



The 411

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY NEWSLETTER— FALL 2012

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined—Henry David Thoreau

From the Office

Friday night football, falling leaves, and cooler evenings; once again Fall has arrived and the holiday season is not far behind. In celebration of the change in seasons, we've updated our FSS newsletter format and hope you continue to find it useful. Please take note of the community resources listed on the back page of the newsletter.

For those of you nearing the end of your FSS Contract of Participation, take note that the last First Time Homebuyers Workshop for 2012 is

November 17, 2012 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 1001 Willow Street at the corner of 10th Street in Chico. For reservations or more information call 530-891-6931.

FSS Program participants continued to impress with results this year. Seven participants complete the FSS program and over \$65,000.00 in escrow funds were distributed to them. I wish all of you continued success and hope your holiday season is a happy and safe one for you and your loved ones!

My FSS To Do List

- ◆ Turn in my class schedule to the FSS office every semester.
- ◆ Contact the FSS office once a month via email, telephone, or in person.
- ◆ Return my FSS Quarterly Report in a timely manner.
- ◆ Be actively looking for employment.

Employment Watch

Unemployed? Underemployed? Just looking for some extra cash? If so, you just might be in luck, because major retailers **locally** have already begun hiring temporary employees for the 2012 holiday season.

An added bonus to being a temporary hire is that your temporary job could become a permanent one. Simply Hired, a job search engine company, has advised employers to consider retaining top-performing seasonal

employees.

Last year, Toys R Us retained about 15 percent of their holiday hires after the season ended. This year, the company says "high-performing" employees may again be able to turn their temporary job into a permanent one, thanks to "substantial growth opportunities available."

But don't delay. Simply Hired also suggested that employers start hiring early so they're stocked up on employees when holiday sales

ramp up. So the sooner you start applying, the better your odds. Local employers hiring right now include:

Kohl's: Positions to fill: More than 52,700 plus about 1,500 "regular" employees at 12 new stores across 10 states. How to apply: Online.

Toys R Us: Positions to fill: 45,000. How to apply: Online

Walmart: Positions to fill: More than 50,000. How to apply: Online.



HOUSING AUTHORITY of the County of Butte

Family Self-Sufficiency Program
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Community Corner

Right now in Butte County there are more than 1,900 individuals experiencing homelessness and of that 30 percent are living outdoors. With the cold winter months approaching, the Shalom Free Clinic wants to blanket Chico. November is National Homelessness Awareness month and in honor of that, the Shalom Free Clinic would like to provide the warmth of a new or gently used sleeping bag or blanket to individuals living without shelter. The Shalom Clinic is

asking for donations of blankets and sleeping bags that will be given out to homeless individuals in Chico. You can drop off your donations at the Shalom Free Clinic Thrift store. Vouchers for the sleeping bags and blankets will be distributed at the Jesus Center and other locations frequented by the local homeless population and can be **redeemed** at the Shalom Free Clinic Thrift Store, Monday-Saturday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Coming Soon!** The Shalom clinic will be

offering free dental care! The Shalom Clinic has received generous donations from local dentists and equipment from Project S.A.V.E. However they do need a few more pieces of equipment for the Dental Clinic to be operational. If you are able to help the clinics with dental supplies or monetary donations, the Clinic will be able to open the dental clinic and continue their mission on treating all aspects of health.

SHALOM CLINIC HEALTH SERVICES

The Shalom Clinic will provide immediate intervention for basic medical and mental/behavioral health services including:

- Smoking Cessation
- Medication Mgmt.
- Blood Pressure Control
- Health Screenings
- Health Education
- Primary Care
- Drug and Alcohol Interventions
- Prescriptions

Mental/Behavioral Health Counseling

Referrals will be provided, as needed.

Hours of Operation

The Shalom Free Clinic is open: Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

No Appointment Needed. Refreshments are served.

Location

The Shalom Clinic is located in the Education Building next to the Congregational Church of Chico at 1190 E. First Ave. Chico, CA 95926.



Events

- **Oroville Harvest Fest** - October 27, 2012 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Wear a costume and get in the costume parade! Great food, fun crafts, old fashioned cake walks and so much more. Win a great gift basket and enter the howling contest! Rain or Shine, this event is free to park and attend. Lake Oroville Visitor Center, 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville.
- **Treat Street** - Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 2-5pm. Treat Street is a safe and fun adventure for children 12 and under. It's simple... wear a costume, bring a parent and get ready to stroll downtown Halloween-style. More than 60 businesses are listed on the Treat Street route; just follow the map to the nicest merchants in town! Be on the lookout for special posters in the windows of participating businesses. Activities, entertainment and special vendors will be set up in City Plaza.
- **Community Christmas Tree Lighting** - Friday, December 7th, Begins at 5:30 pm. Produced by the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) and funded in part by the City of Chico, the Tree Lighting is a gift to the community. Crowds will enjoy a musical program and participate in the countdown to light the tree. Standing at more than 55' tall, the Blue Atlas Cedar is decorated by the City of Chico Tree Crew each year with more than 8,000 colorful LED lights.