

## Wish List

Wish List items go to Women's Center clients and the women and children residing at our emergency shelters. Any and all donations are welcomed and appreciated, no matter the amount or value-the contribution you make today can help change a victim's tomorrow. On-going donations include: monetary contributions and gift cards in increments of \$25 and \$50 (Target, Wal-Mart, Food-4-Less).

- Jan:** New women's underwear (small, medium, large, extra large) and new socks (all sizes)
- Feb:** New children's underwear for boys and girls and boy's undershirts
- Mar:** Toothbrushes (medium and soft bristled), toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, light bulbs, hand sanitizer, and Febreze
- Apr:** Coloring books, crayons, Crayola markers, and new writing journals
- May:** New women's slippers, women's sweat pants, and t-shirts (all sizes), or make a donation to the Women's Center in celebration of Mother's Day
- Jun:** Children's books, and clothing for teen boys—shirts, jeans, underwear, shoes, socks, sweaters
- Jul:** New women's shoes (all sizes), and new children's shoes (all sizes) for boys and girls
- Aug:** Lice and scabies treatment kits
- Sep:** New full size and hand towels, wash cloths Comet, Lysol, 409, sponges, dish rags, furniture polish, disinfecting wipes, and unscented laundry detergent
- Oct:** Children's Halloween costumes (all sizes)
- Nov:** Gift cards
- Dec:** Adopt-A-Family

Please bring items to any of the three Women's Center's business office locations. Business hours are

## Women's Center of San Joaquin County

### **Main Office**

620 North San Joaquin Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
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### **North County Satellite Office**

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Lodi, CA 95240  
Telephone: 368-3406  
Fax: 333-1890

### **South County Satellite Office**

Healthy Connections  
35 East 10th Street, Suite A  
Tracy, CA 95376  
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### **Women's Center Activities Calendar**

Annual Luncheon	March
Spring Newsletter	March
Sexual Assault Awareness Month	April
Fall Newsletter	September
Domestic Violence Awareness Month	October
Adopt-A-Family	December

# How You Can Help



## *Become a Women's Center Volunteer or Donor*



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### Volunteering

The Women's Center relies on volunteers to help with almost every aspect of its programs and services. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone. Whether you would like to work directly with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or help out with fundraising events, the Women's Center will work with you to create a meaningful volunteer experience.

**Direct Services** – Assist with direct services both in the domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Direct services is working directly with clients and includes: answering crisis lines, assisting with advocacy, counseling, facilitating support groups, 24-hour hospital response, and emergency shelter relief work. All direct service volunteers are required to adhere to Women's Center's policies and procedures and are required to have the following:

- 65-hour Victim Assistance Training (V.A.T.) Certification
- 40-hours of mentoring following certification
- Completed background check and finger printing
- Reliable transportation and current vehicle insurance

**Non-Direct Services** – Assist with the day-to-day functions of the Women's Center and special projects. Non-direct services do not include working with clients and does not require the V.A.T Certification, however fingerprinting is required. Non-direct services include:

- Reception Coverage
- Community Outreach
- Attendance at health, job and safety fairs

- Assistance with special projects such as Adopt-A-Family, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In addition, the Women's Center welcomes volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors and standing and ad-hoc committees including, Human Resources, Planned Giving, Finance, Fundraising, Board Development and the Lodi Community Committee.

**Fundraising** – The Development Office is responsible for all fundraising and event planning. There are various ways that volunteers can help the Development Office including but not limited to: assisting with bulk mailings, event set-up and clean up, and clerical duties (filing, copying, etc).

Volunteer opportunities are available in Stockton, Lodi and Tracy, making it convenient to make a difference in your own community. If you have any questions about volunteering or would like more information about the Victim Assistance Training please contact the Women's Center's Volunteer Services Coordinator at 941-2611.

### Become a Donor

The continued operation and success of the Women's Center depends on the generosity of its many donors and supporters. Each year the agency must raise over \$300,000 through private contributions just to keep its doors open. The Women's Center values each gift – regardless of size – and keeps its promise to donors to invest the funds into client services. In fact, the Women's Center maintains an administrative and fundraising overhead of only 10 percent – amazing by current standards. This means that for every dollar donated, 90 cents is spent directly on providing services to victims.

There are various ways you can give to ensure that the Women's Center is able to provide quality, comprehensive services. The Women's Center gladly accepts the following donations:

**Monetary** – The Women's Center accepts cash, checks and Visa and MasterCard. Donors can give when and how they like. The agency receives considerable funds through yearly United Way/ Combined Federal Campaign designations. You can designate your United Way donation to go to the Women's Center. Donors may also choose to initiate a monthly pledge to the agency or ask your employer if they have a gift matching program. Also, donors have the option making a planned gift, such as a bequest, to support the Women's Center and help sustain its services in the future.

**In-Kind** – the donations of goods and services help to ensure that monies received can go straight to Women's Center direct services. Common in-kind donations include:

- Wish List Items
- Office Equipment (copy machines, computers, etc.)
- Gift Cards in increments of \$25 and \$50 to Target, Wal-Mart, Food-4-Less, etc.
- Business Services—technical support, media assistance and financial advising
- Maintenance and minor repairs at offices

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For more information about the Women's Center please visit our website at [www.womenscenterofsjc.com](http://www.womenscenterofsjc.com)