

NEWS & NOTES

Lodi Community Foundation

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Working to Support Lodi's Homeless Community

On September 15, the City Council accepted a report from the Lodi Committee on Homelessness (LCH). Now the Lodi Community Foundation and its project partners are taking action.

The LCH was founded based on the growing number of homeless residents in San Joaquin County during the past few years. As of January 2015, there were 1,116 people in emergency shelters or transitional housing in San Joaquin County and the number of unsheltered homeless residents was 541 people. Unsheltered homeless residents are those who live on the street, in cars or at makeshift shelters such as homeless campsites, according to a 2011 report prepared by the San Joaquin County Community Development Department.

Out of the unsheltered homeless reported, 91 were living in Lodi – 87 adults and four children – and the vast majority of these individuals reported that they struggled with addiction, mental illness or both.

Following the release of this data, the Lodi Community Foundation joined forces with the Salvation Army, the Lodi Police Department, and the City of Lodi, as well as businesspeople, the faith-based community, a few homeless people, and a few formerly homeless individuals to work together in an effort to help these homeless individuals.

This group formed the LCH and has created two sub-committees – one focusing on short-term goals (projects that will take less than two years) and



one geared toward long-term goals (projects taking more than two years).

Currently the main long-term goal is to create a shelter that will provide the homeless community with a one-stop shop for services such as food, medical care, counseling and more as opposed to having to travel all over the county – which is typically a challenge for a homeless individual – to have various needs met.

John Ledbetter, chairman of the Lodi Community Foundation, said the committee already has some success stories from short-term outreach. A weekly homeless fair has been established at the Salvation Army to allow individuals to shower and get clothes. Once a month this fair also hosts representatives from county agencies to connect people with

services that they need.

The report that the LCH presented to City Council is a living document, Ledbetter noted, that will grow and change as the LCH discusses more in-depth what they would like to accomplish as well as what the homeless community is interested in accepting.

Lodi's response to the homeless issue has also gotten the ear of the county and a meeting between the LCH and San Joaquin County officials could help provide support more quickly to those in need in Lodi and throughout the region.

The committee will continue updating the Lodi City Council on a quarterly basis with their short-term successes and the progress of their long-term goals. The next report will be shared at a meeting held in January 2016.

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BANNER YEAR FOR LCF: FUNDS FAST APPROACHING \$2M FOR 2015

The Lodi Community Foundation exists to help individuals who have a passion for giving, become philanthropists. Since 2005, LCF has been growing a permanent pool of funds that will significantly impact the Lodi and surrounding area communities and ensure that the important work of community organizations can continue in perpetuity.

Over the last decade, the growth of Lodi Community Foundation has been gaining momentum. Beginning with an initial gift of \$5,000 in October 2005, funds surpassed \$1 million in January 2013, exceeded \$2 million in funds in January 2015, and transcended \$3 million in funds in July 2015. Currently, LCF consists of 30 separate funds that have given the local community almost \$1 million in grants for various causes including the environment, animal welfare, women, seniors and education.

Establishing donor advised funds allows for individuals to promote their charitable causes in a cost effective and sustainable manner.



The Lodi Community Foundation remains committed to serving individuals who wish to leave their legacy and enrich the Lodi and surrounding community with their generosity.

Help us reach this goal by using the donation sheet on the back or call us for donor advised funding.

LCF Fund List

The Lodi Community Foundation is thankful for all of the donors that donate to our funds in an efforts to support the community more efficiently, effectively, and in a sustainable manner.

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Lodi Library Foundation Endowment

Lodi Parks and Recreation Fund

Pregnancy Resource Center of Lodi Endowment

Salvation Army Culinary Program Endowment

Save the Lodi Grape Bowl

Sheila Wishek Fund

Women's Center of San Joaquin Phoebe Watt Endowment

MEET LCF'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS



Trenton Diehl, like his parents before him, was raised in Lodi and attended Lodi's public schools. After graduating from California State

University, Sonoma, and then UOP's McGeorge School of Law, Diehl returned home to Lodi in 2006 to join one of the city's oldest and most respected law firms, Mullen Sullivan & Newton, LLP, which today is Snider, Diehl & Rasmussen, LLP. The firm has a long history of local community service and devotion, with Robert Mullen, an original founder, being one of the primary forces behind the Lodi Memorial Hospital and it is a history that Diehl is intent on continuing.

Diehl's practice includes areas such as: Estate Planning, Personal Injury, Real Estate Transactions, Land Use, Employment and Labor Law, Commercial and Business Litigation, and Corporate Formation. He takes great pride in assisting his clients throughout the various stages of their lives.

In addition to serving on the Board for the Lodi Community Foundation, Diehl is a board member for the Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Lodi Swim Club, and the Lodi Grape Festival and National Wine Show Association. He is also a member of the San Joaquin County Bar and the Consuelo M. Callahan Inns of Court. When he isn't practicing law or working for the community,

Diehl can be found loving life with his young daughter and his fiancé, as well as competing in both open water swimming races and triathlons. In 2013, Diehl completed his first Ironman triathlon in Tempe, Arizona (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, and 26.2 mile run), and he has more planned for the future.



Christine Franklin has been a CPA for 25 years and has worked for Kemper CPA Group for 23 years. Currently specializing in tax, consulting and

accounting for nonprofit organizations, she works with small businesses doing tax preparation, consulting and accounting services. Franklin is a California State University, Sacramento graduate and was raised in the Stockton-Lodi area. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. Franklin is a current member and treasurer of the Lodi Sunrise Rotary Club, serves on the board for the World of Wonder Museum, Lodi Community Foundation, and is the past treasurer for the American Association of University Women. She is also a former board member of the American Lung Association and San Joaquin Community Blind Center. She is a 2013 Graduate of the Leadership Lodi Class.

Russ Hayward is a non-profit management consultant with over with over 40 years experience in a variety of program management and executive roles with non-profit organizations.

He worked for the Berkeley YMCA as vice president for program services for 12 years, and then managed a non-profit career development program at the University of the Pacific and Cal State East Bay where he taught courses in non-profit management. He then began a 17 year career with United Way, starting as the campaign director for the United Way of San Joaquin County. Hayward then served as the executive director of the Napa and Solano United Way for seven years, followed by five years as senior vice president at United Way of the Bay Area in San Francisco. Hayward returned to the Stockton area as the executive director of the YMCA of San Joaquin County for seven years.

Hayward graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley where he says he didn't let the classroom get in the way of his education. He also earned a masters degree in history and urban studies at Cal State East Bay.

Hayward and his wife, Cathy, have lived in Lodi for 29 years and have two grown children, Nora and Matt, and four grandchildren, Heather, Jacob, McLaren and Madison.

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