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Cultivating People's Potential to Get Housed and Stay Housed

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## Chocolate's Power to End Homelessness

*The last of the wine has been poured. The final morsel savored.*

We are left with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for another successful **Rivers of Chocolate Festival**. For 16 years, friends of EHC LifeBuilders have come together to have fun and help end homelessness.

On April 29th, hundreds of volunteers gathered in the early morning air to transform the Mountain Winery grounds into a grand party – setting up booths, loading in supplies, and attending to the guests' needs. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Guests enjoyed delicacies from 15 chefs, sweet delights from 16 purveyors, and sipped on fragrant wine, refreshing beer, unique cocktails, and even chocolate tea! All 72 food and beverage participants donated their time and goodies. Many return year after year because of EHC's mission.

This year, a special first-time participant, EHC LifeBuilders' New Start program, served special recipe tri-tip sandwiches. New Start clients are trained by EHC in food and janitorial services.

We hope that if you need desserts for a party, a bottle of wine for dinner, or a night out on the town, that you will visit our participants.

**Rivers of Chocolate would not be possible without our corporate sponsors.**

We Thank: *Philip Gregory, Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, Cisco Systems Inc., Xilinx Inc., Ariba, Lexus of Stevens Creek, Star One Credit Union, VMC Foundation, Republic Urban Properties LLC, and the San Jose Water*



Jenny Niklaus, CEO, poses with live auction winners. The Riveras won the Rolling Stones-autographed guitar!

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*Company. In addition, a huge thank you to our in-kind sponsors.*

Please Visit <http://riversofchocolate.com/sponsors/> to view the list of all these generous organizations.

**Planning the fundraiser is a year-long process. An enormous thank you goes to the Committee members :**

*Julie Cesena, Linda Chin, Tiana Crutchfield, Wendy Grim, Annette Hancock, Jennifer Kettles, Jeannette Meszaros, Roxanne Murray, Suzanne Von Briesen, Cathy Watson-Short, and Anna Bagirov. These women were led in their herculean efforts by Shaughna Green and Elizabeth Griswold. Shaughna and Liz – our hats are off to you.*

**Now, who is ready for Rivers of Chocolate 2013?**

**For pictures of the festivity and a list of all participants, visit :**

- [www.riversofchocolate.org](http://www.riversofchocolate.org)
- [www.facebook.com/RiversofChocolate](http://www.facebook.com/RiversofChocolate)

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## EHC Needs Vehicles

EHC Lifebuilders is seeking \$20,000 to purchase a Cargo Van and Box Truck. These service delivery vehicles transport food, bedding, and supplies to our seven facilities throughout the County. Your assistance in the purchase of these vehicles will allow us to continue our mission of cultivating the potential of those who are homeless to get housed and stay housed.

### To donate, please contact:

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# Champions of EHC



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*Rakhi Patel has spent over a decade as a Champion of EHC LifeBuilders. Her work is proof that one person can make a difference in his or her community.*

## Volunteer Spotlight

**Q.** *What brought you to the Sobrato Family Living Center children's tutoring program, a.k.a. Tooters?*

**A.** I found Tooters through VolunteerMatch in 2000. Service has always been a big part of my life. I wanted to volunteer on a regular basis with underprivileged children.

**Q.** *What do you enjoy most about the program?*

**A.** I love being around kids and teaching. With all the trials and tribulations they have been through, they are just kids that need love and attention.

**Q.** *What is Raas for Cause and how does it help Tooters?*

**A.** Raas for a Cause is one of my personal ventures named after the Indian dance, Raas. I pick two charities every year and EHC LifeBuilders is always a beneficiary.

Rakhi, an employee of Adobe, has garnered support for Tooters through the company's Matching Gift, and Dollars for Doers program.

**Interested in volunteer opportunities with EHC LifeBuilders?** Please visit [www.ehclifebuilders.org](http://www.ehclifebuilders.org) or contact Elizabeth Griswold, Community Relations Specialist, at 408.539.2143, or [egriswold@ehclifebuilders.org](mailto:egriswold@ehclifebuilders.org).

## Adobe & Cisco Stand Up to Support Homeless Youth

In February 2012, a \$40,000 grant to support children's tutoring at the Boccardo and Sobrato Family Living Centers was made possible thanks to a generous contribution from the Adobe Foundation. The grant will help serve over 100 homeless youth and their families at these two Santa Clara County sites.

Just three months later, the Cisco Systems Foundation awarded EHC LifeBuilders a generous gift of \$25,000 to support the Sobrato House Youth Center, an emergency shelter and temporary living facility serving 230 homeless, runaway, and former foster youth a year. "It is far more cost effective and successful to invest in our homeless youth before they descend into a cycle of chronic homelessness" said Ricardo Benavidez, Cisco Community Relations Manager. "EHC provides its clients the secure and safe environment where they can develop the tools they need to create a more stable and healthy life."

Both companies have long been supporters of our work to ensure homeless youth and families receive the support they need to move off the street and into stability. On behalf all our youth clients... **Thank You!**

## Volunteers make the difference

**Thank you to the hundreds of Cold Weather Shelter Program volunteers who supported the Boccardo Reception Center and the Gilroy and Sunnyvale Armories.**

Volunteers served over 70,000 meals, helped with administrative work, and gave their compassion during the Cold Weather Season of late November to end of March. EHC provided warm beds and safe refuge to nearly two thousand homeless clients. It was an inspiring, community-wide effort.

EHC thanks all the volunteers, community organizations, and church groups who tirelessly worked toward eliminating the physical and emotional pain of homelessness.

We are fortunate to have you!

# CEO Message

*Dear Friends,*

*When we think of someone who is homeless, we picture an individual living in the creek or a Vet under the bridge. Yet, 12% of the Santa Clara County homeless population are families. Alarmingly, this is the fastest growing segment of our homeless population. Single mothers with their children huddle together for protection under the 280 overpass. Parents and children live in cars in dark parking lots or surf between family members' or friends' homes.*



*In 2012, San Jose took the #1 spot in the National Apartment Index. Vacancies have plummeted while rents have risen at the nation's fastest rate, which means that low-income families suffer. The Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$1,702. To afford this rent and utilities, a household must earn \$68,080 annually. Many of the families we serve are surviving on \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year.*

*Your support of EHC LifeBuilders allows us to help families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Sobrato Family Living Center provides 50 apartments for homeless families with children, and the Boccardo Family Living Center provides for another 25. Through intensive work with EHC LifeBuilders' staff, each family strives to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing within 2 years.*

*In addition, the two Family Living Centers provide tutoring services, mentoring programs, supplies, assistance, and recreational opportunities for the children and young adults. Homeless children are nine times more likely to repeat a grade and four times more likely to drop out of school. Your contributions help kids break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and homelessness.*

*EHC LifeBuilders' staff, volunteers, board, and donors engage with homeless families to cultivate their potential to get housed and stay housed. Together we can all take pride in what we are doing to improve the lives of homeless families.*

*Yes, there is much to be done, but I know we can create a community where no family, teen, or adult is homeless and without hope for a better future.*

**In Partnership,**

**Jenny Niklaus**  
CEO

**success**  
through  
partnership

## EHC LifeBuilders Board of Directors

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**Affiliation:** Vice President, QuinStreet

# Families with children growing segm



*“My goal is to get my smog tech license and RISE helps me achieve that by helping fund my education. I have time to go to school now and can have fun, quality time with my family because RISE also helps with me rent. I just want to be able to have a better life.*

*Hopefully, I will be able to do that on my own without anyone's help soon. Without the RISE program I can only work and live day-to-day; I would only be doing one thing and not fulfilling my goals up to my standards.”*

– **Manuel**, RISE client

*“You get more motivated to come to tutoring because you know it is a place where you get work done. I get to mingle with my friends, and if you are stuck the tutors help you.”*

– **Sarah\***, 13, resident of Sobrato Family Living Center

*“My mom is at work so it's good that the tutors are here to help me. The tutors really help because they tell me if my history homework is good and if I am done. Before Tooters I was getting B's and C's, now I have A's and B's. I wish we could have Tooters everyday, even on weekends.”*

– **Eva**, 11, resident of Sobrato Family Living Center



# are among the fastest placements of the homeless.



*“Unlike other programs you get to know the staff at Sobrato House and are allowed to keep that relationship. We kept in touch, so when I needed help, I had someone to call. That is rare. As a foster youth and a homeless youth, I am already insecure and vulnerable. It’s so hard to adapt, but we do all the time. They get things done here for you. I needed a letter of residency and it was ready in one day. That is so rare. They keep me on track. When you don’t have parents, you don’t have that guidance. After just a couple weeks, I have applied to so much housing and they make sure I save my money. Here I am able to maintain, not just survive.”*

- **Sabrina, 22**, Sobrato House Emergency Shelter

*“I have lived in places that were unsafe and violent. Since coming to the Boccardo Family Living Center we have been able to breathe again. My children do not feel afraid anymore because we are not at someone else’s mercy. It has changed our life and our future.”*

- **Susan\***, BFLC Client



*\*Some names have been changed to protect clients’ safety.*

# Annual Report

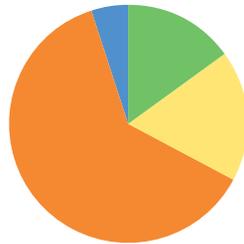
Homelessness leaves an indelible mark on individuals, families, children, youth, and communities. EHC LifeBuilders mobilizes countless volunteers, donors, and staff to cultivate people's potential to get housed and stay housed. During the 2010-11 year:

- EHC provided 230,896 nights of shelter or housing.
- EHC's Cold Weather Shelter Program provided 2,693 men and women 51,986 nights of service.
- 943 individuals received services through one or more Veterans' Programs.
- EHC served 529 children, providing them with 70,413 nights of shelter.
- EHC served 135 families and provided housing for 103 families.

## Demographics for Clients Served in 2010-11:

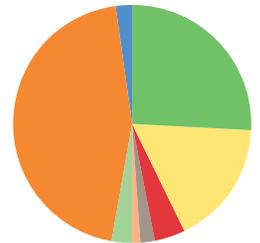
### AGE:

0 – 17	15%
18 – 30	18%
31 – 61	62%
62 +	5%



### RACE AND ETHNICITY:

White	26%
African - Amer.	17%
Asian	4%
Amer. Indian	2%
Hawaiian	1%
Multi-Racial	3%
Hispanic	45%
Unknown	2%



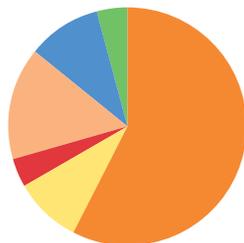
making a difference

## Financial Summary

EHC LifeBuilders relies on support from all sectors of the community. We receive donations and grants from individual donors, foundations, corporations, government agencies, and community and religious organizations, allowing EHC LifeBuilders to maintain a diversified funding base. Below is a breakdown of EHC LifeBuilders' revenues and operating expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

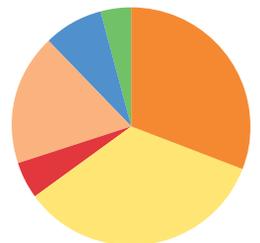
### FY2010-2011 REVENUES:

Government	57%
Individuals & Corporations	9%
Foundations	4%
In-Kind Contributions	15%
Rent	10%
Other	4%



### FY2010-2011 EXPENSES BY PROGRAM:

Emergency	31%
Scattered Site	34%
Permanent	5%
Other Program Services	18%
Management & General	8%
Development	4%



# Honor Roll of Donors

EHC LifeBuilders is extremely grateful for all of our generous donors. From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 the groups and individuals listed below contributed over \$250 to EHC LifeBuilders' programs and services to help homeless adults, families, and youth achieve stability and self-sufficiency. The utmost care was taken in the preparation of this list, but mistakes sometimes occur. If your name has been omitted or incorrectly listed, please accept our apologies and contact us at **408.539.2103** to help us correct our records. A special thanks to all of our other committed volunteers, donors, and partners not listed here. *We thank you and greatly appreciate your support!*

## Corporation Partnerships :

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Adobe Foundation	Good Samaritan Hospital	Lockheed-Martin Employees' Foundation	Umbrella Salon, Inc.
The Applied Materials Foundation	Grainger Foundation	McCann & Logue Attorneys at Law	Vena's Skin & Body Treatments
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Cisco Systems Foundation	Kaiser Foundation	SanDisk Corporation	XILINX, INC.
eBay Foundation	LeanStream	Selx Acquisition, LLC	
Federal Realty Investment Trust	Lexus of Stevens Creek	Sims Metal	

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Altman-Aronow Charitable Foundation	Hacienda Valley Happy Helping Hands	Madsen Family Foundation	Thomas R. Bettencourt Endowment Fund
Boucher Family Foundation	Heaven's Helping Hand Foundation	Mentor Graphics Foundation	The Waitte Foundation
Feinstein Foundation	Hurlbut-Johnson Charitable Trusts	San Francisco Forty-Niner Foundation	William H. Calker Family Foundation
The GE Foundation	Legacy San Jose Alviso Youth Foundation	Silicon Valley Community Foundation	

## Non-Profits :

Bethel Lutheran Church	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	Santa Clara First Baptist Church	Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
The California Province of the Society of Jesus	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Santa Clara University	The Rallye Club of Silicon Valley
Cars 4 Causes	Menlo Atherton Nursery School	St. Mary's Church	The River Church Community
Destination Home	Mission Santa Clara	St. Vincent De Paul Society	The Stone Church of Willow Glen Presbyterian
Holy Spirit Church	Sacred Heart Church	Star One Credit Union	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale
Hope Lutheran Church	Santa Clara County EAC	Sunnyvale Community Services	United Way Silicon Valley

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# New Members Join EHC's Board of Directors

EHC LifeBuilders is fortunate to have a Board of Directors that is dedicated to the belief that, through service, we can eradicate the presence of homelessness in our community.

Two of our most recent additions to the Board exemplify this lifelong commitment to service.

**Brad Cox** has over twenty years of architectural experience. In addition to being an EHC volunteer, Mr. Cox was the lead architect on the Sobrato House. He gladly joined the Board in April of 2012. Mr. Cox is impressed with EHC LifeBuilders' emphasis on dignity and social justice. *"I like that the services are all-encompassing – meeting initial needs, and then following through with long term, lasting, sustainable services."* Additionally, the Rivers of Chocolate Festival is one of his favorite events. *"ROC brings together my favorite activities: eating, drinking, socializing, listening to music, and helping."*

**Linda Chin** was introduced to EHC LifeBuilders through her son's high school's annual coat drive. Years later, Ms. Chin heard Annette Hancock, a former EHC Board Member and volunteer, speak at the high school about EHC. She was inspired to help. Ms. Chin is impressed with EHC LifeBuilders' commitment to, *"Respecting the fundamental human dignity of all of our clients and doing its best to assist the most vulnerable members of the homeless in our community."* Ms. Chin joined the Board in June 2011 and her passion for ending homelessness has only deepened. *"We need to look this problem in the eye - not look away when we see a homeless person on the side of the road."*

▶ If you feel moved to serve your community as a Board member, or in any number of other opportunities that EHC LifeBuilders provides, please visit our website at:

[www.ehclifebuilders.org](http://www.ehclifebuilders.org)



**Brad Cox**  
Architect



**Linda Chin**  
Human Resources  
Consultant

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

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*- Margaret Mead*



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