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“Permanent supportive housing is the cornerstone of our strategy to end homelessness in San Francisco.”

SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM
THIRD ANNUAL STATE OF HOMELESSNESS
DECEMBER 14, 2006

**STRATEGIC
INITIATIVES TO END
HOMELESSNESS**

ECS mobilizes very low-income individuals and families to overcome homelessness within a safe, supportive environment. Our comprehensive programs — from shelters, supportive housing, and employment training, to counseling, educational services, senior services and childcare — are designed to help people develop the skills to find and maintain permanent housing.

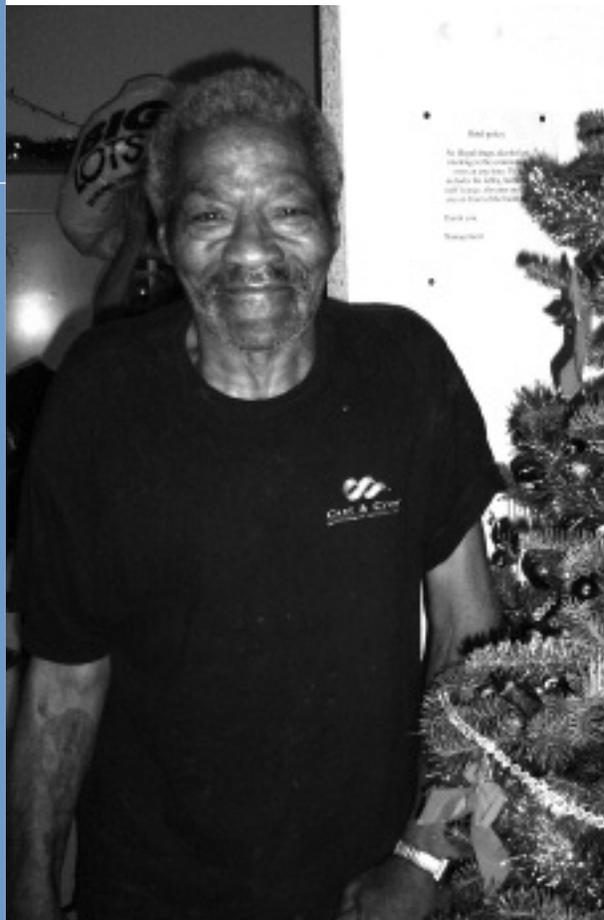
It's Never Too Late

ABRAHAM BARNETT SPENT MOST of his adult life using drugs and, in his words, “going downhill.” He contracted hepatitis C and found himself living in a van. Eventually his fast living caught up with

him and he ended up in the hospital with nowhere else to go.

Determined to get the help he needed to get off drugs, Abraham accepted a placement at ECS’s Le Nain, a permanent supportive housing site for seniors, located at the edge of the Tenderloin.

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Dear Friends,

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT an important new effort that ECS is launching. It isn't a program for our clients, although it will ultimately do much to help the many poor and homeless people we serve. It's a program for you, the donor, to recognize those of you who have included ECS in your will or estate plan.

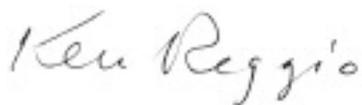
We're calling it the Sanctuary Society after ECS's most recognized entity. The name pays homage to all the volunteers who worked so hard in the early years of ECS to feed and house homeless people. It was these "pioneers" whose work 25 years ago instilled the mission that continues to guide ECS today: "To help homeless and very low-income people obtain the housing, jobs, shelter, and essential services each person needs to prevent and end homelessness."

Thankfully, ECS enjoys the generous support of the community. Your financial contributions and volunteer work make a tremendous difference in our ability to serve men, women, and children in need. Gifts through your will or estate plan ensure that ECS will be here tomorrow and able to respond effectively to community need.

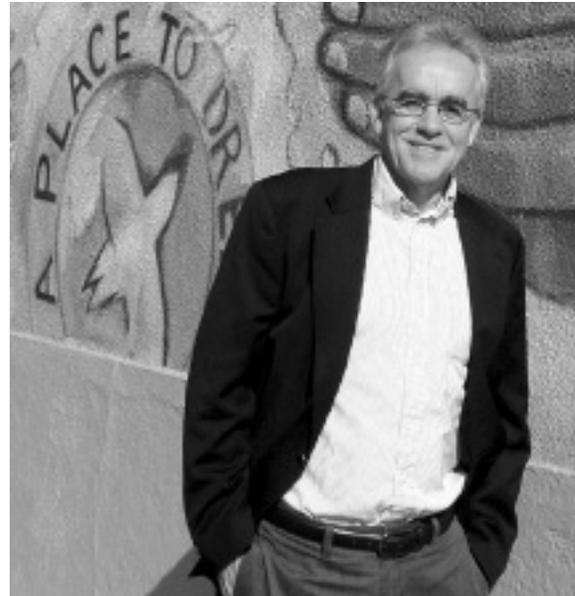
Please take a minute to fill out the envelope included in the newsletter. Let us know that you have included ECS in your estate plan or if you would like more information.

Thank you for your commitment to create a more compassionate society.

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Reggio
Executive Director



It's Never Too Late

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Since coming to the Le Nain, Abraham has gotten off drugs and a whole new world has opened up for him. "I didn't have anything out on the streets. Now I have a

California ID, the medical attention I need to be healthy, and I'm even taking some free adult education classes. For the first time ever, I feel like I can find something to do that makes me happy. I hope it's not too late for me to find a good job. I want to give back something."

Abraham credits the staff for helping him make the leap: "The services at the Le Nain are great. They have a great support staff that are dedicated and go out of their way to help you. I got everything I needed to get stable here. I feel like I'm at home. I love it here."

Le Nain

LOCATED IN THE TENDERLOIN, the Le Nain permanently houses 84 formerly homeless seniors in SRO-style apartments. As in all of ECS's 10 supportive housing sites, on-site case



managers work with tenants on life-management issues, such as health, money management, and vocational and educational guidance. Programs at the Le Nain emphasize decreasing feelings of isolation among the tenants and implementing wellness activities. There are many opportunities for community-

building, including a weekly coffee hour, organized games, movies, and off-site outings each month. There is also a monthly senior health awareness group and a meditation class complete with green tea.

The ECS Future Fund: Be Inspired

ECS'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS is pleased to announce the creation of the Future Fund — a fund big enough to hold both the aspirations of thousands of homeless people in San Francisco who seek a better life and the hopes of donors who envision a more just society.

For more than 20 years, ECS has relied primarily on current support, including contracts for program services and contributions from foundations and generous donors, to fund its work. While this approach is not unusual, it makes it difficult to plan ahead. The Future Fund will afford added capacity and flexibility for ECS to continue its best strategies and develop new and innovative initiatives to end homelessness.

Gifts to the Future Fund are planned gifts, usually made through a will or estate plan. The Future Fund is designed to augment rather than supplant regular gifts from the community. The Future Fund is especially conducive to gifts for agency-wide support, but gifts for individual ECS programs can be arranged.

If you would like to know more about making a legacy gift to ECS's Future Fund, please contact Regan Murphy in the Development office (rmurphy@ecs-sf.org or 415-487-3706).

2006 Holiday Season at Episcopal Community Services



On Top of the World

GROWING UP IN LOUISIANA, Joseph Bruckner had plenty of time to fall in love with cooking. His family owned two restaurants, and Joseph can remember as a child helping his grandmother stir pots and prepare basic dishes.

Cooking was in his blood, so it was no surprise when Joseph chose to take advanced culinary training. His life was fairly well mapped out



with a successful cooking career in catering and at top resorts. But then things started to unravel and Joseph soon found himself homeless and owing the IRS.

Joseph stayed in shelters for a year

and a half trying to pull his life together and sorting out his problems with the IRS. ECS's CHEFS program came along at the perfect time. He was able not only to get back into the job market, but also to reclaim his confidence. "CHEFS gave me the zest and drive to go back to what I love."

The CHEFS staff received high marks from Joseph for teaching technical cooking skills as well as for igniting ambition in students to try harder and go further than many of them had ever gone before.

Today, more than two years after completing the CHEFS program, Joseph is now an Executive Chef of a prominent local San Francisco restaurant and regularly oversees student interns from the CHEFS program.

The CHEFS Program

CHEFS (Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Service) is a 12-month vocational training program of ECS's Skills Center. Depending on aptitude and interest, CHEFS graduates go on to work in restaurants, hotels, cafes, and congregate meal programs in a variety of capacities. CHEFS is at the heart of San Francisco's Ten-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness by providing marketable skills to a vulnerable population.

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ECS is a public benefit organization with a family of programs that provide creative responses and offer solutions to the challenge of homelessness.



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A benefit for CHEFS

Friday, June 22, 2007

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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