

Working together in our community to provide assistance to move families with children and individuals towards self-reliance and stability.



Newsletter

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Summer at Next Move

We hope you have been enjoying your summer - it's hard to believe that it's almost over! Since our last update, we have been busy serving clients and engaging our community to join us in our mission to serve those that need a hand up. Check out just a few of the things that have kept us busy the last couple of months!

National Night Out Brings Community Together!



The 2nd Annual National Night Out at Jack Davis Park was held August 2nd. We want to thank District 1 Supervisor Phil Serna and his team, led by Kerri Aiello and Lisa Nava, for their support of Next Move and their amazing effort in coordinating this event for the Oak Park Community.

We are grateful for all the sponsors and supporters who came out to make this community celebration happen. Target supplied over 300 hot dogs, soda and water. They also sponsored the Kidzone raffle providing 11 backpacks with school supplies and 4 back to school gift cards.

Thank you to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church for bringing water and ice cream, Frank Louie of Louie's Restaurant on Stockton & Broadway for providing chow mein & chicken

salad and John Louie from Oak Park Market for bringing fresh fruit.

Special thanks to the staff from Next Move, Wind and Goodwill who braved the heat to run the Kidzone, prepare and serve food and share information about our role in the community.



KaBOOM! We did it!

THANK YOU to all our AMAZING volunteers! On June 17th, we had more than 225 members of our community at our Family Shelter to support the playground project, and thanks to them we completed the whole build in less than 6 hours! We had representatives from Metro EDGE, Blue Shield of California, Target, St Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Elevation Church, Intel, United Way California Capital Region, Nationwide Insurance, AmeriCorps, Goodwill Sacramento Valley and more all helping to make this playground a reality for the kids at our family shelter.

We are also eternally grateful to KaBOOM! for their support in project managing this tremendous effort, and Dr Pepper Snapple for making it all happen with their sponsorship. Everyone involved with this project helped to create a legacy that will impact thousands of kids experiencing homelessness in our region!



Program Spotlight : Family Shelter Program

Our 85-bed Family Shelter Campus provides an emergency shelter stay with intensive supportive services to homeless families with dependent children, including single fathers and males over the age of 14.

While we aim to help families reintegrate into stable housing and employment within 30 days, the complex nature of homelessness may require up to 120 days to achieve a stable housing solution. As a part of a larger coordinated effort to assist families out of homelessness and into permanent, stable housing options, Next Move participates in a county wide Coordinate Entry system. Through a collaborative effort with Sacramento Steps Forward, homeless services providers are able to link households experiencing homelessness with viable housing options and other critical community services. [Read more...](#)



Staff Highlight: Volunteer Coordinator and Program Resource Referral

Whether you volunteer with us or contact us for help finding resources, you are likely to interact with one of our superstars that represent a critical component of our front line team. If you haven't already met them, we want to introduce you to Amber Pickens and Elizabeth Villasenor.

Amber serves as our Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, where she uses her passion to serve and engage with the community. She engages donors and volunteers to get involved with Next Move, whether at our Family Shelter, our Community Resource and Donation Center, or one of our other programs.



Elizabeth is our Program Resource Assistant, providing direct resource and referral service to homeless and low income households. She is located at the Next Move Program Administration and Community Resource Office in Oak Park, but interfaces virtually with clients and with other partner agencies over the phone and by email.

Both of these hard working ladies joined the organization within the last year and shared their passion for community, service and volunteerism!

VOLUNTEER

To continue providing critical community services, we need your continued financial support. All the programs of Next Move work collaboratively to best serve the homeless and impoverished in Sacramento as one team.

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