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ON THE HOMELESS**
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Brian Dixon and Dan Lennox Honored

by Georgia Berland

This year's Spirit of Community Award was presented to Brian Dixon of Petaluma at the Task Force's October in Paradise event. Brian is a mortgage broker who has used his professional skills many times in COTS' Rent Right program, and acted as a mentor for many homeless people, helping them to understand what it takes to get back under a roof of their own and to rehabilitate their credit.

Brian also serves on COTS' board of directors, and is speaker at COTS presentations. Brian supports COTS as a means to help homeless people. Moreover, he's developed a program where instead of giving holiday gifts to adults, he makes donations to COTS on their behalf, and he sent a letter to the COTS mailing list suggesting they do the same.

Brian has found a way to use his professional skills to help homeless people and gives unstintingly of his time and gifts in a way that inspires not only homeless people but also other staff.

Dan Lennox – truly an unsung hero - is the worthy recipient of the 2005 Spirit of Service Award. He has been a steadfast and effective outreach worker and trusted advisor to the clients of Community Support Network (CSN) for 20 years.

Dan first worked in the CSN drop-in center helping people find resources for housing and medical and mental health. When CSN lost funding for the drop-in center, they looked for a way to keep Dan on the payroll because he was such a great asset to clients. He became an outreach worker, a job he continues today. Because Dan is a mental health consumer, he sets his hours in consultation with his supervisor, and works as much or as little as he needs to maintain his mental stability - generally 2 to 4 hours per day, 4 to 5 days per week.

Dan provides whatever support homeless people need. He helps mental health and non-mental health consumers alike, treating all with equal dignity and respect. Whether it's a ride to Labor Ready, help with moving in or out of a living situation, connecting with benefits assistance, or getting to an appointment on time, Dan is the man people have been depending on for over 15 years. Quiet and unassuming, it's time Dan was recognized for his role in combating the physical and mental obstacles people face when they are homeless.

Dan expressed gratitude for the \$500 check from the Task Force Fund for the Homeless that goes to the service of choice of the Spirit of Service Awardee. He designated these funds to assist homeless mentally disabled CSN clients with bus passes and other emergency assistance.

The Task Force is proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of both Brian Dixon and Dan Lennox with these special awards.



About The Task Force

The Task Force on the Homeless is a coalition of public and private service providers, community organizations, religious congregations, businesses and individuals working to end homelessness in Sonoma County. The Task Force is a membership organization. As a result, we depend heavily on our members for direction, financial support, and volunteer assistance.

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DIALOGUE . . .

This Dialogue section is devoted to items submitted by readers. We particularly invite personal experiences, ideas, suggestions, and responses from homeless people, program staff, volunteers, and the community. Please see Editorial Guidelines below for how you can contribute your thoughts.

The Business and Art of Survival

by Stuart Marks

We eat outdoors with flies for all seasons, and manage our campsites in areas *fools would fear to tread*. Given the options of drainage pipes, river nests, or under bridges and overpasses, we would prefer a more Arcadian location than the overgrown paths we follow, for our life path is completely involved in the business and art of survival. We are subject to losing what few possessions we've managed to accumulate. If not the local police *servicing and protecting* then it's Cal-Trans that will arbitrarily and capriciously toss away our tarps, blankets, clothes, shoes, sleeping bags, pots and pans, bicycles any and everything they find. Most of it is our survival gear. Homelessness isn't a state of mind; it's about location, location, location. What is troubling and compounding is there seems little concern for *a.m. homelessness*. Meanwhile, to add insult to injury, *p.m. homelessness* is a citable offense today. It's not illegal to be homeless, it's just illegal to be homeless and sleep. Having experienced the vigor and abuse with which some police pursuit this victimless crime it will not be long before we have a fatality to address in our county.

Now vehicular homelessness is yet another category for consideration. In spite of the hundreds of empty parking lots, and thousands of empty parking spaces at night, none are available to sleep in for an evening. A similar situation arose in Amsterdam, and the Dutch showed remarkable compassion in their decision to allow all that needed a place to sleep to go to one centrally-located park and set up their tent or park their vehicle. There was no further need to harass or arrest anyone after this proclamation in the city of Amsterdam.

Unfortunately, I understand that surfing the waves of change is difficult enough for the individual, but for a society, especially this community, it is an insuperable task. The county is thoroughly bent on *law and order*, and such thinking will almost always be well-served by chance. Considering the homeless problem for the 8:00 am briefing in the *cop-shop*, and to the county fathers, this is but a penumbra of intangible truth. Faced with torrents of papers that daily pass across

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Publication of any article will be finally determined by the Editor and is not promised. Articles are edited for length, grammar, accuracy and clarity, and may be held for a later issue. Personal stories, constructive critique, photos, graphics, ideas, and suggestions are warmly invited, as is information of interest to those concerned about homelessness in Sonoma County. Unsubstantiated allegations are not published, nor are profanity, racial, ethnic, religious or personal slurs, or trashing (denigration, name-calling) of individuals or agencies. Submissions must be 500 words or less, and sent via e-mail, CD, or disk to sttaskforce@aol.com, mailed to the Task Force on the Homeless at 100 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa 95407, or faxed to 575-4494. Submissions must include the full name of the author or artist. Typed or legible handwritten articles will be accepted from authors who are homeless and do not have computer access, but must be received at least one week prior to the regular deadline.

Publication Dates for 2006 **Submission Deadlines** (*please submit a week*

earlier if the article is not typed.)

WHERE'S THE EMERGENCY?

by Georgia Berland

Our hearts go out to the survivors of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. Their homes, possessions, jobs and entire communities are gone – torn from them by wind and water – certainly no fault of their own - compounded by government's failure to protect and assist them. We generously and rightfully pour out our time and the contents of our cupboards and wallets to help these people get back on their feet any way we can.

Yet contributions to homeless services are down nationwide. And many attitudes toward local people who have lost their homes, sometimes their health, and often their jobs and personal communities, are far less generous.

Why is it that we can respond so warmly to survivors of sudden, dramatic natural disaster, but ignore or even revile those struggling to survive a more gradual but equally traumatic calamity in our own neighborhoods – the shrinking availability of even meager housing, plus a lack of shelter and services for those who make less than the average income. Have we become so hardened to the game of “musical chairs” in housing, that we have to assure ourselves that those who “fall out” of housing are somehow badly flawed and undeserving? If not, then it might be us next time! What if our rental is sold, or we have an uninsured accident, a layoff, or a medical bill! But no, those “homeless” people must be deficient, and therefore unworthy of help. In fact they seem to be impossible to help, so why even try? Just send them away somewhere – one of those places where things are cheaper and easier. If they can't make it they shouldn't be here.

Of course many who can't afford housing and “shouldn't be here” are cooking and serving our lunch, planting, pruning, and harvesting our grapes, stocking our shops, cleaning our homes, and building freeways and malls in areas that once held inexpensive housing where they might even have lived. And while it's a long haul for many and a dead end for some, people do, with help and a place to live, make it back to a stable life.

What does it take for us to acknowledge the excruciating emergency experienced by any one of us who loses our home – however gradual the circumstances that lead up to it, or however likely that our own problems and weaknesses may have contributed to our homelessness. Can our community survive if it provides decent housing only to the capable and well off (even then at a high price), while those who are disabled, addicted, or just poor - and their children - sleep in the rain? What does that bode for us? Where's the outcry? Who is sounding the alarm? Where is our sense of emergency?

NEW TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP

by Georgia Berland

At our September 12th Annual Meeting, Nancy Lisk and Georgia Berland were re-elected to the Task Force Board. The Board in turn has unanimously elected Nick Stewart as Chair. Nick is Director of Development Finance for Burbank Housing Development Corporation and has served as Sebastopol's Mayor. Gale Brownell, with the appreciation of the Board for her strong leadership as Chair for the last few years, was elected to serve as Vice-Chair, and will continue to lead our Advocacy and Funding Committee. Her experience as Santa Rosa's former Housing Programs Manager continues to help focus our efforts. Rev. Gene Nelson was re-elected as our able Secretary. Dannielle Danforth was elected Treasurer. As Vice-Chair, she handled expenditures and put in long hours to re-shape our budget. Mark Krug, our hard-working Treasurer, left the Board at the end of last year to focus on his new responsibilities at the County Community Development Commission. Laura Jame, C.P.A., volunteers to maintain our accounts and generate financial reports.

Our hands-on Board (listed on p. 2), is active in both pursuing our mission and supporting operations. We welcome the growing participation of the community toward assuring safe, secure, and affordable housing for all, and look forward to another year of progress toward that goal.

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their desks, this momentary glimpse will only provide an unheralded ripple in their daily rush for staff meetings, and their public life of heightened eventfulness. Meanwhile, our hope is neither secured nor their spirit ignited by anything short of the cheers in the crowd. The sad part is any sophomore knows *that those who fail to study history are doomed to repeat it* and the accommodations asked for and required here are far better served by the social and medical communities than by the criminal justice system. May I remind all of us that the Chinese symbol for *problem* and *opportunity* is the same.

Samuel L. Jones Hall Opens

by Megan Basinger

The City of Santa Rosa, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, the shelter operator, will open Samuel L. Jones Hall (SJH) homeless shelter and community center at 4020 Finley Avenue, on Finley Avenue near South Wright Road in southwest Santa Rosa, on Monday, November 14. A dedication ceremony is planned for Thursday, November 10, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and tour the facility.

The building is currently being renovated. Services will be similar to those at other shelters operated by Catholic Charities. SJH will offer services to willing participants towards attaining transitional and permanent housing through money management, referrals to treatment, and obtaining health and social security benefits.

The shelter will be one of several programs operated by Catholic Charities in the Santa Rosa vicinity, joining Brookwood, Russell Avenue, the Family Support Center, the Homeless Service Center and Nightingale Respite Program. Clientele will be screened off site and be agreeable to shelter rules. SJH will have an 80-bed capacity on a year round basis, though it will start with fewer and build to 80 as additional funds are raised to support needed staffing and services.

The 12.3-acre SJH site was previously an Army Reserve training center. Approximately 5,800 of the 17,000 square foot structure will provide two dormitory rooms. A commercial kitchen, new restrooms with shower and laundry facilities, as well as an approximately 1,000 square foot dining/meeting room will serve the shelter. Offices will be provided for shelter staff and the Santa Rosa Police Department.

In addition to its Wish List on page 6, Catholic Charities is seeking newer small refrigerators, a TV, DVD, and VCR, and cash donations for institutional beds, vinyl covered mattresses, and a new leather or vinyl sofa and chairs for Samuel L. Jones Hall.

The City's Department of Recreation and Parks will use the Community Center portion of the building as a gymnasium and meeting facility. Recreation and Parks is developing programs that will start in November/December to serve the immediate neighborhood. An independently accessible storage room for the City's Graffiti Removal Program is adjacent to the Community Center.

Samuel L. Jones Hall has been years in development. Thanks to the efforts of the City of Santa Rosa, Community Foundation, County, and Task Force through Shelter Solutions, along with Catholic Charities and many others, it will be a welcome new resource for local homeless people.

October in Paradise – “Our whole community seemed to be involved.”

by Marijke Byck-Hoenselaars, Chair of the October in Paradise Committee

What a splendid success! The Task Force on the Homeless feels so much gratitude to the many people and businesses that helped to make “October in Paradise”, our annual fundraiser, so fabulous. It truly seemed that our goal of “getting the whole community involved” came to reality.

All who attended came for the good cause but really seemed to enjoy themselves. They were either bidding on fabulous auction items, winning raffle prizes or dining and dancing to the wonderful tunes of The Blue Moon R& B Band. The committee to organize “October in Paradise” was incredible. They worked diligently to make “October in Paradise” the special festive evening it was, and of course this evening would not have been possible without our wonderful volunteers.

Plans have started for next year, because the Task Force continues to need community support for its important mission of advocacy, education, and collaborative leadership, as well as direct support of homeless services. Please mark your calendars for October 5, 2006!

Our sincere appreciation and thanks go to all – donors, sponsors, Honorary Board members, volunteers, and attendees - for supporting the efforts of the Task Force. Your generosity and involvement truly shows and makes a big difference. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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Please Use the Enclosed Envelope if you'd like to help support the Task Force with a gift during this holiday period. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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TASK FORCE WORK IN PROGRESS

Committee and Project Updates

THE ADVOCACY and FUNDING COMMITTEE: We testified for Los Amigos, a 17-unit self-help ownership project proposed in Windsor by Burbank Housing Development Corp., and commented on a Medicare proposal to increase funding rates in Sonoma County, which lag behind urban areas despite our high costs. We plan to follow the revitalized Laguna Vista proposal in Sebastopol, including 30 affordable rentals. We've testified on Healdsburg's inclusionary zoning update that lowers the threshold from 9 to 7 units; raises in lieu fees from \$1500 to \$15,000; includes major remodels; and offers a city match to developer funds for affordable housing. Final approval is expected in November. Rohnert Park is planning on updating its inclusionary policy's length of affordability to conform to redevelopment law (45/55 years). The Housing Advocacy Group is encouraging them to pursue a jobs-housing linkage policy as well.

We've been searching for funding to help people break the cycle of homelessness, particularly through residential treatment for alcohol or drug addictions. The Bush administration is restructuring funding to include faith-based programs, often funding such pilot programs instead of announcing funding for the broad array of applicants. The natural disasters in the South and Northeast are also having an effect on funding. We have thus far been spared proposed Federal Community Development Block Grant and Section 8 Voucher cuts as well as HUD program shifts to the Department of Commerce, though a new set of cuts are now being proposed by the House Republican leadership that could drastically reduce vital services.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) draft Community Services Plan is available at www.sonoma-county/mhsa. Written comments are being accepted until November 12, and public hearings will be held in mid-November on proposed expenditure of this \$3.7 Million, to be available in Spring of 2006. Additional housing for mentally ill homeless is being proposed, among other services.

We held discussions at General Meetings on emergency shelter availability this winter and the potential for replicating Petaluma's Faith-Based shelter initiative. We are working with the Continuum of Care to encourage the development of a ten-year planning process to target long-range goals and involve a broader sector of the community. The Task Force renewed funding through our Fund for the Homeless for the VoiceMail Project operated by the Rohnert Park Fellowship of the Baha'i and Apex Voice Communications, Inc.

For more information or to participate in the Committee, contact Gale Brownell at galephil@pacbell.net, or through the Task Force office, 575-4494.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Our revitalized Education Committee met in October to review results of a recent statewide study on how to effectively communicate with the public regarding affordable housing and homelessness, and to strategize and plan for local community education. Education efforts continue, with presentations to service groups, cities, and the county, plus media interviews highlighting results of our 2005 Homeless Count and updates on the status of shelter and housing as winter approaches. We also supported the Sonoma County Housing Coalition annual conference. To get involved in Education efforts contact Nick Stewart through the Task Force at 575-4494 or sctaskforce@aol.com.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE oversees the ways people can support the Task Force. We participate in CommunitySmart, and accept vehicle donations. Don Nowacki chairs the committee. To help, leave a message for Georgia Berland at 575-4494, or e-mail gberland@aol.com.

OCTOBER IN PARADISE: Our October in Paradise annual fundraiser was a success, and raised approximately what we garnered last year. Please mark your calendars for October 5, 2006, for next year's event.

COORDINATION PROJECTS

The Task Force either facilitates these projects or is an active participant. We also work to integrate projects others in the community to provide more effective and efficient services.

THE HOMELESS COUNT: *"Homeless in Sonoma County: The 2005 Point-In-Time Count"* is available at www.sonomacountyhomeless.org. Our August Volunteer Appreciation event thanked our many volunteers and donors. Please contact us if you volunteered but did not yet receive your Certificate of Appreciation. We are now presenting count highlights to funders, with status reports on homelessness.

COURT HOMELESS PROTOCOL PROJECT: Initiated by Superior Court Judge Gary Nadler, this project includes the courts, law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders, mental health, substance abuse, homeless services, and advocates. We are seeking resources for a program to provide discharge planning and sentencing recommendations, plus implement a diversion process, to reduce recidivism for **(continued p. 7)**

Wish Lists

by Nancy Lisk

As the weather gets colder, people without homes face discomfort, exposure, and illness. Some stay in shelters temporarily, but need blankets to keep them warm in the next place they stay. Thus shelters and service agencies must continually replace bedding and other items. With funding in short supply, your donations are necessary to keep services going. Unused items that clutter your closets and garages may be valuable treasures needed by homeless persons, just to survive. Please consider donating items you no longer need to a homeless service provider. Contact these programs to donate items or make cash gifts.

Catholic Charities Family Support Center - Carol Kempton, 542-5426: Silverware; cups; dishes; pillows; pillowcases; blankets; baby food, formula w/ iron, wipes, & diapers; bus tickets; paint rollers; 12 oz spray bottle; 45 gallon yard & leaf bags; dustpans; brooms; grocery gift certs.; file folders 1/3 cut letter; correction fluid.

Community Action Partnership Sonoma County (Chanate Shelter, Giffen House & Rinwood House) - Sera Collins, 544-6911: Pots & pans; bagel toaster; microwave; blender; house phone; bed pillows; twin sheets & plastic bedcovers; towels; wash cloths; shower rack for soap; drinking glasses; lamps; coffee pot; bowls.

Community Resources for Independence - Arlene Irizary, 528-2745: Small calendar books; coloring books & crayons for disabled homeless children; grocery gift cards; donations to purchase bus passes, pay for credit checks, u-haul rentals, emergency personal care items and critical needs.

Community Support Network (Opportunity House and Outreach Team, Transitional Training Program, & Becker House) - Lauralin, 575-0979 ext16: Socks; hats; jackets; gloves; men's jeans; backpacks; fax machines; paper shredders; VCR's; twin sheets; towels; vacuum cleaners; telephones.

COTS & the Petaluma Kitchen - Debbie Robbins, 765-6593: Pots & pans; bunk beds; sets of dishes; microwave; towels; twin sheets; twin blankets; and for the Petaluma Kitchen, heavy-duty truck, heavy-duty van, and a commercial coffee maker.

Homeless Services Center, Brookwood, Russell Avenue & Sam Jones Hall Shelters - Kate Garoutte, 525-0226: Coffee; TP; bleach; laundry soap; towels; paper towels; twin sheets; pillow cases; blankets; new industrial refrigerator; socks; underwear; T-shirts; sleeping bags; pillows; new industrial floor mats; forks & spoons; non-skid winter slippers; 2-burner coffeemaker; canned food; toiletries; shampoo; bar soap; soap dishes; disposable razors; first aid supplies; antibiotic & antifungal creams; cold meds (tablet & liquid w/out alcohol); tampons; iron; ironing board; VHS movies; window screens for Brookwood.

Interlink Self Help Center - Helen Lara, 546-4481: Razors; toothpaste; white athletic socks; ponchos; sleeping bags; hats; gloves; backpacks; coffee.

Interfaith Shelter Network (transitional houses) - Andrea Weinstein, 546-7907: Phone cards; Twin bedding; comforters; light bulbs; cleaning supplies; brooms; dustpans; vacuums; coffee.

The Living Room (women & children's drop in center) - Lynn Campanario, 579-0142: Cereals; bottled fruit juice; cocoa mix packets; coffee; creamer; bottled water; baby formula & cereal; bottled salad dressing; peanut butter; blankets; sleeping bags; backpacks; umbrellas; rain ponchos; new women's socks; infant socks; baby teethers, bottles, sippie cups, wipes, & disposable diapers; strollers; children's and infant car seats; toiletries; combs; brushes; flashlights & batteries; greeting cards; small notebooks or journals; appointment & address books; grocery gift certs. Children's Program needs art supplies; gift certs. for Riley Street or Michael's Art Supply or Joanne's Fabrics; color markers; water paints; drawing pads; tape (all kinds); toddler toys and dolls.

Manna Home Women's Recovery Program - Sandy Strack, 576-1471: Ranch salad dressing; bath rugs & towels; matching twin bedspreads or comforters; window valences; socks; umbrellas; AA & NA books; inspirational videos; gift certs.; stamps; phone cards; note cards; stationery; Bible covers.

Redwood Gospel Mission - Richard Parker, 542-4817: Men's clothing & shoes; all types of personal hygiene products; toothbrushes; shampoo; soaps; razors.

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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER SEEKS EVENT VOLUNTEERS. The 138-bed family shelter in Santa Rosa, is looking for all kinds of help for a Family Support Fundraiser in June 2006. There will be entertainment, food, wine, live and silent auctions, and they will be honoring the 20-30 Club of Sonoma County for their countless volunteer hours to the Family Support Center. The event is in the planning stages, and while the date is not yet finalized, they need volunteers now to help with publicity, live and silent auction donations, set-up, clean-up and more. They would appreciate any help you can offer. Please contact Jill Royce, Director of Development, Catholic Charities, (707) 528-8712 x 28

WISH LISTS CONTINUED . . .

Social Advocates for Youth (emergency shelter) - Celeste Austin, 546-3432: Backpacks; multiple bike rack ; 40-cup stainless coffeemaker; couch; teen DVD/videos; new hairbrushes; hooded sweatshirts; sweat pants; patio chairs; toaster (wide mouth); toothbrushes; new white t-shirts (M-XL) & new underwear (m/f).

Tamayo House Transitional Home - Paddy, 544-3299 X226: Bath accessories; new toilet brushes, bath mats; dishes; glasses (unbreakable, microwaveable); Dry erase board; indoor plants; paints for wall mural; twin mattresses (new), twin sheets & pillowcases.

Sonoma County Human Services, Information & Referral - Toni Fitzpatrick, 656-2335: Can openers; diapers; deodorant; feminine hygiene products; razors; shaving creme; toothbrushes; toothpaste, new combs & brushes; socks; sleeping bags; phone cards; bus tickets; reading glasses (\$1 @ Dollar Tree stores). Cash donations to the Jerry Casson Fund for small cash grants, usually \$5 -\$10, to clients with immediate needs.

The Rose Women & Children's Shelter - Sandra Kates, 573-0490: Women's PJ's; slippers; underwear; socks; bus passes; umbrellas; stamps, phone cards; bedding plants-perennials; metal rakes; gardening gloves & shears; coffee; cereal; children's videos; Adopt a room & decorate; volunteer rides; Mentors for women.

Women's Recovery Services - Laura Brown, 527-0412: Umbrellas; pillows; twin sheets; towels; binder paper; pens; pencils; feminine napkins; disposable razors; diapers; baking pans.

YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter - Jennifer Lake, 546-7115: Bath & hand towels; wash cloths; micro-wave; vacuums brooms; mops; cleaning supplies (bleach, windex, etc.); alarm clocks; umbrellas; gardening tools, e.g. weed whacker, shears, rakes, gloves.

Agencies wishing to be added or to update their "Wish List" on our website should send their information in the above format to sctaskforce@aol.com.

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homeless defendants and stabilize their lives. Sonoma County Legal Services Foundation is the lead agency. We are supporting efforts to develop more treatment and housing options for these defendants to make this program effective. Contact Georgia Berland at gberland@aol.com or 575-4494

HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS: St. Joseph Health System has been taking the lead, with the Task Force and others, to apply for funds to establish a new Federally Certified clinic to serve homeless people. While no official word has been given, it now seems this Federal funding source has disappeared. We do, however, have an established need, and unique resources including a great site, the experience of running a part-time clinic, a strong program draft, and successful grant writer. We still hold the goal of improving health care access for homeless people. We are convening a meeting of hospitals, public health services, agencies and clinics, to explore possibilities for collaboration. For more information contact Georgia Berland at gberland@aol.com or 575-4494.

PUBLICATIONS

REPORTER NEWSLETTER: We welcome your input and ideas at sctaskforce@aol.com or 575-4494! Articles are archived on our web site.

sonomacountyhomeless.org: We invite you to visit this site for information, service directories, a calendar of meetings and events, updates on issues, linkages, and the report from the 2005 Count. John Harnish is our webmaster. Please send your ideas, or meetings, conferences, trainings, and fundraisers to post, to gberland@aol.com.

Homeless in Sonoma County: The 2005 Point-In-Time Count, is now online at sonomacountyhomeless.org.

Like Online Auctions? The Task Force needs a volunteer to help sell some items on e-bay or Craig's List. Call 575-4494

TASK FORCE GENERAL MEETINGS

First Mondays, 9:30 to 11:00 am

December 5, 2005

January 2, 2006

First United Methodist Church

1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa

CONTINUUM OF CARE PLANNING GROUP

Thursday, January 19, 2006

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

County Community Development Commission

1440 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa

Note: consult our web calendar at www.sonomacountyhomeless.org for other meetings, events, and activities.

