be enlisted soon after.

The benefits of Rapid Rehousing are two-fold. It is well documented that living in a shelter is stressful, especially if a shelter stay is extended. Families that can move into housing quickly and are willing to participate in ongoing case management services can be successful at achieving stability without the burdens presented by shelter life. Rapid Rehousing is also less costly way to serve homeless families seeking permanent housing. The combined cost of rental assistance and case management is less than the cost of keeping a family in shelter.

If you are a landlord who would like to house a Transition House family, contact Cheyenne Harty at (805) 966-9668. 🏠

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Grace Lutheran Church Closes Their Doors but Continues to Support Transition House and the Community

In early February of this year, Grace Lutheran Church held its last worship service. The congregation was one of the founders of Transition House and served our organization as a dinner provider and donor for 30 years.

The congregation is giving its property to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, which will develop an affordable housing complex for 60 low income seniors on the site, per the wishes of the Grace Lutheran 47 remaining members. The property will be called Grace Village.

The church also owns an acre of property by La Cumbre Plaza, currently leased by Vons and other business. The property will be owned by California Lutheran Homes and the rental income from it will be used to support Transition House, Habitat For Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, and support services at Grace Village.

Last year, Grace Lutheran ended their dinner service in Transition House's shelter due to their dwindling membership. In honor of their extraordinary service to the community, Transition House named an annual service award after them: The Grace Lutheran Founder's Award, to be given each year to a volunteer who shows ongoing dedication to Transition House over the course of many years.

"The Founder's Award was our way of honoring the extraordinary work of Grace Lutheran Church," says Kathleen Baushke, Transition House Executive Director. "Even though the families that are members of the church are going through their own transition to new church families, they have honored their history with Transition House." 🏡



In July of 1985, Grace Lutheran gets positive press coverage for its role in serving the homeless from the *Santa Barbara News-Press*.

Dinner Providers, continued from page 1

Live Oak Unitarian	1987	28 years
Living Faith Church	1988	27 years
M.A. Center (Mother's Kitchen)	2001	14 years
Montecito Covenant Church	1986	
Nick, Laura, & Friends	2013	2 years
* Ocean Hills Church		
Old Mission of Santa Barbara	1985	30 years
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	1990	25 years
* Our Lady of Sorrows Church		
* Pascucci's Restaurant		
SB Church of Christ	2004	11 years
Society of Friends, the Quakers	1985	30 years
* St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church		
St. Anthony's Community	1986	29 years
St. Mark United Methodist Church	1984	31 years
Friends of Transition House	2011	4 years
Trinity Episcopal Church	1984	31 years
Trinity Lutheran Church	1985	30 years
UCSB Community Affairs Board	2014	1 year
Unity of Santa Barbara	1984	31 years
Vedanta Society	1985	30 years
Vickie Hawks Love	2014	1 year



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2014 Emergency Shelter Statistics

Number of clients served

Children	197
Adults	120
Total families	90
Two-parent families	30
Single-parent families	60

Ethnicity

Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
African American	6%
Anglo	21%
Latino	70%
Native American	2%
Other	0%

Adults Only

Drug/alcohol issues	37%
Mental illness	18%
Dual diagnosis	23%
Other disabilities	50%
Domestic violence	37%

Employment

Number of families maintaining or increasing income	87%
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Education level for adults

High school	65%
Attended college	36%
Average grade completed	11 th

Residence before Transition House

Santa Barbara City	63%
Goleta	16%
Carpinteria	8%
SB County/Ventura	13%

Disposition upon exit from the shelter

Housing in SB	55%
TH-owned housing	15%
Other program	3%
Relative	8%
Other shelter	4%
Motel	9%
Unknown	6%



Annual Picnic
Sunday, May 17, 2015
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
Oak Park Main Area
300 W. Alamar Ave.

Transition House successfully helps homeless families because of you—our volunteers. Bring your family for a day filled with good friends, yummy Santa Maria style barbecue, lively music, games and prizes.

Please RSVP to Nicole Janowicz at
 966.9668 x115
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Transition House's Annual Volunteer Picnic
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