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Hosting a fundraiser: I/my company, organization or club will host the following fundraiser:

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My company makes charitable donations. Please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**What can your club, church or school group do to help?**

We need volunteers to pick up weekly commodities donations. School groups and clubs can collect household products and canned foods. Groups are welcome to participate by organizing special events at the shelter such as craft nights, holiday parties, and other family activities. Please donate surplus food and supplies left over from church functions, parties, conferences, and other special events.

Please designate your United Way Donation to the Interfaith Council of Solano



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# Interfaith Council of Solano County

## 2011 Annual Report, Year in Review - 2010



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### President's Letter, Randy Benning



**Join the Celebration!**

Join our ten-year celebration! 2011 marks ten years that the Interfaith Council of Solano County has worked together to improve the lives of families needing a hand up. Heather House became a reality in 2001. Since then, over 1600 families have been served – finding jobs, housing, and hope.

Over the years, 90% of the people completing the Heather House program have moved from homelessness into permanent housing. 7300 people annually use the referral help line, which is answered 24 hours a day.

Heather House continues to be the only permanent homeless shelter in Fairfield. Ten years ago, we could not have imagined the downturn in the economy or the tremendous outpouring of support from the community.

We continue to operate based on faith, the faith that monetary support will continue to come from individuals who believe that no child should ever be homeless, companies should give back to the community, and every person can make a difference.

Ten years ago, twenty-five different faith communities came together with the sole purpose of reducing the impact of poverty and homelessness in Solano County. Ten years later, people continue making a difference together, regardless of faith, background, or status – Heather House is saving lives.

Join us as we move into our 10<sup>th</sup> year of changing lives. The economy has hit us hard and cut backs in funding have become critical. Next year will be challenging, even as more people are needing assistance. Giving to Heather House will save lives and break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference — one child at a time.

Randy Benning  
President of the Interfaith Council of Solano County

### Solano Business Group Gives Back

The Solano Business Group hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bunco Benefit for the children of Heather House. This important fundraising event generated needed funds for Heather House and was a great time! The list of attendees grows each year and players enjoyed pizza and salad donated by Papa Murphy's, beer donated by Blue Frog, dessert donated by Wine Country Cakes, and sodas by Gillespie's Abbey Carpet. We would sincerely like to thank Alamo Creek Properties, Superior Home Loans, Sir Speedy, TC Pros, Gillespie's Abbey Carpet, Transamerica Financial, Meggles Photography, and Placer Title Company for their amazing support on this fundraiser.



Bunco Benefit — March, 2010

### 2010 Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue:

City/ State/ Federal Grants: 161,737  
Corporation/ Foundation Grants: 40,000  
Transitional Housing Program Fees: 30,311  
Donations: 54,083  
Faith Community Partner Donations: 22,201  
Fundraising: 55,257

**Total Revenue: 365,589**

Expenditures:

Salaries: 207,038  
Taxes and Benefits: 31,944  
Utilities: 12,811  
Food: 1,621  
Insurance: 31,509  
Program Expense: 45,126

**Total Expenditures: 330,049**

*Thank You!*

*Continued community support allows the Interfaith Council to help local homeless families rebuild their lives!*

### Board of Directors

Randy Benning, Board President	Ron Cupid Member	Theresa Huzel, Member
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## Major Supporters & Funders

Community Development Block Grant  
Community Services Block Grant  
East Bay Community Foundation  
FEMA  
First 5 Solano  
Kaiser Permanente

### Major Donors

Anheuser-Busch Companies  
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Thomas and Roxanne Sawyer  
Solano Business Group  
Solano Hearts United  
Soroptimist International of Central Solano  
Suisun Valley Community of Christ  
Umpqua Bank  
Valero Refining Company- Benicia  
WestAmerica Bank

Designate your United Way donation to the Interfaith Council of Solano County



## IFC Mission and History

The mission of the Interfaith Council of Solano County is to reduce the impact of poverty and homelessness through the coordinated efforts of people of faith. It is our belief that regardless of what might separate us one from another, common ground will always be found in serving God and serving the people.

The Council was formed in 1999 and is composed of 24 different faith communities, which include Christian Churches (Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Latter-day Saints, Unity Church of the Valley, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ) and non-Christian faith communities (Jewish, Baha'i, Sikh, Muslim). Because members of the Council are from a diverse group of faith communities, the Council does not proselytize anyone in need of services.

The Interfaith Council has sponsored the Child Spree event for the past nine years providing new school clothes for low-income school children in the Fairfield/Suisun area. The Council also donates baby clothes and baby supplies to at-risk mothers through NorthBay Healthcare, Healthy Start, and Children in Need of Hugs. The IFC supports the Manna Food Pantry at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and supports a satellite food pantry in Suisun.

The Council holds an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving. In addition, we operate the Heather House Homeless Shelter, the only permanent shelter for the homeless in the city of Fairfield.

Visit [www.interfaithcouncilsolanocounty.org](http://www.interfaithcouncilsolanocounty.org).

### Program Services and Achievements 2010

- **Homeless Shelter Programs:** The Interfaith Council designs and administers the Heather House Homeless Shelter, which provides shelter, all meals, supervision and security to homeless families and single females. The shelter assisted 185 clients, provided 5,951 bed nights and 17,853 meals.
- **Human Services Programs, General/ Other:** Provides intensive case management and life skills classes to shelter residents. The agency assisted 106 adults.
- **Human Services Programs, General/ Other:** The Interfaith Council designs and administers the Heather House Transitional Housing Program, which provides shelter, supervision, case management and security to 20 individuals.
- **Human Services Programs, General/ Other:** The Interfaith Council designs and administers the Heather House Homeless Shelter Aftercare Program, which provides case management, food and home visits to clients who have successfully completed the Heather House Homeless Shelter program. The program assisted 72 adults.

## Heather House Updates



### Demographics

*In 2010, Heather House served 185 (unduplicated) homeless individuals. These statistics demonstrate that homelessness affects all ages.*

Of the 185 served at Heather House:

25% were children under 5 years of age  
18% were children ages 5 -18  
12% were young adults ages 20 - 24  
43% were adults ages 24 - 54  
02% were adults ages 55 and over

67 clients moved into permanent housing

6 clients moved into a transitional housing program

93 family units were served:  
43 single females = 46%  
36 single Moms with children = 39%  
11 couples with children = 12%  
2 single Dads with children = 2%  
1 couple with no children = 1%

### Heather House Clients on the Road to Self-Sufficiency

Amy was an 18-year-old girl with serious mental health issues who had threatened her parents. Her parents wouldn't let her come home until they felt comfortable that she received appropriate help. Working closely with Amy and her parents, the case manager connected Amy with mental health services. Amy was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder and began treatment. Once diagnosed and treated, she started to show improvement quickly while at Heather House. We worked on Amy's schooling so she could graduate. Additionally, we worked with her counselors to mend her relationship with her parents. Next, we worked on finding Amy a part-time job. Within six weeks, her parents had worked out a conditional plan for Amy to move back into their home. Amy continues to see her therapist regularly and her parents say she continues to do well.

Morning Star was a Native American single mother of four children. She came to Heather House as a Child Protective Services reunification case. She was recently released from jail. She had substance abuse and mental health issues. We met with her CPS worker and created a case plan that included addressing her substance abuse with an outpatient program. We set up services through the County mental health department which included family therapy, private one-on-one therapy, and medication. Once all of the CPS requirements were met, Morning Star received Cal-Win and other County benefits. While she was here there was a dramatic improvement in her relationship with her children. Morning Star gained valuable parenting skills and applied them in a practical setting. We were able to place Morning Star into a family transitional housing program. She continues in the Heather House Aftercare program and she is connected with County mental health services. Morning Star plans to move into permanent housing by the beginning of the next school year. She says she will be finished with school by then and be ready to find full-time employment.

### One Family's Success Story from Heather House

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of Solano County Services and a grant from Kaiser Permanente, the Heather House case management team was able to work with Beverly and Bill who came to the shelter. Beverly was diagnosed with mental health issues which stood in the way of her employment. Unemployment meant that she had limited access to health care. While at the shelter Beverly received treatment. After a short time, Beverly and Bill both found steady employment and saved enough money to move into permanent housing.

### Upcoming

#### *A Taste of Solano*

Save the Date!  
Friday, October 21  
6:30-9:30 PM  
Rancho Solano, Fairfield



Enjoy gourmet appetizers & desserts,  
wine & beer tasting, and soda bar.  
Live and silent auction.

Tickets are \$45 each.  
Tickets available at:  
[www.heatherhouse.org](http://www.heatherhouse.org)

#### *Solano Turkey Trot*

Thanksgiving Morning  
10k run 5k run/walk  
Benefiting Solano Hearts United  
[www.solanoturkeytrot.org](http://www.solanoturkeytrot.org)