



Keeping In Touch
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The Dream Has Become Reality -Home Sweet Home

Francis Court: Transitional Housing

Francis Court opened its doors in Feb 2006 and we began changing lives. During that 18 months that FaithWORKs has provided shelter and services for 27 families, we have seen God at work. This included 106 persons of which 69 were children. We now have had eight families complete the program. The following milestones have been reached by our families:

1. We currently have 18 adults and 36 children living at Francis Court.
2. Eleven of the adults are employed, 7 work fulltime and 4 work part-time.
3. Three of our adults are signed up for Cal Works Job Club.
4. One adult is attending Shasta College.
5. One of our graduates received her degree from Shasta College in June.
6. Another one of our graduates completed her training at Lake College and received a certificate in Phlebotomy while at F.C.
7. We have had 8 families graduate the Francis Court Program successfully and move into permanent housing.
8. A total of 18 children have come home to their parents from foster care and out of home placement.
9. Two adults have graduated from the addicted offenders program (AOP)
10. Two of our families have received their HUD housing vouchers
11. Two tenants celebrated their 1 year clean and sober anniversary last month. To date there are 10 more adults at F.C. that have over 1 year clean and sober.

Our families have definitely had a lot of accomplishments. The children at Francis Court have settled in very well. They are happy to have stable housing knowing where they will be sleeping every night. They even enjoy having regular attendance at school! The families have overcome many challenges; however, new ones always arise. We continue to work on parenting skills, budgeting and job employment. We are now starting to work on correcting credit and will soon start setting exit dates so that the families have plenty of time to get prepared for self sufficiency. We pray for continued progress and know that the with the Lords guidance our families here at Francis Court will only continue to grow stronger and more successful in their lives.



- . Robert Scott, Executive Director

A "Special" Note from Monique

Francis Court Transitional Housing has now been open for 18 months.

Eight families have graduated our program and moved on to permanent housing. It is awesome to see the growth in the families during their stay at Francis Court. We are able to watch them grow as they learn positive parenting skills, become responsible by paying their bills, become self sufficient by becoming employed, and most of all regaining self worth.

I am always a little sad to see our graduates leave however I know that their next step is obtaining permanent housing and I know that there are always more families that need our program.

We are blessed to have the continued support from the various churches, individuals and businesses in the community. They continue to furnish the apartments every time we have a new family move in.

A special thanks to the following:

All Saints Episcopal, Risen King Church, United Methodist, 1st Christian Church, Shasta County Office of Education and Kuebler's Furniture Store for their generosity.

By Monique, Case Manager

POTLUCK!!

We are looking for churches or social groups to be willing to sponsor a monthly potluck. All the necessary paper goods and menu would be organized by the group. The resident families would also participate by bringing a dish of their choice or as directed by the church or club. If you are interested please give Monique a call at 242-1492 or 242-1121

Volunteers Needed: Budgeting Classes, Marriage Mentors, Jobs Skills, Life Skills, Parenting Skills, Child Care, Week-End Bible Studies—Adults/Children

We need your prayers to make Francis Court even better. If you can help, let us know. If you can pray for us, even better! It has been eighteen months since we started accepting families in Francis Court. All the families have had changes thrust upon them. Some have been really tough. But you can see that we are changing hearts and lives "One at a time." Robert Scott, Executive Director.