



On the margin

Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

To affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and remember those who have died homeless in Ventura County.

Sunday, December 20, 2009 - 3 PM – at Plaza Park in Downtown Ventura (Corner of Santa Clara and Chestnut)

Reflection - Inspiration - Music - Refreshments

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Lift Up Your Voice to End Homelessness

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

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The Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund is focused on PREVENTING the currently housed from becoming homeless. More than 50% of homelessness can be prevented if we can help those who have homes maintain their housing. Preventing homelessness is not only the caring thing to do, it is the smart thing to do economically.

100% of donations to the VHPF go directly to help with rent/mortgage payments. There is no administrative overhead.

For more information or to donate visit

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How many Homeless people Call Ventura County Home?

participate in the homeless persons count on January 26th, 2010

Sign up at (www.VolunteerVenturaCounty.org) to be part of a count team where you live or work - shifts run throughout the day from early morning to night in every part of the county

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The Kingdom Center ... Coming Soon

Uniting to Rebuild Lives

A transformation is taking place in downtown Ventura with the former City Center Motel at 837 E. Thompson Blvd. becoming a transitional living facility and daytime care center for the homeless. The Kingdom Center project, spearheaded by The Harbor Church in Ventura, is a joint venture of area church congregations that have pooled financial and human resources to provide a place where the homeless will be housed, fed, clothed, counseled, and disciplined in Christian beliefs.

The center's first group of rooms will be opened in late December. For more information or learn how you can contribute to the effort, please go to: www.theKingdomCenterVentura.com or call 805-643-7675.

Mission Statement – Uniting the Local Church and Partnering with our Communities to provide daytime care and transitional living services for the homeless that lead to sustained and productive lives.

Vision – Churches and the community working together to provide a place where the weary enjoy rest, the hopeless receive hope, abused discover love, the violent embrace peace, addicted find freedom and where lives are transformed.

Strategy – At the heart of our Strategy at The Kingdom Center is a *shared responsibility and care model*. Working with 30 local churches in Ventura County, we have designed a method to share the responsibility and the care for the homeless in our communities. At the heart of the Kingdom Center are two primary living centers: first, our Daytime Living Center, and second, our Transitional Living Center.

The Daytime Living Center – The Harbor Church's Operation Embrace Team will facilitate members of local churches to help with our staff. They will provide service ministry in the kitchen, clothing pantry, food pantry, showers and laundry, case management, mail distribution and our courtyard friendship ministry and park and river bottom connection ministry. The area of service will be determined based on personal calling and gifting to help make a first connection with those homeless that chose to come.

The Transitional Living Center – On-site services will be managed by the Lutheran Social Services Team (LLS). We will facilitate members of local churches in providing the key ministries of this center. These ministries will include licensed and specialized professional counseling services and adopt-a-family mentoring/coaching service. The counseling services will be generally utilized as needed and designed by the LSS case manager for all those that have need in the center. The mentoring/coaching services will be assigned specifically to each family that enters the transitional living phase of their assistance. LSS will connect them with a family from a specific sponsoring church, which will work to build a bridge of friendship and invite them into their local church community.

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