



# donor communiqué

A COMMUNITY UNITED TO ENSURE EVERY CHILD AND ADULT IS FREE FROM POVERTY

## Taking the Bus is About More Than the Environment

Lena, an older woman trying to live a dignified life on her own, approached one of our staff members the other day and asked, “Do you have any bus passes?”

A simple enough request, one that is clear, reasonable, and could be furnished by almost any of us using the small change from a front pocket or the bottom of a purse; but Sacred Heart, like other service providers across the county, has no funding for this basic need. In fact, the only money we have been able to raise consistently for this important service has been through employee recycling efforts and the \$1 replacement fees paid by customers who lose their service cards. The amount we generate each month through these means: \$80. That sum buys 16 day passes to be equitably distributed among the 18,000 people we serve each month.

“I have these papers,” continued Lena, dutifully producing a well-organized folder. The staff member looked at the documents and saw that they showed a staggering series of medical appointments—eight in the present month alone. **“I have to get to my dialysis—it’s when they take out your blood because your kidneys are failing.”**

Children need to get to school, the employed need to get to work, and of course, the sick need to get to the hospital. In the cases of gravest need, our Welcome Center is at present able to give an individual a maximum of two day passes. Beyond that there is not much we can do.

Please consider providing support for those sinking beneath the burdens of a strained economy.

### ABOUT US

- We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, tax ID # 23-7179787
- We are a non-denominational, faith-filled organization
- We were founded in 1964



### Emergency Transportation Passes

**\$22.50** provides a discounted bag of five day passes, each of which provides unlimited rides.

**\$61.25** provides an adult pass good for unlimited rides for an entire month (the youth month pass is \$40).

**\$183.75** provides an adult with unlimited transportation for three months, granting him or her the security to work on other critical needs.

### 12th Annual Feinstein Challenge

All donations received between 3/1 & 4/30 will be equally matched by the Feinstein Foundation! During a time of gathering economic woes, this is a wonderful opportunity to multiply your gift .

For more information about contributing to our vital services, please visit our [donation page](#) , or contact Todd Madigan, Director of Development and Communications, at: 408.278.2180 or [toddm@sacredheartcs.org](mailto:toddm@sacredheartcs.org).

#### *Vision*

*Our vision is a community united to ensure that every child and adult is free from poverty.*

#### *Mission*

*Our mission is to change lives and impact poverty by providing essential services, offering tools for self-sufficiency, and ministering with dignity, compassion, and respect. We engage the community and inspire volunteers to love, serve, and share.*

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