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From the Executive Director



I love Spring! The sun is warming the fresh, clean air that has been washed by the seemingly never-ending rain of Winter, the grass on the hills turns bright green and flowers begin to bloom. Our members begin to bloom too as new opportunities for housing and jobs have everyone refreshed. Seven of our members were recently transitioned from Winter Shelter to more stable housing.

Our staff is refreshed, too. Jeff has moved on to a new position in Concord and April 15th we welcome Patty Purvis to our team. Please see our staff page on our website for more about Patty.

Our board has been refreshed with two new members, Molly Clopp, Kaiser Permanente, and Mario Mediati, Clorox. We are so fortunate to have them. Our new board is working on a new strategic plan that will help us implement many new programs for our members in 2019/2020. Stayed tuned!

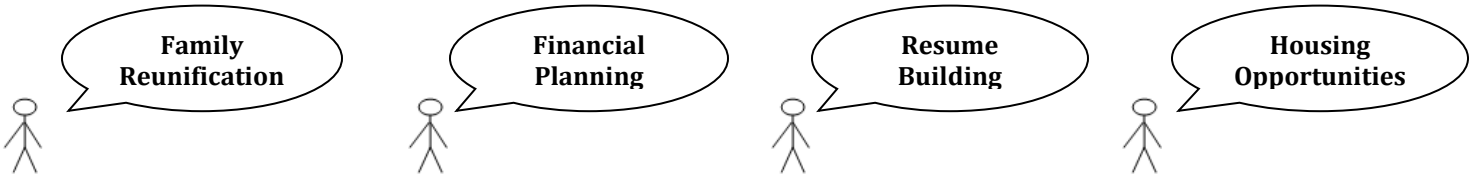
We are excited about our upcoming Gala – Wish Upon a Star. We have an exciting program planned this year and we hope that you will attend. Our emcee will be Heather Rogers, magician and performer! Visit our Gala website for more about Heather and the Gala <http://trinitycenterwc.org/2019-trinity-center-gala-night-of-hope/>

Our 2018/19 Evening Program Has Ended

Trinity Center’s Evening Program provides a safe, warm, dry, place for Trinity Center members to spend the night at the Walnut Creek National Guard Armory, to whom we are so grateful for making our members feel safe and welcome! We would like to thank our volunteers for filling important roles that are vital to the success of the program. We had more support during our 2018/19 Evening Program than ever before and are so grateful to each and every person and organization who participated.

Big News!
With the combination of having a safe place to sleep during our Evening Program, and the participation in Wellness Plans with our Case Managers, 25% of our members were able to secure housing!

Trinity Center’s Evening Program Wellness Plan helped me with:



Lunch Project Shout Out!



Audrey started the Lunch Mission in April of 2018, which is a 501(c)(3) providing lunches to those in need. Audrey (left), her mom (right), and some folks from the National Charity League, which Audrey is a part of, come to Trinity Center every Tuesday to make brown-bag lunches to be handed out to our male members when they leave on Wednesday’s for Ladies Day. They make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fresh cookies in our kitchen. They also provide a variety of other miscellaneous snacks. Trinity Center and our members are so grateful for the service Audrey and her team provide!

← **Fun Fact:** This picture was taken on National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day!

Upcoming Special Event

City of Walnut Creek Spotlight on Nonprofits – a behind the scenes look at nonprofits that are vital to the City of Walnut Creek.

On Saturday, August 10, the City of Walnut Creek will spotlight Trinity Center and St. Paul’s Commons. The tour will begin at 10:30 at Trinity Center, 1271 S. California Blvd, and end with a sneak peak of the Community Space at St. Paul’s Commons. Stay tuned for details!

Our Mission:

To be the doorway to opportunity for homeless and working poor.

Volunteer to Help with our Gala

Do you have party planning skills that you want to put to good use?

We could use your help!

If you are interested in learning more about Gala volunteer opportunities, please email

Sandy at

sandyhathaway@wavecable.com

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Walnut Creek Homeless Community Task Force

Everyone is welcome! Task Force meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Please send an email to

wchomelessctf@gmail.com

for more details.

Donor Advised Funds (DAF)

Do you have a DAF? If so, please choose Trinity Center as the Charity of your choice! For more information regarding DAF accounts, please visit:

<http://dafdirect.org>

Don't Miss this Event - Purchase Tickets Now!

5th Annual Fundraising Gala

- Trinity Center's "Wish Upon a Star"
- May 16th, 2019 at 6:00pm
- Boundary Oak Clubhouse, Walnut Creek

Enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship and magic-filled entertainment!

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, please visit: <http://trinitycenterwc.org/2019-trinity-center-gala-night-of-hope/>



3rd Quarter Numbers

Please note these numbers are not unique individuals, meaning the same person may be counted many times under each category.

Total Provided from Q3: January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019				
Breakfast/Lunch	Shower	Laundry	Clothing	Pantry
3,975	1,555	451	5,751	3,727

A Trinity Center Member's Success!

There is a common misconception that all homeless people are homeless due to drugs, alcohol and/or a serious mental health condition. This story is about a woman who suffered from none other than a series of unfortunate incidents that left her homeless for about 4 years. Her debt piled up, she lost her job, and eventually lost her housing.

"All of the resources Trinity Center offered were helpful to get me where I am today. EVERYTHING was centered around Trinity Center." Ultimately, a job that was exactly in the field she dreamed of contacted her for an interview offered her the job. She is now flourishing in this position. Her amazing determination and willingness to persevere did not let her down. "Always believing in myself enough to know I would never let myself get accustomed to, or make excuses for being homeless."

To give back, she volunteers 2 hours every week helping others through one of our partner agencies that assisted her while she was in need.

To read the full version of this story with more details about how she overcame homelessness, please visit our website: <http://trinitycenterwc.org/our-stories/>

"As difficult as it is, you have to stay positive. Whenever people intentionally hurt you, prove you are better by not reacting negatively, always be the better person and ALWAYS believe in yourself even when others don't believe in you."

Myth Busters – KQED

Recently, KQED put together an article after interviewing Donna Colombo and Horace Crawford who eloquently speak about this common myth: "There's nothing I can do to help." Please visit this site if you are interested in reading about this!

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11721460/why-do-these-4-myths-about-homelessness-persist>

Life Skills Class



Luke Keenan (pictured) and Clyde Childress kicked off a new Life Skills Class dissecting important but often under-represented life lessons with Budgeting 101, exploring a scenario of conscious spending for someone receiving only \$1,000 per month. Discussions focused on juggling phone bills, car payments, insurance, DMV fees, motel rooms, medical insurance, clothing, etc. Members found themselves inspired by how far money can be stretched by having conscious spending habits.