

# SAN LEANDRO WARMING SHELTER

*a project of Interfaith Homeless Network/April Showers and Building Futures*

## What's the Warming Shelter?

Last winter, April Showers/Interfaith Homeless Network and Building Futures provided San Leandro with an overnight Warming Shelter. The shelter was open during rainy or very cold weather. Guests were provided with dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast. In all, 36 San Leandrans accessed the Warming Shelter. The site was open for 15 nights, serving 10-14 people each night.

Today, we estimate there are 100 people living unsheltered on San Leandro's streets. Because of the success of the Warming Shelter last winter, Building Futures and April Showers/Interfaith Homeless Network are now organizing the program for this season. The shelter will be located at First United Methodist Church and serve both men and women.

On nights when the weather is forecast to be 42 degrees or colder or rain is predicted, the Warming Shelter will be open.

The Warming Shelter will be overseen by Building Futures' staff members. Funding is again provided by the City of San Leandro. This project also depends upon the support from caring community members.

## Warming Shelter Wish List

- Sleeping Bags
- Socks (men and women's)
- T-Shirts (men and women's)
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts (men and women's)



***For information or questions about donating these items for the Warming Shelter, contact Kaeleigh Thorp at 510 357-0205 ext. 205 or [KThorp@bfwc.org](mailto:KThorp@bfwc.org)***

*The San Leandro Shelter is funded by the City of San Leandro and operated by Building Futures and Interfaith Homeless Network/April Showers, with the support of San Leandro's faith communities, individuals and businesses.*

# We need your help!

We need plenty of help from the community to make the shelter work. Specifically, we seek churches or clubs to “adopt” one night of the week for the duration of this year’s project—expected to run between late November 2015 through April 2016.\* Dinners should serve an estimated 15-20 people. Examples of easy one-dish meals include soup, stew, chili, pasta, or lasagna.

\* Shorter commitments may also be available

Volunteers are also needed to gather donations from the wish list (see other side).

**For questions about donating dinners for the San Leandro Warming Shelter, please contact Moira Fry at 510-917-5078 or [MoiraFry@gmail.com](mailto:MoiraFry@gmail.com)**

## Accessing the Warming Shelter

The Warming Shelter is designed to be a warm, safe, and respectful place for homeless persons to get out of the cold and rainy weather. Building Futures must do a complete Intake before clients access the Warming Shelter. (It is not a drop-in center.)

**Warming Shelter announcements as to open nights can be reached by calling Building Futures’ Warming Shelter line at 510-924-3787.**

Simple intakes for homeless people with a connection to San Leandro are available at:

- ◆ **April Showers** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11am- 2pm at SL Boys & Girls Club, at 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro (at San Leandro Blvd.)
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Lunch Program** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1395 Bancroft Avenue (Near Estudillo) in San Leandro
- ◆ **By appointment**, through 510-924-3787
- ◆ Help with finding housing and other needed services will also be available

