To All of You,

As we move into the last month of 2015, I thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life through this newsletter. You are our supporters, our donors, our participants, our volunteers and yes, our cheerleaders!

I hope that this newsletter has kept you informed of who we are, our programs and activities, our fundraisers and ways that you can help us. We have been so blessed through all of you. You are a part of our past, our present and our future.

Much has happened this past year and much more is planned for the coming year. We hope you can enjoy and participate with us as we journey into 2016. An important event is the 80th Anniversary of the Sisters of Social Service in Sacramento and the 80th Anniversary of neighborhood services provided by the Sisters of Social Service and Stanford Settlement. We hope many of you can celebrate with us on Saturday evening, March 5, 2016. Mark your calendars now!

Sister Jeanne

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Staff at Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center, we wish you blessings and joy during this holiday season, however you celebrate this time.

Merry Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!
Operation Cratchit 2015
Stanford Settlement’s Annual Christmas Basket Program

Christmas Baskets will be provided to over 700 households in the North area of Sacramento again this year, and we need YOUR help!

Christmas baskets include non-perishable food, new toys for children, and gift certificates for fresh holiday meal items. In 2014, we were able to assist almost 2,500 individuals in having a brighter holiday, with 1,300 children receiving a new toy!

Join us in the holiday spirit! Anyone can help: individuals, families, schools, businesses, sororities, fraternities, professional associations, churches, service groups....

Help out by:

- Organizing your own food or toy drive to benefit the families served through Operation Cratchit! Download a printable flyer for your collection bin at stanfordsettlement.org/oc-flyers
- Giving your time and talent by volunteering. Christmas will be better for many because of your generosity!

Needed items include:

- New, unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens
- New Christmas wrapping paper
- Non-perishable food items: canned or packaged foods
- Cash donations

For more information, visit www.stanfordsettlement.org or call 916.927.1303

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Yes, I want to help with Operation Cratchit...

_____ Enclosed is a check for: _________ or I will donate online at stanfordsettlement.org

_____ I will collect food, toys, and/or wrapping paper to bring in by December 18, 2015

_____ I would like to volunteer, please call me at: _______________________

Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________
City/Zip: ______________________________
Email: ________________________________

Return to: Stanford Settlement, 450 West El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833
Children's Program

Happy holidays! Our After School Groups will be ending this school year’s 1st session pretty soon. During this session, we have enjoyed many special holiday crafts and activities on top of our regular fun activities!

For Halloween, all the groups helped plan and run their own Halloween Carnival. We had our traditional Thanksgiving feast which all the kids helped cook! We will be ending the session with Christmas parties and our annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

After School Groups are designed to help children build important social skills, learn problem-solving skills, and establish meaningful relationships with peers through fun activities, including arts and crafts, sports, games, cooking, field trips, and more. The groups meet 4 days each week: 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

We will begin the 2nd session of the After School Groups on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016. For more information or to register a child for the next session, call Meg at 927-1303.

Winter cheer is all around in the Teen Center! Everyone is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with jolly activities such as decorating our Christmas tree, holiday music trivia, and much more! We will also enjoy movie nights with sweet treats and hot chocolate while we anxiously await Santa’s arrival.

We welcome the 2016 New Year with all our new and old friends that come to the Teen Center! Stop by and see us for something fun to do. We are open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3 pm-7 pm and Wednesday 1 pm-5 pm. We are also open on minimum and non-school days from 1 pm-5 pm.

Come join us welcome 2016 with a game of pool, foosball or basketball! You can also test your gaming skills on our Wii system. If that isn’t enough, you can always come to the Teen Center and get into your artistic mode with our many craft supplies.

Enjoy treats from our snack bar and join us in our daily snack. It’s a great opportunity to come and hang out with friends and meet lots of new ones. For questions or more information please call Erika at (916) 927-1303.
Senior Center News

Open Monday - Friday ... 8:00 am until 12:30 pm
Seniors 50 years of age and older are welcome!
Limited transportation available for lunch and other activities.

All Seasons Café: Lunch is served Monday - Friday at 11:30 am
Available for seniors 60+, sponsored by Meals on Wheels by ACC. A donation of $2 is suggested, but not required. Menus are available at the Senior Center. Please make your reservation by 11:30 am the day before. Call 927-1819. Come enjoy a hot lunch!

Senior Center Events

SeniorCise classes help keep seniors strong and flexible.

Beading and jewelry making groups at the Senior Center.

Labor Day Potluck.

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Adalberto and Petra enjoying each other's company at the End of Summer Potluck.

Halloween Costume Contest

Our super-cool Senior Center staff, Jessica, Rick and Dianne.
SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Bingo daily at 9:30 am (unless otherwise noted)
Games of Pool daily at 9:00 am
Senior-cise classes on Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Shopping trips on most Tuesdays to neighborhood stores
Crafts, puzzles, cards and games daily

CALENDAR

December 2015

December 1: Walgreens Wellness - 20% senior discount at Walgreens on Norwood Ave
December 8: Shopping - Wal-Mart
December 14: Shopping - Thrift Town
December 17: Birthday Party. Please join us and celebrate all of the December birthdays with cake, presents and singing!
December 22: Senior Center Christmas Dinner. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by the Natomas School of Music. Please sign up at the Senior Center or call 927-1819.
December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE, Senior Center closed
December 25: CHRISTMAS, Senior Center closed
December 31: NEW YEAR’S EVE Potluck. The party starts at 10 am and counts down to 12 noon (not midnight!). Please bring a dish to share.

January 2016

January 1: NEW YEAR’S DAY, Senior Center closed
January 5: Walgreens Wellness - 20% senior discount at Walgreens on Norwood Ave.
January 11: Shopping - Thrift Town
January 12: Shopping - Wal-Mart
January 14: Birthday Party. Have your cake and eat it too!
January 15: Please join us as we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Snacks will be provided.
January 18: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - Senior Center closed.
January 21: Special Shopping Trip!

HICAP
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program has a counselor at Stanford Senior Center every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions about your health coverage, please call for an appointment: 376-8915
Thank you to everyone who attended our 12th Annual Monte Carlo Night! The event was a huge success for Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center. We look forward to next years’ event!

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SAVE THE DATES!

Stanford Settlement and the Sisters of Social Service (Sacramento) 80th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, March 5, 2016

BIG DAY OF GIVING MAY 3
24 HOURS TO GIVE WHERE YOUR HEART IS

FORE GOOD!
Thursday, June 23, 2016
Teal Bend Golf Club
Memorials & Honoraries

In Memory Of…
Irene Korbe
Susannah Toolan
Andy Pacheco
Ken Howard

Remembered By…
Debbie Adler
Diane Roach
Sr. Jeanne Felion & Staff
Sr. Jeanne Felion & Staff
Sally Hite & Sr. Claire Graham

In Honor of…
Pat Pennisi’s Retirement
Stephanie Lynch’s Retirement
Alexia Hecker’s Birthday

Remembered By…
Janelle Doolittle
Bernadette and Jim Lynch
Dennis Bane and Marla Crane
John Kitamura

Donations may be made to the MEMORIAL FUND in memory of a loved one who has died. IN MEMORY OF and IN HONOR OF donations can be made to remember a special occasion or a special person in your life. That person will receive a note to let them know you were thinking of them.

What a wonderful way to say “I care.”

Use rewards cards at these stores, a portion of your purchase total is donated to Stanford Settlement.

Searching the internet? Use goodsearch.com to support us!

For our friends who shop on Amazon sign up today for AmazonSmile!

Donate your vehicle! The Car Program will pick-up your car and provide you with a tax deduction. Call 1-800-240-0160 or visit stanfordsettlement.org/donate-a-vehicle.html
Return Service Requested

Cebulating Over 79 Years of Service 1936-2015

Medical Transportation Volunteers Needed

We are in great need of volunteers to provide transportation for medical appointments. Drivers must have a valid California Driver’s License and insurance. If interested, please call 927-1303.

Wills Consultation

Jenna Campbell, an attorney specializing in Estate Planning, will be at Stanford Settlement December 11, 2015, January 22, 2016, February 19, 2016 and March 18, 2016. An appointment can be made for wills, power of attorney for health care, trusts, etc. For simple wills and advanced directives, the consultation is free. Appointments are open to anyone requesting the service! Call Mary at 916.927.1303.