



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# SERVING THE HOMELESS

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## Family Shelter Housed 241 Families

The City's family shelter at the 12th Avenue and Broadway housed a total of 241 families from Dec. 15, 2000, through Sept. 30, 2001. Of those families, 126 were placed in stable transitional or permanent housing. The remaining 115 families left the shelter of their own accord without requesting additional placement services.

The shelter continues to operate at capacity with approximately a two-week waiting period for admission. The San Diego Rescue Mission's emergency family shelter houses homeless families until space becomes available at the 12th Avenue and Broadway family shelter.

Families living at the shelter are eligible for St. Vincent de Paul's Project Safe Child program. The program assesses the physical, social, mental, and emotional development of children 5 and younger. As part of the program, parents receive instruction throughout the process, and referrals to community resources and counseling are provided to families if needed.

The family shelter is managed by St. Vincent de Paul Village Inc. through a contract with the City. The shelter is paid for through local, state, and federal funding sources.

## City Council to Consider Winter Shelter Plans

The City is preparing to provide winter shelter for homeless people for the 15th consecutive year. Following review by the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee in October, the full Council is expected to review the plan for the 2001-02 Winter Shelter Program on Nov. 13.

As proposed, the program would cost \$778,913 with funding from local, state, and federal sources. Plans call for this season's program to operate from Dec. 15, 2001, to March 15, 2002, and serve approximately 300 homeless people in two sprung structures. The County would assist in coordination and the provision of services to participants, and several nonprofit agencies would provide services at no cost.

As in past years, numerous supportive services would be made available, including meals, case management, and referrals to health care, mental health services, employment, and other counseling services. The family shelter would continue at its current location at 12th Avenue and Broadway.

The program has a successful track record. Between Dec. 15, 2000, and March 15, 2001, the program operated a 250-bed shelter for single adults and a 150-bed shelter for male veterans. The 150-bed Family Shelter Program was extended year-round.

The City also participates in the

County's Hotel/Motel Voucher Program that shelters and provides case management for homeless families, persons with disabilities, and seniors.

## Council Approves \$85,000 for Center to Offer Weekend Services

On Sept. 25, the City Council approved an additional \$85,000 in funding for the Neal Good Day Center so it can be open on weekends. Located in downtown, the center provides a variety of services to the homeless, including job referrals, counseling, and other assistance. The City previously allocated \$262,000 to the Alpha Project to run the center until June 30, 2002.

### More Information About Homeless Services

The City's Homeless Services Program is administered by the Community Services Division of the City's Community and Economic Development Department. For more information about the Homeless Services Program, call (619) 533-6525, or visit the City's web site [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and click on Services.