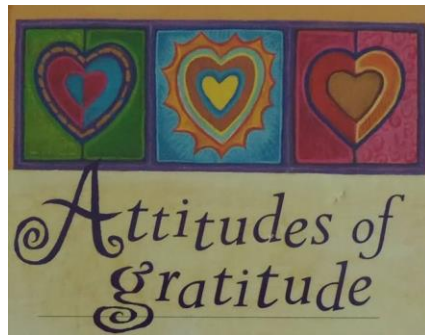




The GOOD NEWS Letter
Celebrating the families, volunteers, donors, and staff of
WinterNightsFamilyShelter, Inc
NOVEMBER - 2024



Thank you for everything you do for the families and individuals at Winter Nights and the hope you inspire in them every day. We are so grateful for your generosity and support.

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Help ▲ Families Home

Our **2024 Annual Appeal** started November 1st with a goal to raise **\$200,000** by December 31st. Thank you to those who have already donated.

To date \$92,800 has been raised
47% of our \$200,000 goal



If you are among those who have made a donation to the Appeal, thank you.

**If you haven't, and can help us raise the remaining \$105,700
we would be so grateful.**

Since the start of our year in July we have helped a total of 105 people in our programs: 27 at the Family Shelter, 32 at Safe Parking-Antioch, 34 at Safe Parking-Pittsburg. We distributed 15 Thanksgiving food boxes to alumni households and we are now planning Christmas food boxes and gifts.

Read on! There's lots more Good News to tell you about.

Gratefully,
Ann Lawrence - your Good News writer/editor
ann@cccwinternights.org

Family Shelter



Thank you to the congregations who were Host Sites in November,
and all the volunteers who served at the Family Shelter for the first four weeks.
We only list sites after clients have moved on to protect their privacy and safety.



Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

Coordinators:

Robin Freeberg, Lauren Gully, Rick
Silvani and Jim Reiter

LOPC serves without additional co hosts



Lafayette United Methodist Church

Coordinator: Judy Stillman

Co Hosts:

Pledge to Humanity * Boy Scout Troop
#200 * St. Perpetua's School *
Danville Lions Club * Girl Scout Troop
#31487 * Our Saviors Lutheran
Church * LDS Church - Moraga *
Lamorinda National Charity League *
Boy & Girl Scout Troop # 402 *
Young Men's Service League *
Acalanes High School Service Club *
Grace Episcopal Church -Martinez



St. Anna's Episcopal Church – Antioch
Coordinator: Rev. Jane Stratford

Family Shelter



The Family Shelter

December 1, 2024

6 families - 16 guests

8 adults & 8 children

(1 to 15 years old)



Lafayette United Methodist Church hosted the Family Shelter for three weeks this year. Thank you to all the congregations and community groups who helped out.



One of the highlights at LUMC was the screening of clients for vision problems by a father from the Danville Lions Club. The father of one of the Scouts serving meals is an optometrist and will do follow up exams and provide any eyewear needed for free. What a blessing!



Another generous donor provided two dollhouses for the little girls at the Shelter. They just love it. Thank you for brightening up their days.

-Judy Stillman, coordinator for LUMC

A note to Judy: You are a Super Coordinator! I want to nominate you for involving the most congregations and community groups (12) I've ever seen! - Ann

All clients, including those in Safe Parking, were invited to Grace Episcopal Church in Martinez for Thanksgiving dinner. Three families attended. Sorry no pictures. Everyone enjoyed the meal and were well taken care of by the volunteers at Grace Episcopal. Later in the evening Jeff, a LUMC volunteer, made pizza for our families. What a guy!

- Carmella Kowall, Executive Director



A father at the Shelter celebrated his birthday with all the trimmings. Happy Birthday, Dad



One of the children achieved 20 points in our Reading Rewards program. He received a Golden Certificate for reading 600 minutes (10 hours) and a gift card. Well Done! There is nothing better than reading a good book.



In November we had 6 families that again represented a unique strength of Winter Nights – welcoming families with fathers, teenage boys, and children who are not minors:



- A father with two teenage children
- A mother and father with a son
- A mother with two daughters, a 14-year-old and another just over 18 (considered an adult)

The Safe Parking Program



December 1, 2024

The Safe Parking Program in Pittsburg
10 clients in 7 cars

The Safe Parking Program in Antioch
9 clients - 6 cars



It has been quiet at both Safe Parking sites. Not much to report. But 19 clients are being helped to move forward to housing. For that, we are grateful.



It has been quite cold. If anyone would like to help out, our clients could use more **handwarmers**. Cases of **water bottles** are also always needed.

Continued Success



Sixteen Continued Success families signed up for Thanksgiving food boxes this year. We received donations of 9 boxes with gift cards. One donor group brought an extra 4 gift cards. Anita Weil, from Temple Isaiah, brought extra food, donated to a different project she worked on. We had to purchase only a small number of items to fill the gaps and make up the additional boxes to provide a special meal to 52 alumni in 15 families.



Quilts to Share delivered quilts, pillow cases, tote bags and holiday place mats (as well as ones for everyday use). One of our partners shared a large quantity of socks with us that they had received. We'd also received Lady Bug Bags (feminine hygiene products) to distribute.



We were able to share all of these items with our Continued Success clients and they were thrilled with all of the goodies they received. They are also excited and grateful to be able to come back in December for Christmas food boxes donated by the Knights of Columbus.

Teri Lundvall – Continued Success

Winter Nights in The Community



	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Annual Succulent-Topped Pumpkins Fundraiser</p> <p>During October and November more than 220 little pumpkins were topped with fresh succulents by volunteers, and Winter Nights received over \$5,400 in donations. That's about \$3,000 more than last year.</p>
<p>More succulents have already been planted to be ready for next year!</p> <p>Thanks to everyone who worked together to make it happen: Ann Lawrence, Dan Swander, Phyllis Edwards, Teri Lundvall, Reubie Dixon, Stephanie & Gabby and Diablo Foods. Businesses who displayed pumpkins: Orinda Books, Pack & Ship-Lafayette.</p>	
	<p>Monday, October 28th was a fun night to order pizza and support Winter Nights. Thank you to everyone who stopped by Mountain Mikes/Golf Rd., Pleasant Hill. \$118 was raised on our first try.</p>

Don't Forget to Stop By Creative Upcycle
1660 Contra Costa Blvd. #C, Pleasant Hill, CA
925-324-6156

Creative Upcycle opened in October. It is an exciting crafter's thrift store full of bargains of recycled yarn, fabric, scissors, scrapbooking supplies, buttons, notions, stickers, templates, ribbon, thread, embroidery thread, unopened paints, pipe cleaners, pom-poms and more.

Winter Nights is honored to be the recipient of the proceeds of their sales this quarter.



CREATIVE UPCYCLE
makers' materials thrift



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You are the key to funding so many life-changing transformations.

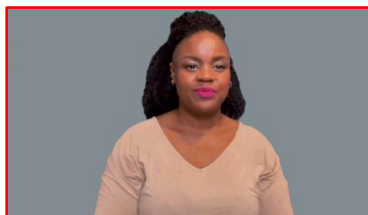
Our goal is to raise \$200,000 before December 31st.

This season it takes \$2000 per day to fund Winter Nights

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*"My mom and I were frequently homeless when I was growing up because of financial insecurity and mental health struggles. It is truly a sacred thing to be able to show up for people at the most vulnerable and hardest times of their lives. I'm honored to support your work and thank you for all that you do!~Winter Nights donor, 2023*

**DONATE ONLINE**



**Make Your Gift Go Farther**

with a matching donation from your employer.

Check here to see if your employer will match your donation, and apply online.

Many companies also match donations from retirees.

**Employer Match ?**

**Employer Matching Donations have been received from:**  
Abbott Laboratories, Chevron, Genentech, Google, Levi Strauss, Lawrence Livermore Labs, Nike, Sherwin Williams, Splunk/Cisco, Target, Wells Fargo

**Does your employer have a Volunteer Incentive Program?**  
Some employers offer grants to nonprofits where their employees volunteer on a regular basis. And some offer PTO to volunteer. Check here to see if your employer does.

**Volunteer Hours Incentive ?**



**Whatever way you choose, for whatever amount,  
YOU are helping us serve more families and individuals.**

**DONATE ONLINE**

**Checks can be written to:**

Winter Nights Family Shelter, Inc.  
404 Gregory Lane #7  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

For questions or assistance please call the office 925-414-3883  
Or email Winter Nights at the link below

**CONTACT US**





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