

News & Updates



Generous Locals Make Holiday Program a Success!

We are deeply grateful to our generous community for their support in creating happier holidays for over 100 families working closely with SLTWC.

In November 2008, MontBleu employees conducted a coat drive, the Leadership Group at the Meyers Environmental Magnet School conducted a food drive, employees at the Bass Outlet donated 6 baskets full of items for holiday meals, and a generous private donor delivered 38 turkeys for our clients. Other private donors provided pre-cooked turkey dinners from Safeway, \$100 in calling cards, \$500 in Marshall's gift cards, diapers and baby wipes.

In December, Harrah's and Harveys Lake Tahoe generously donated 74 turkeys for our clients, and The Elks Club provided \$1,000 in Grocery Outlet credit, which was used to purchase holiday meal trimmings to accompany each turkey and other emergency food to distribute to our clients in need this holiday season. The Elks Club also took 10 of our child clients to Kmart to shop for Christmas!

On December 10th, Tahoe Douglas Rotary hosted their 15th Annual Children's Christmas Party with Santa, dinner, dancers and holiday "shopping" for 30 children and families receiving services.

Bar 24 held their Anniversary Party on December 19 and collected more than \$200 from raffles and collected many toys for needy families through offering a free drink to any patron who brought in a toy.

The Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce held their annual Holiday Party at Riva Grill on December 11, collecting a busload of toys and wrapping supplies from generous Chamber members who support us every year through this event.

The Library, Old Republic Title Company and the Presbyterian Church all had "Giving Trees" at their locations where donors could pick up ornaments, which listed the holiday wishes of a special child working with South Lake Tahoe Women's Center.

The Shoppe made sure that Santa visited families living in our shelter and provided a party for our shelter clients.

The TRPA conducted a food drive, donating canned goods, \$70 in Safeway gift cards, and almost \$500 in employee donations!

The following businesses and groups adopted families this year, purchasing items on each family's specific wish list: Chase International of SLT, Old Republic Title Company, Unity Church, LTCC Child Development Center, Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Sam's Place, South Tahoe Garden

Club, California Tahoe Conservancy, The Ridge Resorts, Deb Howard & Co., STHS Honor Society, Lake Tahoe Wedding and Honeymoon Association, Tahoe Family Physicians, EDC Jail, EDC Dept. of Transportation, The City of SLT, the Post Office, Hair and Nail Studio, STMS AVID Class, Farmers Insurance Hetherington Agency, EDC Dept. of Probation, Lake Tahoe Accommodations, and the Bass Outlet Store at the Y and the Carson Valley Community Food Closet.

The following individuals adopted families: Karen Devoss, Sherri and Mark Acri, Sheila Sloan, Marian White, Laurie Gallagher, John Wlcek, Elton and Judy Stone, Terri Snyder, Diane Yarrow, Allison Monroe, Elizabeth Tatersall, Det. Shannon Norrgard, Jane Lau, Carl Tograeco, Loral Langemeir, Sharon Chisum, Susan Johnson, Margaret Burks, Mairi Leining, Ravi Adusumalli, Jim Dalton, Catherine DiCamillo, Pat Disney, Ginger Mitchell, Jeanie Cerceo, Melissa Wilburn, Linda Hackler, Linda Bryan, Susan Middleton, Liz Higgins, Kris Keesling, Lee Ann Stigers Genasci, Janice Eastburn and Heidi Manderschied.

We are thankful this New Year for the many other local individuals and business who donated funds to support the work of SLTWC this holiday season.

Grant Extended

The Police Department has received three more years of funding for the Domestic Violence Response Team. Since 2003, this state grant has funded a full-time detective and a full-time SLTWC advocate. The team collaborates to serve our community by increasing accountability for abusers by increasing rates of prosecution, and increases victims' access to services, such as shelter, food, clothing, counseling, court accompaniment, and legal advocacy.

Raise Funds Without Spending Money!

When it's time to recycle your cans and bottles from all of those holiday parties, bring them to South Tahoe Refuse at 2192 Ruth Avenue and let them know you'd like to support South Lake Tahoe Women's Center. They will take care of mailing us a check for the value of the bottles you bring them!

If you have useful clothing, furniture or other items to donate, call Bargains Galore at (530) 541-0444, located at 972 B Tallac Ave. Tell them you'd like your donation to support the Women's Center. They will give us store credit for our clients, and you will receive a donation letter from the Women's Center.