

**Ventura Homeless Prevention Subcommittee
Minutes October 17, 2012**

In Attendance: Cindy Cantle, Heather Dodge, Jill Forman, Frans Reijerse and Colleen Wozny.

Welcome Cal State Northridge Guests

Heather Dodge works at UCLA and also attends nursing school at Cal. State. Univ., Northridge. She and classmate Colleen Wozny are researching the homeless population within the city of Ventura and noticed that there is a "Homeless Prevention Subcommittee" that meets today and asked if they could attend and perhaps talk with the committee members about our work.

We had lengthy discussion and provided information and referrals.

VHPF Update

Catholic Charities is allocating the fund during October.

Update from Frans – as of 10/17 Four households with 9 people have been assisted; Two additional households totaling 8 people are "in the pipeline".

As of October 17, the total number of Ventura households assisted to date was 254 (approx 642 people).

Unitarian Universalist Church is planning "Voices of the Homeless" a film by Toni Jannotta as a fundraiser for the VHPF. Sat., 11/17. Posters made available and committee members took for promotion. Thank you to U.U. of Ventura!

Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc. will again donate Thanksgiving offering to VHPF. Rev. Jan Christian contacted Cindy for info. and (anonymous) stories about recipients. Thank you!

Project Understanding will have the fund for November.

New Business:

- **Homeless Awareness Month, November**

Sharing of ideas for creating awareness and raising funds. We do have a small budget for this purpose.

Wrist Bracelets – 400 bracelets ordered. We'll give a bracelet to everyone making a donation of \$25 or more. Goal is to raise \$10,000 during November.

Tote Bags – working on art work to coordinate with other materials

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- **United Way Rental Assistance Database-**

Frans indicates service providers are on United Way data base to best of his knowledge.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Wednesday, November 21 @ Catholic Charities. Does this work? Next day is Thanksgiving Day Meal. If Donna and Debora indicated need for set up help, we'll do that instead of regular meeting.