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A snapshot of our services for our friends and families in need are as follows:

#### 1. Care to Share Mobile Unit 2010-Present

We have established a mobile unit delivery program every Friday, 52 weeks a year, that serves 100 meals to friends that live in homeless encampments, cars and abandoned homes & car lots. Senior citizens and veterans are also included in this group. We also provide shelter (tents) and clothing.

Results - We have served a total of 41,600 friends thus far.

### 2. Care to Share Mobile Unit 2010-Present

On the 2nd Saturday of the Month, behind the JFK Library, we have served hot meals to 150 friends. Senior citizens and veterans are also included in this group.

We also provide free Haircuts for Hope and the opportunity for our friends to wash and dry their hair.

Results: We have served a total of 14,400 friends thus far.

# 3. Care to Share Free Wash and Dry 2010-Present

We provide 1 free load of laundry to our friends in need. We partner with a local laundromat to use their establishment from 8:30-10:30 am.

The laundry detergent, bleach, fabric softener and funds for the laundry are all donated. We also serve them a hot meal while they wait.

They also receive Haircuts for Hope.

Results: We have provided a total of 2,880 loads of free wash and dry.

## 4. Soup for Seniors: 2010-Present

We were told by senior citizens, in confidence, that because they have limited income, their priorities on how to spend their funds are: 1. Rent 2. Medication 3. Transportation. Food becomes their last priority. Because of this they are forced to go to the Dollar Store to purchase dog food to use as their meat base.

We immediately established Soup for Seniors wherein we hand out canned meats and

meals on the third Wednesday of the month. Our goal was to give Seniors at least 5 total cans to last them a month. Unfortunately, we haven't received much canned food support for this cause which forces us to only give 3 cans or less per senior.

Results: We have provided seniors 5,000 cans of human food.

# 5. Food Bank Partnership: 2013-Present

We worked with the Solano County Food bank to establish a free fruit and vegetable mobile handout location behind the JFK Library.

Around 200 friends in need receive healthy varieties twice a month.

Results: We have provided fresh fruits and vegetables 12,000 times

# 6. Brothers on the Hill and Centro Latino Partnership: 2010-Present

We have been serving meals to our brothers on the hill. They are the undocumented immigrants that wait to get jobs on Mr. Cook's Hill on Admiral Callaghan Parkway. We know some of our brothers on the hill personally and we know the kind of abuse they receive from the public. Most live in parks, friends' garages or backyards with only the clothing on their backs.

We have also partnered with Diaz & Loera Centro Latino: providing help to our non-English speaking brothers and families (securing their basic needs and taking steps to self- empowerment and returning dignity to them).

Results: We have provided 5,900 brothers' meals and offered other assistance to many

# 7. Vallejo Together Support Services Center (VTSSC) 2016-Present

In partnership with the City of Vallejo Housing and Redevelopment Agency and the MIRA Cultural Community Center, the Vallejo Together Support Services Center opened its doors on April 5, 2016. Our families and friends in need are given access to showers, washers and dryers, internet computer with printer, long distance telephone, microwave use, free coffee, cup of noodles, breakfast bars and emergency clothing. Resource navigators also help our friends access employment applications, make appointments, secure necessary documents and look for housing. The center is 100% volunteer run by navigators and resource navigators. It is open 7 days a week; its' free and ID is not needed.

Results: Provide help to friends in need with services mentioned: Over 700 individuals have received services (18,250 total visits).

Moving locations and in the process of adding bathrooms and laundry room. Partnering with Impact Bible Ministries Church. Opening Date: Summer 2019

# 8. HOME Referral Program: 2016-2017

In partnership with the Vallejo Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Vallejo Together

was chosen to be an official referring agency of friends and families in need to a one year assisted housing program. Vallejo Together requires a strict self sufficiency plan which includes random drug testing, job and housing placement and community service from those placed. Results: 15 friends, 9 children approved

## 9. Johanna's Home for Women 2017-Present

In honor of Johanna Dilag, a 37 year old friend who was found dead behind Avery Greene with her dog Muggles, Vallejo Together vowed to open a home for women. Johanna was raped several times on the street and was not given help after reporting it. Johanna's Home offers a transitional home for 5 homeless women for one year. Results: 3 women currently living in Johanna's Home.

# 10. Steve and Kevin's Home for Men: August 2017- Present

In honor of Steve Conner and Kevin Quinn who died homeless in Vallejo, this beautiful modern style community first, self sufficiency program home, provides housing in a sober living environment for 7 men.

Results: 8 men currently living in the home.

**11. Aaliyah's Home** In honor of Aaliyah, 9 year old Vallejoan who died while homeless, we opened a home in March of 2019 that hosts mothers and children.

# 12. Vallejo Pioneers Saturday Hangouts with our KiN (Kids in Need): 2017-Present

Implemented at Travel Inn and Christian Help Center: a Saturday Hangout Event every Saturday 10am - 2pm for our homeless kids in need where we build strong and consistent loving and caring relationships through art, play, meals and conflict resolution. We also take field trips: Horseback Riding Camp at American Canyon, Swimming, BBQ's, Park Outings, Movies with local Police Results: Positive changes and hope for every child present. A bright light of love is left with each child we embrace.

# 13. Vallejo Mobile Health Unit 2018

In partnership with Kaiser and Touro, we go to encampments and attend to the medical needs of our families and friends in need. We led a medical mobile unit pilot program in 2016.

# 14. Unity Day: Held the second Sunday in September 2010-Present

This is a day celebrating Vallejo's diversity: culture, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age and abilities. It is characterized by entertainment, music, food, art, interactive activities, lively conversation, playfulness and laughter. All ages participate.

# 15. Holiday Events: 2010- Present

Thanksgiving Senior Lunch and Meals delivered to encampments throughout the city. Christmas Meals and Gifts delivered during 2 Christmas parties and to encampments

# 16. SOCK: Supporting Our Cancer Kids 2010 - Present

These kids participate in our park outings, movie and horseback riding events every year.

# 17. PAST EVENTS

# Youth Expo Parent Summit: 2010-2016 One day event

In partnership with the Vallejo City Unified School District, we gathered students and their parents to explore critical issues facing all students and families. Examples of issues covered: gangs, suicide, social media, LGBTQI+, Immigration, Human Trafficking. Breakfast and Lunch were provided.

#### ONE TIME EVENTS

# Wonder Girl Saves Vallejo: December 2013

One day Make-A-Wish Like experience for a 10 year old Vallejo girl with cancer. She is now in remission.

https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/12/19/vallejos-1-year-old-wonder-girl-to-save-city-after-battling-cancer/

#### Police and Fire Tour 2015

In partnership with Vallejo Police & Fire, we arranged for their visits to elementary and middle schools to present information about drugs, gangs, and fire safety.

# **Summer Youth Internship Program 2016**

In partnership with the Solano County Fair Committee and Club Stride, 12 youth learned community skills through a summer youth internship program.

## 18. FUTURE PLANS

**ReRoute Transport:** Free transportation for our families and friends in need to 12 strategic locations that will help them become self sufficient. We ran a pilot program in 2016 and will relaunch this program in 2019.

**Homes for Seniors and Veterans:** We are planning on opening two more homes by the end of 2020.

All of our programs are done with the volunteer support of over 300 partners, individuals, groups, churches/temples/synagogues and agencies in Vallejo and Solano County.