

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD



DAVID SHEARIN

Pastor Dave is the Executive Director for Street Life Ministries. Street Life Ministries is a community based organization that serves the homeless and at-risk populations in Redwood City. They provide hot meals four nights a week and assist with food and clothing, as well as referrals for shelter, addiction recovery, and other personal support.

Over the past year, David Shearin has partnered with the Homeless Outreach Team to provide services to those in our community most critically in need. David can be called at a moment's notice to respond out to the location of Redwood City Police Officer's and immediately step-in to locate and provide resources onscene.

In February, Pastor Dave organized a cleanup of a hard to handle homeless encampment near Evernote. Pastor Dave organized a team of volunteers to assist the homeless residents clean the camp using a donated dumpster from Recology. The the weather was difficult at best, Dave and his team assisted cleaning the camp throughout the weekend. This was a major help, as this camp was a source of many complaints into the police department.

On several occasions Pastor Dave has reached out and assisted numerous homeless persons. One such instance Pastor Dave was able to get a homeless male into a recovery program that day providing him with transportation to the rehab center. On another occasion, Pastor Dave worked with his church community using the Host Family model for International students. He was able to contact a Host Family and house the homeless woman using this model. This was a huge success for us, due to the high call for service and complaints we were receiving about this individual.

While on a ride along a female who was clearly under the influene was arrested for shoplifting. Pastor Dave spoke with the female and got her into recovery services that night. She has since graduated from the recovery program and is holding a full time job. On another occasion, he assisted a pregnant female get into women's shelter and the father of the baby into a recovery program. This family now have a healthy baby, a good relationship, and a house in the central valley.

One of the most notable accomplishments is his ongoing work with the Homeless Outreach Multi-disciplinary Team. This team is comprised of outreach professionals from the Housing Authority, Lifemoves, Fair Oaks Community Center, County BHRS services, PERT and CIT professionals, as well as the police department. Recently Pastor Dave has been instrumental in changing the way the MDT focuses resources, handles monthly meetings and holding team members accountable for completing action items each month. These critical changes will assist the homeless community by streamling the work of the entire team.

Pastor Dave and his family have dedicated their lives to serving those living on the streets. His passion and grace is second to none. Those in the police department who have partnered with David and his family have seen firsthand the transformations that have manifested as a result of the outstanding work of David and his ministry.