

Meeting Highlights  
VSSTF Faith Communities Subcommittee  
November 3, 2009

### **Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association/Yes in My backyard**

- YES! Hosted two hidden tours which toured RiverHaven and areas of bush behind RiverHaven. It's goal to educate and open eyes of community and congregational leaders. It was successful.
- VIMA is hosting the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 24<sup>th</sup> at Center for Spiritual Living. The offering will support the Homeless Prevention Fund.

### **One City One day (Thanksgiving) : Emailed report from Jesse Giglio**

Presented One City to County Supervisors this morning and it well. They said to let them know if anything out of the ordinary comes up that they could help with.

Permits are in. K of C confirmed. Decorating team is coming together. Toilets and trash are being negotiated. I think we are a little more than half-way on turkeys and are getting there on pies (we are making an appeal at VMC Sunday). We could still use some funding for the monetary costs. Volunteer opportunities are limited and would prefer to just give them to our networks. Trying to firm up sponsors for a poster but in the meantime starting to get those postcards out to the services. Love to have one translated into Spanish.

Think that is all for now, I'll be at TaskForce tomorrow but will have to leave early as I have another meeting to set up for regarding Haiti, crazy right now.

Needs-These can be taken to Ventura Missionary at any time.

- Turkeys
- Pies
- Money

### **Funding Proposals:**

Realizing that a number of proposals have been submitted and the amount requested is more than the available funding the Faith Communities Subcommittee made the following proposal which was approved unanimously:

We propose that a funding panel be convened to score and recommend funding allocations. This panel will be comprised of ONE representative from each subcommittee and the steering committee. The purpose of the funding panel will be to

recommend which projects will be funded this fiscal year. To be eligible for the funding panel the person must be involved in the committee that s/he is representing and CAN NOT have a vested interest in any of the funding proposals being considered. Vested interest would include staff or board member of an organization requesting funding.

Ranking should be based on whether the proposal is compatible with the 10 year strategy to end homelessness. Particular emphasis would be placed on programs that will prevent homelessness or assist in moving people from homeless to permanent sustainable housing. The consensus was that funding should not be for programs that manage homelessness but for programs that work to end homelessness.

### **Safe Sleep:**

Three churches have shown great interest and are moving forward with getting their board approvals. The contract and memorandums of understanding are being reviewed by Salvation Army legal staff currently. Planned implementation is for end of November/beginning of December.

### **Christmas activities:**

Harbor: will be doing a Christmas party for homeless men and women and children. Basic gifts will be distributed.

Catholic Charities:

Has a santa room for 120 families for food and toys. Intakes are reaching capacity.

River Community:

Is participating with Action Christmas Shops

The Salvation Army:

Will be assisting families with toys and food this year. They are beginning intakes now and will serve up to 300 families. No family will be turned away. (more details will be in flyers that will be emailed out.)

### **Other Updates**

The VSSTF will be holding a community meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist. More details will follow.

The Salvation Army is in the beginning stages of exploring the possibility of becoming the lead agency for Gateway: a multi agency resource center and shelter. The majority of this work will be done in the Gateway committee.

