Message from the President & CEO
January 25, 2013

SDHC Receives Upgraded Credit Rating and Funds Additional Cold Weather Shelter Beds

Good Day to all of our friends.

I want to share with you an opinion article that was published in our local newspaper about the role our leadership played in supporting our San Diego residents during the recent cold fronts. In preparation for one of the coldest weather fronts to hit San Diego in recent years, SDHC funded additional beds to shelter more homeless San Diegans.

The collaborative plan was developed after SDHC Outreach Team expressed concern to SDHC San Diego Police Department Homeless Outreach Team about the risk to downtown homeless San Diegans from nighttime temperatures in the 30s and low 40s—the coldest weather front in several years. The collaborative plan included: working with the San Diego Rescue Mission; Good Day Center, operated by Alpha Project through a contract with SDHC; and the San Diego Good Day Center, operated by Catholic Charities; Neil Good Day Center, operated by Father Joe’s Villages; Rachel’s Women’s Good Day Center, operated by San Diego Housing Commission. All of these organizations had helped promote San Diego’s Lead Hazard Control Program, including the removal of lead-based paint from San Diego homes and apartments, and blood lead-level testing events for children. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) said in approving the report on SDHC’s lead-based paint hazard reduction accomplishments, "Thank you for a job well done," and Urban Development (HUD) accepted SDHC’s final progress report on Hazard Control grants since 2002 totaling $22.4 million, including a combined $4 million in 2008, and $6.7 million in 2011. HUD said SDHC and its partnering organizations had helped promote San Diego’s Hazard Control Program’s accomplishments.

In the past few years at SDHC we have seen a long list of accomplishments in creating affordable housing and addressing homelessness that would not have happened without the support of our local elected leaders and many partnership organizations and businesses.

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