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## **Broderick Christian Center**

Broderick Christian Center's tradition of service can be traced back to 1921 when its parent organization, United Christian Center, was established as a missionary outreach in Locke, CA. The Broderick Christian Center was founded under the auspice of the United Christian Center to provide direct service to the West Sacramento area in the 1950's.

Located at 110 6<sup>th</sup> Street in West Sacramento, CA, Broderick Christian Center erected a day shelter in the 1970's, and has been providing transitional housing services for nearly 20 years. Broderick's core services also include offering showers, 2 meals per day, laundry and mail reception to the homeless and chronically poor. In addition to its adult and family care initiatives, Broderick also extends regular child development and childcare services to twenty-four pre-school-aged children.



Program Director Sharon Wagner – who has been with Broderick for the past 16 years-cites the Food Bank as one of the critical resource providers upon which Broderick relies in its efforts to fulfill its mission. Each week, the Food Bank delivers fresh produce to the center, which Broderick staff and volunteers, in turn, distribute to close to 150 people. A collaborative effort between the Food Bank of Yolo County and California Foodlink in July also yielded a donation of more than 10,000 pounds of food, which Broderick distributed to hundreds of West Sacramento residents in need.

In the wake of a fire in June which destroyed significant areas of the facility, Broderick's capacity to provide regular services has been greatly impacted. In contrast to its typical two-meal offering per day, Broderick, with the help of several local churches, has been reduced to providing bagged lunches once per day. Plans to rebuild the areas destroyed by the fire are already well underway at Broderick, and the management expects the center to be restored to even greater than before. In the meantime, there is a great need for items like toiletries, towels and kitchen cookware such as large pots and pans.

Like any other agency, the Broderick Christian Center can benefit from increased support from the community, at-large. For more information about how you can help, please contact Sharon Wagner, Program Director, at (916) 372-0200 x 114, or on her mobile phone at (916) 806-9563. You can also contact Sharon Wagner via email at: [sharonwagner@uccenters.org](mailto:sharonwagner@uccenters.org).