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

Growing a Revolution

Sacred Heart has long been a safe-haven for those being battered by economic forces beyond their control, but life has grown so grievous for so many that we have embarked on a bold new venture.

While we continue to provide a powerful array of services through our site on First and Alma, we are now taking this support to people where they live—into their neighborhoods, their homes, their yards.

La Mesa Verde is our new residential garden program through which volunteers join with low-income residents to construct and install raised-bed gardens in the yards of those struggling to feed themselves.

In order to ensure success, we partner with master gardeners who work closely with each participant. Then, after completing a growing season, the families who have been trained reach out to the next set of families to support and encourage their efforts.

Aside from the obvious benefits of furnishing a subsidy to families' grocery needs and bringing fresh produce to neighborhoods with very little access to fresh fruit and vegetables, La Mesa Verde will also sow the seeds of community.

The neighbors of the families who participate in La Mesa Verde join in the work, coming together to strengthen their neighborhood and build their community. And of course, when the time comes, these same neighbors will share in the bounty of the harvest—an annual yield valued at \$1200.

As we labor today to stabilize families and individuals bent beneath the burden of poverty, **we are also taking care to lay the foundation for a more abundant tomorrow** by empowering our neighbors and creating opportunities for leadership, self-determination, and hope. We invite you to unite with us in bringing this beautiful vision to life (http://www.mercurynews.com/search/ci_14103676).

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



Help Us Sow the Seeds of Change

\$40 will buy seedlings for a family's first planting.

\$75 will pay for a family's garden tools.

\$1312 will subsidize a family's two raised beds, soil, the drip irrigation system, and seedlings.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day

- Our next installation is on January 18th from 9am-2pm. Please consider sponsoring a family's garden or joining with us in the work.
- Can you loan us a wheelbarrow and shovel? We promise to return them after the shift!

For more information about contributing to our vital services, please contact Todd Madigan, Director of Development and Communications, at: 408.278.2180 or toddm@sacredheartcs.org.

Thank you.

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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