

Memorandum from



... and Maxine Lewis
Memorial Shelter ...

The Newsletter of Friends of Prado Day Center
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Have You Got Your Ticket Yet?

It's not too late to get tickets for the 8th Annual Friends of Prado Day Center Culinary Carnival at the Veteran's Hall in San Luis Obispo! With a sit-down Cajun dinner provided by the Del Monte Café, music from the Crustacea Jazz Band, and a live auction, the evening proves to be a colorful and fun way to celebrate Mardi Gras and to provide support for the efforts of Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Shelter.

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased by sending a check to "Friends of Prado Day Center" at P.O. Box 12444, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406, or by going online to sloculinarycarnival.org. You can also see a list of the live auction items at the website!

Would you like to sit with your friends? Just get together 8 or 10 people, buy the tickets all at once, and we'll reserve a table for you!

Special thanks to our Carnival sponsors (to date):

- Chuck and Lois Crotser
- John and Judy Michener
- Central Coast Printing
- Ashala Lawler
- Nichols Wealth Management
- Stifel Nicolaus

Many Many Thank You's

So many individuals, groups, and companies helped make the holidays at Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Shelter special for our clients!

Once again, Dr. Scott Dubral and his family sponsored their annual ChiroFeed at Prado Day Center on Dec. 12. Clients were treated to massages, chiropractic adjustments, manicures and haircuts, and a BBQ. Many thanks to these wonderful supporters.

Nancy Boydston has purchased stockings and stocking stuffers for all of the children for 17 years.

Sisters Serving Sisters donated Christmas gifts and are regular volunteers at the overflow sites.

Deborah Pinson bakes fresh persimmon bread every week and is known at both Prado and Maxine Lewis.

Jeff and Ashlee Brown and family sponsored children on our wish list with 20 gifts.

Rita's Rainbows (ritasrainbows.org) contributes a large portion of our holiday gifts every year and hosts special projects for children throughout the year.

Jennifer Barker and the staff of SLO Parks and Rec have donated Christmas gifts for many years.

Grace Church makes regular and large donations of Christmas gifts.

The Elks Lodge had a thief steal all their presents (many earmarked for our children), took another collection from their members, and dropped off hundreds of dollars' worth of gifts.

One donor read about the theft in the Trib and donated \$1000. Another donor read about the theft on Facebook and bought toys for 8 children on our list.

St. Benedicts of Los Osos donated nearly \$600 worth of gift cards.

Our wonderful Santa, Tom Luginbill, helped us out at the last minute.

Central Coast Funds for Children donated many boxes of paper plates and utensils.

And so many more of you – some of you reading this newsletter – donated your time, money, and gifts to make this Christmas a special time for our clients. Thank you one and all!

Success Stories

Staff person Justin reports: One woman at the shelter has shown a lot of concern for another elderly woman, and has transported various clients to appointments in her own car, as well as driving them back and forth between Prado and Maxine Lewis Shelter.

With each month she has shown the strength of character that is tested when people find themselves in dire situations, but do not let the situations destroy them inwardly. A short time ago while she waited in the lunch line, she reported that she was trying to sell her car because she was planning on moving, as she was looking to open up more opportunities for herself. A few days later she was excited to tell staff that she has been approved to get an apartment in San Diego,

and she is looking forward to the move. It is wonderful to see this woman, who was always concerned with others, regardless of her situation in life, finally get a break.

Staff person Leesa reports: A returning client is one of the nicest, funniest, and most cooperative clients we have. Sometime earlier in the year he got very sick, missed a lot of work, and ultimately lost his job. In spite of this, he kept an optimistic attitude, focusing on the positive aspects of sleeping outside, even when it was cold and wet. No matter what chore he is assigned by staff, he does it well. I was happy to hear that he recently got a job at a department store. He is now on priority (which guarantees him a bed at

the shelter or overflow), and back on his plan to getting a place of his own. We wish him all the best.

Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about Prado Day Center, visit www.pradodaycenter.org. To make donations, go to www.pradodaycenter.org/donate.html. If you would like to volunteer, either at the Center or on a committee with the Friends of Prado Day Center, please call (805) 786-0617.

Since 1997, **Prado Day Center** has provided essential day-to-day services for homeless and working poor members of our community. The Center provides food, showers, phone message service, and many other services. **Friends of Prado Day Center** provides support funding for Prado Day Center. **CAPSLO** manages the day-to-day operation of Prado Day Center. **The People's Kitchen** coordinates hot lunches served daily at the Center by organizations throughout the county.



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Santa and two of his admirers at the Christmas party on Dec. 24.



The manicure table at the ChiroFeed event on December 12.



Mom and baby enjoy themselves at the Christmas party.