

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted: February 27, 2009

Project Name: Samaritan House – Safe Harbor Shelter

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*
Yes.

Amount Requested *(if requesting report language, please attach.):*
\$200,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status *(e.g., "Public Law 107111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):*

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Federal Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Food and Shelter

Local Contact *(Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):*

Kitty Lopez
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www.SamaritanHouse.com

Organization's Main Activities. (Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)

Founded in 1974, Samaritan House is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing services to help meet the essential daily needs of more than 12,000 low-income people within San Mateo County, California. Samaritan House is one of the County's seven "core service" agencies. We provide a "safety net" for individuals and families in need while ultimately helping them move toward self sufficiency and reducing the risk for child abuse and neglect. With the help of more than 2,000 volunteers, we provide food, clothing, shelter, emergency assistance (i.e., emergency grants for rent, utility payments, car repairs), health care, worker resources, adult education, and counseling services, all free of charge to our clients. Samaritan House is a community-supported organization with over 70% of our operating budget coming from private foundations, groups, and individuals.

All of our programs work together to prevent homelessness and/or assist our community members to move toward self-sufficiency.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

SAFE HARBOR SHELTER Annual Budget

Income Sources

Federal Appropriations	200,000
County General Fund	345,862
County CDBG* (cut by \$7K for FY09)	79,800
HUD / FEMA Funding	179,500
Municipal Fundraising **	74,620
Grants & Individual Contributions	61,000
Contracted Beds (2) from SMCMH ***	34,438
Samaritan House General Fund	50,363
In-Kind (facility, transportaiton passes)	241,275
TOTAL INCOME	1,266,858

Expenses

Personnel	829,333
Program Supplies & Meal Services	122,300
Housekeeping & Maintenance	8,300
Equipement rental & Telephone	10,470
Transportation & Insurance	8,264
Professional and Outside Servies	10,200
Shared Operating costs	51,177
Other various	12,539
In-Kind (facility and transportaion passes)	214,275
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,266,858

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. (Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)

Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter is a 90 bed emergency homeless shelter located in South San Francisco. Homeless individuals 18 years and older and from San Mateo County enter the shelter on a first-come, first-served basis. Safe Harbor is the only “wet” shelter in San Mateo County; it accepts clients that are ineligible for other shelters. Safe Harbor’s primary purpose is to provide warmth, shelter, and nutrition for the homeless in a compassionate manner so they can meet their basic needs for shelter. Clients are provided services and resources to assist them to more permanent housing solutions, such as case management, employment assistance, transportation vouchers, computer lab, literacy services, home economics instruction, tenant skill instruction, referrals to legal aid for landlord/tenant law and victim’s rights counseling, and apartment search assistance.

We collaborate with a variety of community agencies with specialties in the areas of employment, basic human needs, permanent and transitional housing, domestic violence, and alcohol and other drug treatment – all of whom provide services at the shelter. San Mateo County’s Mobile Public Health Clinic visits weekly to provide shelter residents with basic healthcare services and its HIV van visits the shelter every month to provide free HIV testing. The County's Mental Health Services visit the shelter each week to provide clients with mental health counseling. Budgeting and financial education workshops are offered by volunteers from the financial sector. In addition, our health case manager attends to clients’ emotional and physical well-being needs.

Timeline: Safe Harbor is a fully operational shelter that is open year round, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Goals/Outcomes:

Safe Harbor Shelter Program Goal 1: The Safe Harbor Shelter Program will help low-income and disadvantaged adults meet basic needs for shelter.
Outcome 1.1: By the end of 12 months of this grant term Safe Harbor will have provided low-income disadvantaged adults with 30,000 bed nights at the shelter.
Outcome 1.2: By the end of 12 months of this grant term, Safe Harbor will have provided 1,000 low-income disadvantaged adults with shelter.
Outcome 1.3: By the end of 12 months of this grant term, Safe Harbor will have provided 500 low-income disadvantaged adults with housing referrals and assistance.
Outcome 1.4: By the end of 12 months of this grant term, Safe Harbor will have provided 1,000 low-income disadvantaged adults with employment referrals and assistance.

Specific Uses of Funds: Consistent with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Federal Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Food and Shelter guidelines, funds will be used for:

- filling two shelter positions (on hiring freeze) to increase work with homeless clients in developing a plan to exit homelessness;
- preventing Shelter reduction of operation hours and services due to funding cuts, increased costs and loss of revenue;
- providing shelter for clients on an emergency (i.e., 30 day) or transitional (i.e., up to 6 months) basis;
- providing shelter clients with resources and skills they need to increase their self-sufficiency and avoid future homelessness; and
- providing food for clients living at the shelter.

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? (*Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.*)

This earmark helps in two significant ways: (a) to buffer the losses in funding for the shelter we are experiencing as a result of government contracts and foundation grants shrinking, which would lead to staff reductions without assistance; and (b) to fill vacant positions at the shelter we have had to freeze due to the budget shortfall. Safe Harbor Shelter has been underfunded for the last several years and while Samaritan House has been utilizing its general fundraising dollars to fund the needed services, those available dollars have been reduced significantly in the past year. In addition, The County of San Mateo is facing a budget shortfall that we have been informed will result in across the board cuts, countywide. Should funding cuts from the County prove to be less severe, we will be able to fill the vacant position, and also add one needed case manager thereby enabling our program to provide more effective, intensive and timely case management for clients, which will result in better outcomes for clients (i.e., long-term self-sufficiency.) Sustaining this work beyond the federal funding will occur through our continued efforts to increase the number and diversity of our funding sources. Samaritan House has a strong track record of developing and maintaining a broad diversity of funding for its programs.

What is the local significance of this project?

The local significance of this program is threefold:

- 70% of the clients who are at Safe Harbor for more than 3 months will find employment while residing at Safe Harbor as indicated by case manager notes.
- 65% of the clients who are at Safe Harbor for more than 4 months will transition into permanent housing as indicated by case manager notes.
- 80% of the clients who work with the Health Case Manager for more than 90 days will demonstrate an increased use of healthy behaviors as indicated by case management tool pre test and post test at 30, 60 and 90 days.

To more fully understand the significance and impact of the above, consider the story of a forty-one-year old African American female from Daly City who served as a sergeant in the Iraq war. Coming directly from her tour of duty suffering from acute symptoms of PTSD, Safe Harbor connected her to V.A. services and advocated to get her on a waiting list for PTSD treatment and housing. We have since been able to get her placed in V.A. Housing. As we are starting to serve more veterans, in order to meet the needs of our clients we have bridged a relationship with the V.A. In this way we are working toward getting these clients connected to needed psychiatric, medical, and housing services that are available through the V.A.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? (*i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.*)

Using previous years' data, we expect the following:

- 2 Shelter positions filled that have been vacant due to budget shortfalls;
- 1 case manager job maintained and/or created (depending on County's cuts);
- 345 clients (31% of clients served) secure employment;
- 57 clients (5% of clients served) find permanent housing;
- 110 clients (10% of clients served) address legal issues they are facing; and
- Current hours and support services maintained for Shelter residents.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. (*Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.*)

Please find attached letters from San Mateo County Supervisor Carole Groom and State Assemblyperson Jerry Hill.

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? (*Federal, State, Local or private pending?*)

Source: FYE 06/30/09	Amount	Status
Individual Donations	\$2,000	Annual amount raised for the shelter.
County of San Mateo	\$ 364,065	Confirmed: Signed annual contract., however, we are expecting a funding cut of 5%
Gilmore Foundation	\$10,000	Pending, potential new funding source
County of San Mateo CDBG	\$ 84,000	Pending – current funding source – expected to be funded.
City of Daly City	\$ 10,000	Pending – current funding source – expected to be funded.
City of South San Francisco	\$ 7,000	Pending – current funding source – expected to be funded.
City of Redwood City	\$ 12,000	Pending – current funding source – expected to be funded.
Crescent Porter Hale	\$ 10,000	Pending – past funding source – expected to be funded.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? *(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*

We have been a recipient of Emergency Food & Shelter Program through FEMA for at least the last 10 years (\$74.5K). These funds have been used to pay for food and shelter provided through Safe Harbor.

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members *(if any).*

We have attached a list of our organization's staff and board members.

Please attach any additional relevant materials:

We have attached additional materials to highlight the work at this program.

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JERRY HILL
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, NINETEENTH DISTRICT

February 27, 2009

Congresswoman Jackie Speier
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of Samaritan House and their application for funding of the Safe Harbor homeless shelter.

Although San Mateo County enjoys one of the highest of standards of living in the United States, it has few low income housing options. Safe Harbor delivers cost effective services for our County's homeless population. Support for Samaritan House and Safe Harbor is an investment in the future of our community.

As a long-standing resource in the community that has earned an excellent reputation, Samaritan House:

- (a) Is able to quickly put funds to immediate use for timely results we can see in our community.
- (b) Has a distinguished track record of wisely managing the funds entrusted to it and leveraging those funds to their maximum potential.
- (c) Has operated the Safe Harbor shelter continuously since 1987.
- (d) Provides those in need in our community with the highest quality of human services.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly if you have any questions about my support for Samaritan House's request.

Warm regards,

Jerry Hill



February 28, 2009

Congresswoman Jackie Speier
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier,

I am pleased to provide you with this letter verifying my support for Samaritan House of San Mateo, California. I understand they are approaching your office during this time of budget appropriations for support of their Safe Harbor Shelter. I am pleased to hear this and encourage you to support their application for funding. I say this not only as a long-time resident of San Mateo County and representative of this County, but also because:

- (a) Funds provided to this agency will be put to immediate use – and quick implementation is one criteria for programs to be funded through of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The shelter has been in operation under the care of Samaritan House since 1987.
- (b) Samaritan House has a proven track record of cost effective program delivery and accountability; it is one of the seven core services agencies and has been in continuous operation since 1974, providing safety net and emergency assistance services (i.e., food, clothing, shelter, medical services) for the least fortunate among us.
- (c) The need for shelter in San Mateo County has persisted - even in financially prosperous times – due in large part to San Mateo County's high cost of living and limited low income housing options. The housing and mortgage challenges we currently face have placed even greater pressure on housing for lower income households.

Please do call me directly if you have any questions about my support for Samaritan House's request. I can be reached at my office by phoning (650) 363-4568. As our County looks for ways to successfully navigate these challenging times, we appreciate the support we receive from you.

Best,

Carole Groom

Carole Groom
Supervisor, District 2 – San Mateo County

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Sheila Wolfson Community Member Menlo Park, CA	Member

THE SAMARITAN

FALL 2007

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT SAMARITAN HOUSE

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

A Time For Holiday Giving

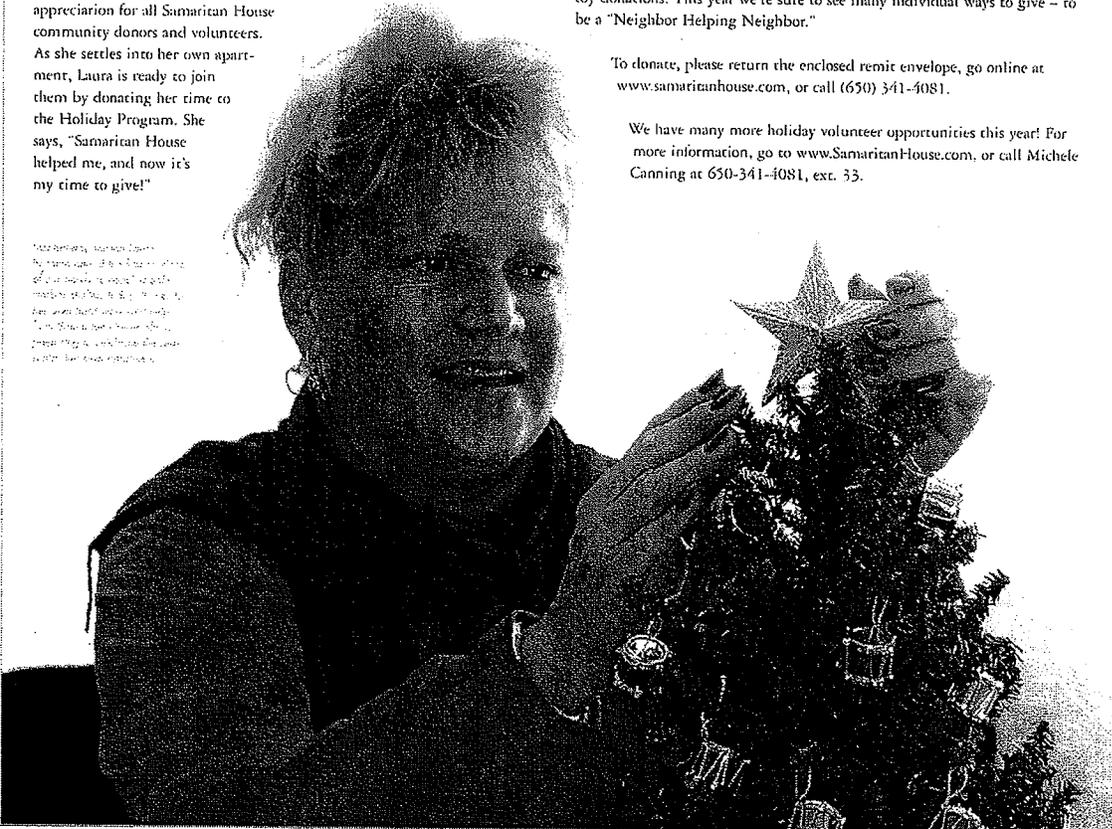
This winter, a special volunteer will help the Samaritan House Holiday Program spread cheer to our less fortunate neighbors. Last December, Laura* was homeless and moving into our newly refurbished Safe Harbor Shelter. Thanks to her own determination and lots of Samaritan House help, she will celebrate this holiday season in her own apartment. Plus, she plans to "give back" by joining the more than 1,500 Holiday Program volunteers distributing toys, gifts, and food.

Like other volunteers, Laura will sign up for her choice of assignments. Adults can staff the Volunteer Center/Holiday Help Desk, and adults and older children can create food and gift packages, organize a holiday toy or food drive, provide monetary donations, or staff the Samaritan House Giving Tree at Hillsdale Mall. Families with small children under the age of 11 can take part in Family Days, while service-oriented youth groups, such as the Scours, can participate in Club Days. Children can package fruit, sort gift donations, and decorate food bags.

Many volunteers want to work directly with clients. They can get this opportunity by serving food at our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, or by adopting a family through the Family Sharing Program. Parents often chose the Family Sharing Program as a way to teach their own children about generosity and sharing. Businesses, churches, and neighborhood groups also join the Family Sharing Program.

In her personal journey from Safe Harbor Shelter back to self-reliance, Laura has gained special appreciation for all Samaritan House community donors and volunteers. As she settles into her own apartment, Laura is ready to join them by donating her time to the Holiday Program. She says, "Samaritan House helped me, and now it's my time to give!"

*Name changed to protect identity



Many Ways to Give

Laura is proof that the season of giving is year-round at Samaritan House. But we share even more in November and December by distributing food and gifts to more than 8,600 people in need, including thousands of children!

For 2007, our goal is to surpass last year's Holiday Assistance Program total of more than \$712,000 in services. The November and December programs will include food distribution; toys and gifts at the Holiday Center; and toys, food, and gifts delivered to homes through the Family Sharing and Adopt-A-Senior programs.

We expect to reach this year's goal through community support and improvements in the program. This year Samaritan House will distribute food at North Shoreview Elementary School and College Park Elementary School. We will also open a special "Holiday Toy Shoppe" at 1515 Claremont St., San Mateo. Clients and volunteers will enjoy the added convenience (and warmth) of these locations.

Community support comes in many forms. As in holidays past, it can come with the California Automobile Association delivering a truck full of turkeys to our Kitchen, the San Mateo Harley Owners Group roaring up to Samaritan House with checks and food, San Mateo High School students leading an award-winning food drive, or the San Mateo Fire Department collecting thousands of toy donations. This year we're sure to see many individual ways to give - to be a "Neighbor Helping Neighbor."

To donate, please return the enclosed remit envelope, go online at www.samaritanhouse.com, or call (650) 341-4081.

We have many more holiday volunteer opportunities this year! For more information, go to www.SamaritanHouse.com, or call Michele Canning at 650-341-4081, ext. 33.

*Name changed to protect identity

FALL GALA CELEBRATED HOPE

This year's Main Event fundraiser, held September 29th, celebrated the hope Samaritan House gives to our low income clients. It also honored the volunteers and donors who make it possible for us to help people in need. Amid sparkling fall colors, generous bidders surpassed our Fund A Need live auction goal of \$35,000, providing nearly \$39,000 to provide medicine and supplies for our clients with diabetes and diabetes-related illnesses. All proceeds from the event will go directly to programs – providing food, shelter, clothing, health-care, worker resources, and holiday assistance.

San Mateo County Supervisor Jerry Hill not only served as Master of Ceremonies, but helped Auctioneer Frank Bizarro pitch the live auction items. This year's bidders competed for some unusual items, such as a balloon ride, a dinner at the home of a classic car collection, or a day training to be a fighter pilot! Following the exciting auction, guests filled the dance floor to dance to the music of the very popular Joe Sharino Band.

Supervisor Jerry Hill and Joe Sharino were one of the dinner's special highlights at the 2007 Main Event.



It was a wonderful evening! Kudos to Live Auction Coordinator Marilyn McDonnell, Silent Auction Coordinator Nancy Newman, Logistics Coordinator Doug Nereu, and Main Event Coordinator Naureen Hashim. Samaritan House thanks all who attended and the more than 50 volunteers who made the event possible. We hope you will join us next year!

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Sequoia Hospital / Sequoia Healthcare District
Sheila and Mark Wolfson*

LUNCHES FOR KIDS



A child in the Neighborhood Fun Program enjoys lunch at the King Center. Photo: Kim Young, Director

Approximately 60 children at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in San Mateo enjoyed healthy lunches last summer thanks to a collaborative effort between the Center and Samaritan House.

Since 2002, Samaritan House has prepared lunches for the children at the Neighborhood Fun Program because many children who get free lunches at schools often go without during the summer months. The lunches at the King Center provide welcome meals for children ages 6 to 17 when school is out from June to August.

This year Second Harvest Food Bank helped with the effort by donating food and money. Community support also played a role when generous shoppers at Whole Foods Market in San Mateo donated snack packs and bottled water. Samaritan House then delivered the food items to the King Center.

During the school year, Samaritan House continues to nourish kids. In addition to food provided to families through our many programs, we also send snacks to the schools when the children participate in all-day state testing and when the schools hold parent-teacher nights.

This poster which reads "Share Your Food" encouraged shoppers to contribute healthy snacks for children at the Neighborhood Fun Program. Photo: Kim Young, Director

SAFE HARBOR SHELTER GETS EVEN BETTER FOR RESIDENTS!

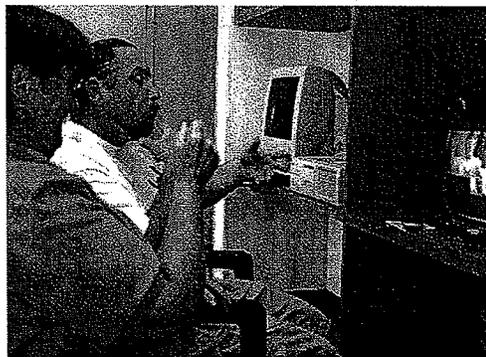
Samaritan House continues to make Safe Harbor Shelter more comfortable for residents. Now that the interior has been completely renovated, we're creating a welcoming look for the outside. A recent donation of new patio furniture from Philanthropy by Design has created a homey look to the front porch, and Program Director Sharon Petersen is looking for donors to fill the large adjacent planter.

As for shelter services, we've recently improved communication opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing residents. This came at the initiative of two internet-savvy deaf residents, Anna* and Ben*." Frustrated by their inability to make a phone call, they searched the web until they found a system that could connect them with visual interpreters. Sharon applied for a grant from the vendor, Sorenson VRS, and by July the system was installed.

Anna and Ben immediately used the system with ease. They sat in front of a videophone mounted on top of the shelter television. Then they activated a "Dial" button on the main television screen, which contacted a hearing interpreter. The interpreter's image was transmitted

to the screen in real time, and Anna and Ben's images were also transmitted to the interpreter. Laughing and enjoying themselves immensely, Anna and Ben signed to the interpreter, who placed the call and translated their sign language verbally to the hearing person on the other end of the line. Then he signed the responses back to Anna and Ben.

When the call was over, Anna and Ben gave the system an enthusiastic "thumbs up." Shelter Director Rasheedah Blake was happy to see that the new technology was so user-friendly. She said, "Not only will our deaf clients be able to communicate with the outside world, but we can also use this system to help our case managers communicate with deaf clients."



Ben (left) and Anna (right) were among the clients enjoying the videophone at our 2007 Main Event.

* Names changed to protect privacy.

Budget may limit shelter hours

By Michelle Durand

Homeless county residents who are elderly, sick or mentally ill may be pushed out of the Safe Harbor emergency shelter every morning even if they've nowhere else to go because Samaritan House can't afford to keep it open all day.

Many clients leave every morning but shelter employees allow those with certain needs or limitations to stay behind, said executive director Kitty Lopez.

As early as next month, the South San Francisco shelter will shut its doors every morning and not re-open until the afternoon as a consequence of an ongoing structural deficit, Lopez said.

Lopez warned the Board of Supervisors during the summer the situation was dire. On Tuesday, before the board adopted its final budget, Lopez reported back circumstances require immediate action.

"I need to do something now. I should have done something in July," Lopez said.

Samaritan House operates Safe Harbor for the county, providing emergency and transitional housing for 90 adults in addition to its two other shelters. The shelter began as a collaborative effort with county funds augmented by community money but a number of grants and sources have been diverted, said County Manager John Maltbie.

In fiscal year 2007-2008, Samaritan House asked for one-time funding of \$100,000 for expenses. The next year, the request was made for \$60,000. Due to its own structural deficit, the county restored its contract with Samaritan House back to the 2007-2008 level with a 3 percent cost of business increase. With the contract now at \$448,065, Lopez told officials yesterday the money is not enough to keep the doors open full-time.

"It doesn't have the cable to keep running," Lopez said.

Without directly asking for a specific amount, Lopez asked that the county's plan to end homelessness. Lopez conceded a shelter bed isn't an answer to homelessness but said it is a necessary transition.

"There is no other place for people to go and I ask you where people will go until we build the housing?" Lopez asked.

Human Services Agency Director Beverly Beasley Johnson said the thorough analysis of shelter services previously requested by the Board of Supervisors can be brought back in January. The months should be "sufficient time to analyze the entire fiscal picture in HSA," she said, adding that the recently adopted state budget is bringing significant cuts to the department.

But January is not soon enough if Lopez believes truncated hours will begin Nov. 1, said Supervisor Adrienne Tissier who asked Maltbie if there can be a Band-Aid approach until the report.

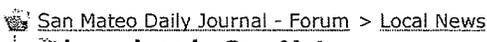
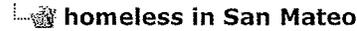
Johnson will report back at the Oct. 22 meeting how much financial difference is between limited hours in November and January.

Meanwhile, HSA will continue its look at the county's homeless services and sustainability, including the cost of expanding Homeless Outreach Teams countywide.

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October 13, 2008

Editor:

It gives me no pleasure to write this letter, because to do so reveals personal circumstance that is frequently frustrating and humiliating. I am writing to you in response to the recent article concerning budgets, and the availability of shelter space for homeless persons in San Mateo County (Budget may limit shelter hours – the Daily Journal, Weds. Oct.1, 2009). Such action as mentioned in the Daily Journal article would be both counter productive to the welfare of the people of San Mateo County in total, and detrimental to the individual homeless person as well.

It is doubtful that the day-time closure of Safe Harbor will help even the bean-counters get a better nights sleep, indeed, such a "band-aid" measure is not the solution to the long-term problem of homelessness and transitional housing in San Mateo county; this proposal should not be taken seriously. While belt tightening measures are always in good order, this particular "remedy" only serves to further stress &/or punish those who are ALREADY going without. The net effect of such proposed action would not only be the dumping of the mentally ill and disabled persons onto the streets of San Mateo county, (not exactly good for business OR property values), but to close Safe Harbor during the day shift would just make everything that much more difficult for those individuals who are simply down on their luck and doing all that they can to get back on their feet.

For example, on the day the Daily Journal article was put to print, my shift at the bakery ended at 9:00am; I was able to get back to the shelter, get a couple hours of sleep (a good night's sleep is truly a LUXURY for many homeless), then take a shower and dash to my evening class (business office skills). Had the shelter been closed at that time, such activities would be almost impossible for me, and a situation that offers little hope would quickly become hopeless.

With little fanfare and limited resources, the Samaritan House / Safe Harbor staff and management do a terrific job for the clients of Safe Harbor, and in the process render an important service to the citizens of San Mateo County. By limiting the actual shelter hours available to the county's homeless, the taxpaying citizens are all but guaranteed that it won't just be the commuter snoozing on the bus; indeed, I personally know several people who do not take advantage of shelter resources, and as a consequence, they have made "camping on the bus" something of an art form.

Believe me, the staff and management of Safe Harbor routinely take on some of the hardest luck cases that most folks wouldn't touch with a ten-foot fire hose. More than a few times I've seen a homeless individual being brought to the shelter via a police car. Such a person is certainly not under arrest, but is likely to be just one or two steps away from making a bad situation that much the worse for EVERYBODY. The next time you get the chance, just ask a police officer if he/she isn't glad that the Safe Harbor staff is on duty, and ready to do their part for the community.

Safe Harbor clients include more than just the mentally ill and physically challenged. Using a "one-size-fits-all" approach, Safe Harbor has been providing shelter to people of every stripe; during my stay at the shelter I've personally had a chance to chat with a philosophy major attending STANFORD (yep, THAT Stanford), an independent contractor - with a handful of contracts and a van full of tools, teachers, drivers, factory workers, young s, frail elderly, staunch Christians, LGBT folks, and even conservatives. Of course the description of the client list could be much longer but you get the idea.

Recently, while staying at Safe Harbor, it was my privilege to get a mom all set up with her own email address, AND TEACH HER HOW TO GET ON THE INTERNET, so she could communicate with her son . . . who is SERVING THIS COUNTRY IN IRAQ. Just as an aside, I hope you keep that particular little story in mind the next time you hear some red-neck go on and on about family values and supporting the troops.

Another point needs to be made here, that is, just exactly WHERE many of San Mateo county's homeless population originate from. The residents of Safe Harbor shelter come not just from the Bay Area, but they come from all parts of this great country of ours. I have seen Safe Harbor open it's doors to folks from North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Missouri, Alaska, etc., as well as those individuals who are not even from this country and speak little or no English.

It's time for the electorate to wake up and smell the asphalt: California's homeless problem is really the nation's homeless problem - yes it is.

For the record, Safe Harbor is certainly no lifestyle of the rich and famous, but it is a GOOD place to be, it is a place that supplies at least a measure of hope and a hot cup of coffee that is actually O.K. At Safe Harbor you can get yourself a good hot shower, wash your clothes (if the machine isn't broken, and the line isn't too long), a basic nutritious hot meal (especially important over the coming rainy fall-winter months), and a chance to talk to a counselor - even if that's all it is, sometimes just talking to a non-judgmental somebody can change everything.

The very idea of closing Safe Harbor during the day may save a few pennies now, but in the

long run . . . well you know the rest. The hours of Safe Harbor need to remain just as they are, and local, state, and federal officials, need to give programs for this country's homeless A LOT more consideration, because the so-called "free-market" could give less than a damn.

Who knows ?? . . . the way the economy is going these days, maybe you WILL be seeing me . . .

At the shelter;

WAGE SLAVE
Safe Harbor resident
October 13, 2008



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Shelter offered emergency cash

By Michelle Durand

County officials plan to infuse \$70,000 in emergency cash into its homeless shelter to keep its doors open in the morning for at least the next two months.

The allocation up for a vote by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday will prevent shelter operator Samaritan House from locking the doors during morning hours as a way to make ends meet. The money is not a fix-all but expected to tide the South San Francisco facility over until January when the Human Services Agency is expected to provide an overall analysis of how San Mateo County handles the local homeless problem.

Without the funds, the emergency shelter would be forced to push out homeless individuals who are elderly, sick or mentally ill — the demographics which typically does not leave the shelter every morning because they've nowhere else to go.

Many clients leave every morning but shelter employees allow those with certain needs or limitations to stay behind, executive director Kitty Lopez told the supervisors during the final budget adoption process in September.

An ongoing structural deficit, however, makes it near impossible to stay open all day, Lopez said.

Lopez warned the Board of Supervisors during the summer the situation was dire and in September emphasized circumstances that required immediate action or else the truncated hours could begin as early as Nov. 1.

The proposed \$70,000 in one-time money will come from the county's general fund, according to County Manager John Maltbie.

The funds are the latest subsidy by the county for the cash-strapped organization.

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The shelter and homeless situation will be re-visited at the mid-year budget review when officials are expected to look at not only current funding and possible alternatives but also other solutions and programming.

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**Samaritan House
INCOME SOURCES**

Annual Budget - March 13, 2009

	SAFE HARBOR HOMELESS SHELTER	SAMARITAN HOUSE TOTAL AGENCY* BUDGET	% of Total (excluding In- Kind)
Income			
Individual Contributions	2,000	756,000	18%
Business/Corp contributions	-	82,500	2%
FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST	200,000	200,000	5%
Government fees & grants	714,220	1,133,835	27%
Foundation Contributions	59,000	1,379,000	33%
Family Foundations	-	84,000	2%
Community Org Contributions	-	27,500	1%
Religious Org Contributions	-	25,000	1%
Main Event (Gross)	-	206,200	5%
Earned Income	-	218,774	5%
Investment Income	-	47,250	1%
Other Funding	50,363	35,576	1%
In - Kind Contributions	241,275	910,755	
Total Income	1,266,858	5,106,390	100%
Expense			
Personnel	829,333	3,479,008	
Operating Expenses	437,525	1,627,382	
Total Personnel and Operating Expense	1,266,858	5,106,390	
Net Income	-	-	

* Total Agency includes all programs & services:

- Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter
- Food Kitchen and Pantry
- Clients Services / Case Management
- Redwood City Free Medical and Dental Clinic
- San Mateo Free Medical and Dental Clinic
- Worker Resource Center
- Holiday Assistance

Summary of Sources	
Individuals & Organization:	28%
Foundations	33%
Government Sources *	32%
Other	7%
Total	100%

* with Federal Appropriations Request