

## **Ventura Social Services Task Force – Nov 2, 2011**

Self Introductions were performed (34 present -Neal Andrews, Jerry Breiner, Sue Brinkmeyer, Kent Brinkmeyer, Peter Brown, Cathy Brudnicki, Lynn Bulock, Cindy Cattle, Kevin Clerici, David Deutsch, Pat Esseff, Susan Everett, Quinn Fenwick, Bill Finley, Tolani Finley, Ken Finning, Jill Forman, Lynda Girtsman, Todd L. Goehner, Dennis Hawkins, Tim Hawkins, Keri Jaeger, John Jones, Ron Kurlaender, Amy Luoma, Donna Mason Luttrull, John Luttrull, Rob Orth, Amanda Pyper, Clyde Reynolds, Keri Rushing-King, Becky Spring, Mary Stewart, Beth Sutherland)

### **Peter Brown -**

Winter warming shelter set to open Dec 1st - through March 31st  
City Council Homeless subcommittee meets tomorrow (11/3) at 4:00

#### Shopping Carts-

Issue next comes before City Council on Nov 21st

Prior to that meeting - on Nov 14th at 10:30 AM there will be a meeting with shopping cart owners

Dec 12th will be 1st public hearing for proposed shopping cart ordinance

### **Asst. Police Chief Quinn Fenwick**

Safe and Clean Public Places Initiative has three goals/issues:

- Public spaces and places will be kept safe, secure and clean for use by the entire community
- "Place-based" services are vital, however they must be supplemented by an increase in street outreach programs that reach chronically homeless service resistant individuals, and
- Working to address/reduce/end services and philanthropic giving that are based on a "hand-out" rather than a "hand-up"

Adjusting resources and service delivery systems.

- Hand up vs hand out

Poster discouraging giving to panhandlers

Anti-Panhandling roll-out

\$10k budget

Billboard ad

PSA's

Letters to the newspaper/editor etc

Chronic Offender program

Admin policy and procedure

Restrict services for chronic offenders?

Limited services?

1-800-352-4613 - CA Shopping Cart Retrieval Company

To call and report shopping carts in need of retrieval

805-258-1902 - Downtown SGI (Clean and Safe)  
to report shopping carts in downtown corridor

Ernie Morales -

Black and White Fundraising Dinner

Good turn out - thanks to all who supported

Similar amount of dollars raised as last year (\$35-40K range) – with numbers still be tabulated

### **OLA - St Vincent de Paul**

**Dennis Hawkins -**

There are 12 conferences of SVDP in Ventura County -

Is volunteer driven so no overhead

Services include

- Eviction prevention
- Homeless transistion - living in car to renting apartment / 1st months and deposit
- Gasoline vouchers and bus tokens
- Auto repairs and registration and insurance assistance
- Utility assistance
- food assistance - meals at OLA on Monday nights (Many Meals) 100 people a week
- lunches for One Stop
- Assistance with clothing / furniture and household items
- Healthcare assistance
- Motel assistance - only in emergency cases
- Christmas Toy Drive

David Deutsch mentioned that "St Vincent de Paul fills the void"

- SVDP partners with others to provide assistance

### **Home to Stay program (Lynn Bullock - Program Director)**

Use volunteers from faith community to overcome barriers in family's life to stay housed

- work with one family for 12 months
- need two more faith communities from west county
- database to track families so see who has receive assistance

### **Faith based sub committee**

One City One Meal

Come and share a meal

Food to be served at noon

Gates open at 10:00 AM (Fairgrounds)

No regular bus schedule that day so transportation limited

### **Homeless Prevention committee**

SA \$2,875 - 12 people in October

including 6 children

201 families total to date

Project Understanding has funds in November

Home to Stay presentation was done at Oct meeting

November is Homeless Awareness Month -

Next meeting is Nov 16th at 1:00 PM

**Housing Options**

did not meet in Oct

Homeshare has 20 matches total

also two veterans placed in veterans housing

Home Share will receive Community Dividends funds from Montecito Bank and Trust

**One Stop - Jill Forman**

very busy

many new people each week

**Beth Sutherland LUYV**

Expressed appreciation of Turning Point, Project Understanding, Salvation Army for Hidden Ventura Tours

Announced Concert this Saturday - New Directions Choir (6:00 PM)

Cathy Brudnicki-

Homeless Count retraining due to new format

Ventura County together

Raised \$65,000 - over Labor Day - funds to winter shelter

Ready, Willing & Able - out of NY - works with connection people being released from incarceration - with housing and job job. Will see about speaker (for similar program) coming to VSSTF. (see

<http://www.doe.org>)