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Welcome to our e-newsletter!



It's time to elect a new President of the United States. Remember to get out and vote...this could be one of the most important elections in recent history.

The holidays are fast approaching. There are many needy families in our community and San Mateo County's seven Core Service Centers offer extra help during this season. See the article below for details. The Community Information Program wishes everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Gobble, gobble!



Holiday Help from the Core Service Centers

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students from San Mateo High School asking for donations of food and/or money to their annual Canned Food Drive. For more information and instructions on how to donate, [click here...](#)

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Violence and Abuse Prevention Services Flyer Updated

In addition to the *Community Information Handbook* and *Help at Home*, the Community Information Program publishes two-page flyers listing resources on several topics. The flyer on Violence and Abuse Prevention Services has recently been updated. To download a copy [visit](#)

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For a calendar of children's health events sponsored by nonprofit organizations in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, **visit** www.kidscal.org.

For a calendar of training opportunities for nonprofit staff, **visit** compasspoint.org.

Email shulman@plsinfo.org anytime to submit your upcoming event for the CIP Community Calendar.

Click here for the **CIP Community Calendar**.

Click here for the **CIP Calendar of Ongoing Events**.

cip.plsinfo.org/flyers.htm or **click on** cip.plsinfo.org/PDF/violence08.pdf.

LoveisRespect.org

A participant at October's meeting of the Adolescent Collaborative Action Team (ACAT) wanted to share an additional resource on teen dating violence.



loveisrespect.org and the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline are national resources accessible by phone or Internet. They provide real-time one-on-one support from trained Peer Advocates who offer support, information and advocacy to those involved in dating abuse relationships as well as concerned parents, teachers, clergy, law enforcement and service providers.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation Issues \$1 Million Community Challenge for Food and Shelter

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Call for Nominations:

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To download the nomination form **visit** www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/hr/csw. **Contact Honora Miller at 650-363-4463 or** hmiller@co.sanmateo.ca.us for more information or to obtain paper nomination forms.

2009 Sustainable San Mateo County Awards - Deadline December 3

Sustainable San Mateo County is seeking nominations for the 2009 Sustainable San Mateo County Awards and the Green Building Awards. The Sustainable San Mateo County Awards honor and publicize businesses, government programs, community groups, nonprofits and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to sustainable practices in their work. For more information **visit** www.sustainableanmateo.org.

2009 Annual Green Building Awards Nominations - Deadline December 5

Your building or renovation project can be recognized for being green with the Green Building Award. This program is sponsored by Sustainable San Mateo County, County of San Mateo and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Mateo County Chapter. The award acknowledges the architects, builders and owners of green buildings. Visit the Web site at www.recycleworks.org to learn more about this award program and download the application form.

New Administration on Aging (AoA) Population Tables and Charts

This past August the Census Bureau issued revised national population projections by age, sex, race and ethnicity. The Administration on Aging (AoA) has compiled new tables and charts based on these new projections, available at www.aoa.gov/prof/Statistics/statistics.aspx.

Landlord/Tenant Clinics Every Monday

Are you a landlord or tenant? Do you have questions about your rights, responsibilities or obligations? You can get assistance for your rental housing issues at the Landlord/Tenant Clinic, San Mateo Superior Court, 400 County Center, Criminal Justice Training Room, Third Floor in Redwood City. The clinics are held every Monday except Court Holidays from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. People will be seen on a first come, first served basis. This is a collaborative project of the Self-Help Services of the San Mateo Superior Court and Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County.

Agency Update

Martín Gómez joined the **San Mateo County Library** as Director of Library Services this month.

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Article deadline for the December issue of the *Resource Bulletin* is November 15. Email your submission to shulman@plsinfo.org.

Resource Highlight

CIP maintains a [database](#) of more than 2,600 nonprofit agencies, government programs, community clubs and social, service, environmental and fraternal organizations that serve residents of San Mateo County. In each issue of the *Resource Bulletin*, we feature one or more resources to help familiarize readers with the depth and breadth of the [database](#). Following is the highlight for this month.

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. First begun as National Adoption Awareness Week in the early 1970s by Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, it transformed into National Adoption Awareness Month by President Gerald Ford. The goal is to raise awareness about adoption-related

issues.

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This state-licensed foster and adoption agency recruits and supports private foster and adoptive families for children, age 18 or under, who need supervised care outside of their birth family, for environmental, social or legal reasons. Provides orientation sessions and training workshops to prepare families for the realities of foster care and adoption through foster care. A complete home study, which includes a 12-hour pre-certification training, is done by the agency. Also provides weekly consultation and 24-hour emergency assistance and crisis intervention services after children are placed in the Fost-Adopt home. Placements come from Social Service and Probation departments.

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- Search our database online at **[CIP Database](#)**.
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DOVIA San Mateo County Quarterly Meeting

November 4, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. The topic for this month's meeting is Back-to-Basics: How and what do we do to attract volunteers to our organizations. "DOVIA" is the generic name for "Directors of Volunteers in Agencies" Association. DOVIAs are local professional associations made up of leaders of volunteer programs. Members are local volunteer managers from nonprofit and government agencies who share, network and discuss local volunteer related issues as well as broader issues facing the professional. Membership is free. Quarterly meetings occur at different sites in the county.

Location: 262 Harbor Blvd., Building A, Hacienda and Veranda Rooms, Belmont. For more information about DOVIA [contact Deborah Owdom at 650-696-7661 or owdomd@sutterhealth.org](#). To be added to the email notification list [contact Pat Michelin at michelin@plsinfo.org or pmichelin@co.sanmateo.ca.us](#).

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Youth and Family Enrichment Services (YFES) Open House

November 5, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Youth and Family Enrichment Services (YFES) is holding an Open House. Learn about their programs and meet the staff. Refreshments will be available.

Location: San Carlos Library, second floor, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos. For more information [contact 650-591-9623 or denise.alvarez@yfes.org](#).

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The Board Match Nonprofit Application Deadline

November 7. The Volunteer Center serving San Francisco and San Mateo Counties is accepting applications from nonprofits throughout the Bay Area for participation in The Board Match, an opportunity for executive directors, board presidents and others to talk with hundreds of prospective board members in one place. Sponsored by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, it is scheduled to take place in San Francisco on January 13, 2009.

Prospective board candidates are recruited from area businesses, associations and community groups. Each expresses a strong interest in making a volunteer community-service commitment to a nonprofit organization. At The Board Match, agencies will have an opportunity, with a table-top display, to present program materials to these candidates.

To be considered, register the agency board information online by logging in at www.volunteersolutions.org/thevolunteercenter/agency/. Complete the online application by November 7 at www.thevolunteercenter2.net/survey/?survey_id=10295274175. Payment must be arranged for or received by December 1. The executive director and at least one board member, preferably the board chair or board development chair, must attend The Board Match in order to participate. Applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis and space is limited to 125 nonprofit agencies. For more details about The Board Match on January 13 see that listing.

If you have questions about registration, **contact Kelleigh Trowbridge at 415-982-8999 ext. 225 or ktrowbridge@thevolunteercenter.net**.

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Finding Foundation Support for Your Education

November 10, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Are you looking for undergraduate scholarships? Are you a graduate student seeking doctoral support? Are you seeking funding for continuing education? Join a one-hour class on obtaining financial aid for your studies. Learn what you need to know before approaching foundations; the different sources of funding; how to create a personal profile to attract funders; print and electronic resources that provide information on scholarships from foundations; and tips on how to make your application successful.

Location: San Mateo Main Library, 55 West Third Avenue, San Mateo. The class is free to attend but space is limited. To register **visit** foundationcenter.org/sanfrancisco/sf_november.html.

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Getting Started with Foundation Grants to Individuals Online

November 10, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. This hands-on workshop is especially for individual grantseekers - students, artists, academic researchers, libraries and financial aid officers. It will teach you how to search through detailed descriptions of more than 6,000 foundation programs in *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, the only online resource devoted exclusively to foundations that support the needs of individuals. This class will help you to find accurate, up-to-date information on foundations that fund educational support - scholarships, fellowships, loans, and internships; students and graduates of specific schools; arts and cultural support; awards, prizes and grants by nomination; international applicants; employees/families of employees at specific companies; research and professional support; and general welfare and special needs.

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Location: Human Services Agency, 400 Harbor Blvd., Building B, Harvard Room, Belmont. All are welcome. For more information, **contact Renee Zimmerman at 650-556-9503 or rzimmerman@familyconnections.org**.

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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of San Mateo County Meeting on Healthy Holiday Eating

November 19, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Food and emotions go hand in hand. In some ways this correlation is never more obvious than during the holiday season. Add extended relatives, friends, plane delays and inflated expectations into the mix and stir and you've got an explosive recipe. Instead of cruising through Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza by inhaling every sugary treat in sight, explore the process of balancing awareness and indulgence. Identify strategies for the holiday table, expand your intuition about what your body actually likes and receive recipes for desserts made with natural sweeteners.

Location: Health Services Building, 225 - 37th Avenue, Room 100, San Mateo. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information **contact NAMI at 650-638-0800**.

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Medicare Part D Group Counseling Sessions

November 20 and 25 and December 2, 4, 9 and 11. Need help understanding your options during Medicare's Part D Annual Enrollment Period from November 15th - December 31st? HICAP of San Mateo, a nonprofit Medicare counseling program sponsored jointly by the Area Agency on Aging and Self-Help for the Elderly, can help

you: Find a drug plan which covers your drugs when you become eligible for Medicare; review your prescription drug plan to make sure your drugs are on your plan in 2009; change to a different drug plan in 2009; understand your options regarding your Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO's, PPO's, PFFS's and MSA's) and see if you are eligible for extra help. Counseling services are provided by trained volunteers registered as HICAP Counselors with the California Department of Aging.

Location: HICAP will provide locations and times, as well as a form to complete before the session, when called for an appointment. For more information and to make an appointment [call 800-434-0222](tel:800-434-0222) or [650-627-9350](tel:650-627-9350).

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Holiday Help from the Core Service Centers

The seven Core Service Centers in San Mateo County provide extra services during holiday times. Following are details of some of the programs being offered:

Coastside Hope, 99 Avenue Alhambra, El Granada. Serves El Granada, Half Moon Bay, La Honda, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pescadero and San Gregorio. Registration for their Adopt-a-Family program ended October 31. [Call 650-726-9071](tel:650-726-9071) for information on other programs.

Daly City Community Service Center, 350 - 90th Street, First Floor, Daly City. For residents of Broadmoor, Colma or Daly City. Applications will be taken through December 3, Monday – Friday, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm or by appointment. To apply you must bring income verification for the entire household; a current rent receipt; proof of residence (i.e., PG&E or telephone bill); verification of large or unusual monthly expenses and verification of children (i.e., birth certificates, immunization cards, Medi-Cal cards; bring two). [Call 650-991-8007](tel:650-991-8007) for more information.

El Concilio Emergency Social Services, 1798-B Bay Road, East Palo Alto. For residents in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Details were not available as of press time. [Call 650-330-7432](tel:650-330-7432) for information.

Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. Holiday Toy and Book Program sign-ups will be held November 24 – December 5; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; or Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm or until the list is full. They will be closed November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The program is for low-income families with at least one child age 12 or under, living in Atherton, north Fair Oaks, Portola Valley, Redwood City or Woodside. Sign-ups must be completed in person and will take place at the Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [Call 650-780-7500](tel:650-780-7500) for more information.

North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center, 600 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco. Serves residents of Brisbane, San Bruno and South San Francisco and is now accepting registration for their annual holiday programs. Residents can apply for holiday food for Thanksgiving as well as holiday food and toy/gift assistance for Christmas. Pre-registration and proof of total family income is required. The registration cut-off date for Thanksgiving is November 6; for Christmas the cut-off is December 7. For more

information or to make an appointment [call 650-583-3373 ext. 13 or 14](tel:650-583-3373).

Pacifica Resource Center/Tides Center, 1809 Palmetto Avenue, Pacifica. For residents living in Pacifica north of Devil's Slide. The holiday program registration for Pacifica residents runs through November 14 for Thanksgiving. The Christmas program is open to Pacifica families with children 17 and under who reside with a parent full time; registration ends December 10. [Call 650-738-7470](tel:650-738-7470) for an appointment and more details.

Samaritan House, 401 North Humboldt Street, San Mateo. Participants in this program will receive food baskets in November and December, based on the size of the family. Children in the home age 16 and younger will also receive presents in December. To sign up for the Holiday Program, [call 650-696-7378](tel:650-696-7378) to schedule an appointment. Samaritan House clients are eligible to participate. Bring IDs for everyone in the household (i.e., driver's license, state ID, birth certificate, immunization card, social security card); proof of residence (i.e., PG&E or telephone bill) and documents that verify the household income.

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San Mateo High School Canned Food Drive: November 21 - December 8

This year shoppers at many San Mateo area supermarkets between November 21 and December 8 will be greeted by students from San Mateo High School asking for donations of food and/or money to their annual Canned Food Drive. The drive benefits Samaritan House, an organization that helps about 7,500 needy people, half of whom are children, throughout San Mateo County, and Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Several years ago, the school was recognized by the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the World's Largest Food Drive.

The students count both actual pounds of food collected as well as monetary donations (\$1 = 4 pounds). The Drive has earned several awards, including:

- Samaritan House Youth Volunteers of the year (awarded three years)
- Second Harvest Gold, Platinum and Blue Diamond Youth Awards (awarded three years)
- Jefferson Community Service Awards for Students

Contributions may also be mailed to or dropped off at the school at 506 North Delaware, San Mateo, CA 94401. Checks are tax-deductible and should be made out to Samaritan House. You can also donate online by [visiting fooddrive.shfoodbank.com](http://visiting.fooddrive.shfoodbank.com). Click on VFD Store; where it asks for "Donor Type," click on "Schools." The organization name is San Mateo High School. Questions can be directed to Food Drive Coordinator [Sara Cowey Catalli at 650-558-2333 or scowey@comcast.net](mailto:Sara.Cowey@comcast.net).

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Local residents and nonprofit organizations are invited to check out the Community Wish List for San Mateo County at www.communitywishlist.org, which connects nonprofits with people who wish to donate goods.

The idea of the Community Wish List is simple. Local nonprofits list items they would like donated in order to serve the community better. People like the satisfaction of giving

tangible items to worthy organizations; they also get a tax write-off. In addition to receiving goods, the nonprofits make connections with people who may help them in other ways. Everyone benefits by keeping things out of the landfill.

Burlingame Councilwoman Terry Nagel started the Community Wish List in 2004 with a group of volunteers whose goal is to create a model that other communities can copy at no charge. The site is built on open-source software. "In this difficult financial time," she said, "people may have to cut down on the checks they write, but everyone can clean out their closets and find valuable items that would be useful to a local nonprofit."

Dozens of nonprofits have received contributions via the Community Wish List for goods valued at thousands of dollars. The site also provides a forum for nonprofits that don't have funding for advertising. Each organization has its own page, with its logo, mission, services and contact info displayed. There's even a Google map to help people find the office.

To get started, [visit www.communitywishlist.org](http://www.communitywishlist.org). The site's database allows users to search by item or organization. Tutorials explain how the site works; people can also email questions to helpdesk@communitywishlist.org or call [Patty Poggetti at 650-347-0987](tel:650-347-0987).

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In September, SVCF announced new grantmaking strategies, which included an initial \$1 million in grants for "safety net" services. The announcement of the Challenge could boost the total available for those grants to \$3 million.

"You establish what matters to you in times of crisis and for safety net groups in our region and the families and individuals they serve, this is truly a time of crisis," said Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., CEO and President of SVCF. "In this economic downturn, it is critical that we all demonstrate the kind of generosity that Silicon Valley is known for and help others weather this storm."

Those who want to donate can do so online by [visiting www.siliconvalleycf.org](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org) and clicking on [Strengthen the Safety Net, by emailing donate@siliconvalleycf.org or by calling 650-450-5444](#). Checks can also be mailed to Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300, Mountain View, California 94040, Attention: "Strengthen the Safety Net." For more information about the foundation [visit www.siliconvalleycf.org](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org).

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