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Dr. Jim Belote Heads Medical Campaign



Jim Belote is again heading the medical campaign for FSA. His commitment to this cause lies in his experience as a pediatrician with Beaver Medical Clinic for 30+ years. Jim has said, "In health care it is not unusual to see children in at-risk families. Most lack reliable medical care, allowing minor problems to spiral out of control. Fortunately, Family Service Association is a reliable resource for these families." Jim's tenure on the board of directors has ended, but not his dedication to FSA. He continues to serve on the resource development and personnel committees, and regularly picks up food for the school food drives and Gerrards' "Bag Hunger" program. The next time you see him fly by in his little white truck filled

to the brim with canned goods, shout out a big "Thank You". Jim is one of FSA's stars! If you would like to support our Medical Campaign please call FSA at 793-2673.

Dinner in the Grove

5th annual
Family Service Association
Dinner in the Grove
Saturday, September 19, 2009
5:00 pm
In the historic grove of Halcott & Cornelia Grant
400 North Walnut Street • Redlands, CA 92374

Mission Statement

The mission of Family Service Association is to alleviate poverty, encourage self-sufficiency, and promote the dignity of all clients. This mission shall be achieved through development and implementation of quality service, efficient and innovative use of resources, and education.

Spotlight on FSA's Sylvia Garcia



Sylvia Garcia has been a case manager at Family Service since 2001. Her warmth and compassion for her clients comes across as she talks about her job: "I enjoy working here because I am able to help others in need and I know what it feels like to ask for help when your finances change". Sylvia teaches English as a second language and runs the

Spanish Basic Life Skills Group. She has also supervised FSA's annual Client Picnic.

Married for 36 years to her husband, Arthur, they have two children: Samuel, 26, a student in the Loma Linda School of Allied Health Care and Elena, 24, who has a BA in Psychology.

Sylvia was raised in a family that always helped the less fortunate. "My grandparents owned the Mitla Café in San Bernardino. They would feed people out of their back door," she says. She is continuing the tradition with her own children and niece by making "burrito runs" to the homeless in San Bernardino. Sylvia says, "I truly believe that we are put on this earth to serve one another. We all have different talents that can be put to good use."

School Food Drives

A whopping 15,947 pounds of food from 14 schools has been donated by students of the Redlands Unified School District for the 2008-2009 School Food Drives! Crafton School just received a trophy for most food brought in per student: 4.1 pounds, that's 2725 pounds! Volunteer coordinators Maureen Sanders and Cindy Wilburn are so impressed with these schools' efforts to take the time to organize these food drives in the midst of their busy schedules. Maureen says, "Their enthusiasm and willingness to want to help out the families in need at FSA is inspiring and wonderful to see!"



"CRAFTON SCHOOL students proudly hold their trophy, surrounded by FSA coordinator Cindy Wilburn, principal Luanna Kloepfer and FSA coordinator Maureen Sanders."

What Is A Home?

A family of six with a single working mother recently came in to FSA for food assistance. On a follow-up home visit, the case manager found that they were living in a garage with no front door. The refrigerator was outside. Quickly, a family plan was developed with the help of her case manager. She started attending our Money Management



Workshop, started a housing search based on her budget and met weekly with her case manager to monitor progress. In addition, the two grown children in the home went about securing income to help support the family. With all this accomplished, the family was able to move into permanent housing. This move not only stabilized the family, but also allowed mom to address her recent diagnosis of diabetes.

Tours

If you haven't seen our facilities yet, please call Donna at (909) 793-2673 to schedule a tour now. The grounds are beautiful and each building makes the most of its space to fulfill the needs of our clients, staff and volunteers.

Did You Know that in 2008 FSA...

- ♥ Served 6,934 meals and distributed 2,304 bags of groceries.
- ♥ Assisted securing permanent housing for 71 families and provided utility and rental assistance to 101 families.
- ♥ Provided 3,257 bednights of motel vouchers for cold weather and homeless support.
- ♥ Distributed clothing to 498 families.
- ♥ Made 3,312 Counseling contacts, 1,715 Training contacts and 2,743 Childcare contacts.

FSA continues it's association with...

If you shop at Albertsons, help FSA by joining their Community Partners. Simply shop your neighborhood Albertsons store - using your Preferred Savings Card. FSA will receive a percentage of your eligible purchases in the form of a cash contribution from Albertson's, Inc. Just go on line to www.albertsons.com click on "In The Community" then click on the Community Partners logo link. Once you log in, click on "Sign me up". Use Community Partner ID# 49001015127. You may also call the FSA office (909) 793-2673 for any additional information and questions.



Day of Service

56 volunteers gave their time to FSA on the National Day of Service in January. They came from Kaiser Permanente, ESRI, Move On Obama, CSUSB, County of San Bernardino, County of Riverside, MLK Day of Service and our community. On April 4th, a group of volunteers from the University of Redlands



Barbara and Ward Krause volunteered at FSA on behalf of the University of Redlands Bulldogs in Service.

Bulldogs in Service worked for many hours. Thank you all for helping in the pantry, childcare, holiday shop and so much more! If you, too, would like to volunteer please call 793-2673.

How Can You Help?

With the many budget cuts, cash donations are our greatest need right now. There is also a need for volunteers in our Distribution Center, Employment Training classes and Main Office. In addition, we can also use household items, such as kitchenware, bedding and furniture. And, as always, we welcome food for our pantry. If you would like more information please call (909) 793-2673



Why we help...

"It is important that we don't forget our neighbors who may be in need of assistance, especially in these hard financial times. Family Service Association focuses their efforts on educating local families to be self sufficient and to build a stronger family, which in turn builds a stronger community. We are proud to be a small part of this community effort."

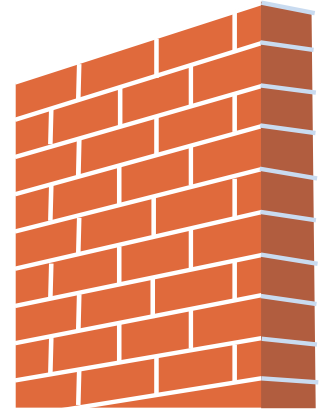
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Planned Giving

Bequests are an important part of proper planning in wills and other documents governing the distribution of your estate. Tax-reducing gifts to non-profit organizations leave a lasting legacy for the donor. Family Service Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please contact Cheryl Heesen at (909) 793-2673 for more information on how to include FSA in your estate planning.

Commemorative Bricks

It's not too late to make history! Bricks are still available for the much-needed repair of our patio. Call (909) 793-2673 to buy your own personalized brick. They make great holiday and birthday gifts for friends and family, staff and volunteers. Local contractors are donating the work on the courtyard so that all proceeds will benefit Family Service Association programs. See the flyer enclosed.



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