



# Shelters of Saratoga: 2010 Statistics

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As Shelters of Saratoga (SOS) approaches 20 years of service, we have captured a number of statistics depicting our varied accomplishments and efforts in 2010.

- 14,297** meals were served to SOS clients
- 6,226** bed nights were provided for co-ed shelter clients
- 2,452** bed nights were provided through our affordable housing/low-income apartment program
- 1,940** volunteer hours were provided to SOS (not including our Board of Directors volunteer time)
- 1,100** bed nights were provided by the Second Step Transitional Housing Program (commenced in April 2010)
- 1,100** bus tokens were given to SOS clients for transportation to medical appointments, job interviews, etc.
- 1,050** hours of Case Management/Employment Interview preparation services were provided to SOS Clients
- 786** contact hours with the chronically homeless were provided by SOS's Mobile Outreach Unit
- 484** Board of Director volunteer hours were provided by the 11 members of our Board of Directors
- 469** counseling hours were given to Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) families
- 324** clients received new or near new, excellent quality, weather-appropriate clothing at no cost
- 130** clients received professional services for alcohol/drug abuse arranged by SOS
- 122** meals/showers were made possible for hungry people coming in from the street
- 81** homeless households were placed in housing with HPRP funding
- 80** clients received professional mental health services arranged by SOS
- 77** households at-risk for homelessness were helped through the HPRP and saved from eviction
- 71** formerly homeless and unemployed people became employed and acquired new marketable skills
- 50** clients received an eye exam and free eyeglasses (some for the first time in their lives) arranged by SOS
- 42** SOS clients were tested for TB
- 36** clients were connected to a primary care physician through SOS
- 19** clients received free haircuts (esp. for interview preparation) coordinated by SOS
- 17** clients received flu shots (combination influenza + H1N1) in our first – ever SOS on site Flu Shot Clinic
- 8** major home repairs were made possible through our Emergency Home Repair Program (preventing homelessness due e.g. to a collapsed porch or a severely damaged roof)
- 4 out of 6** of our Transitional Living clients maintained employment (some at more than one job), paid their rent responsibly and saved money (5% of net income) since the implementation of the prototype program in April 2010
- First ever** SOS nicotine cessation program will commence in early 2011

Most remarkably, these achievements were made possible under the guidance of an administrative team of 8 and 6 part-time shelter monitors. We take pride in the knowledge that **92 cents of every dollar donated to SOS goes directly to provide services to help the homeless help themselves!**

SOS saves lives, allows individuals to stabilize and gain employment, gives individuals the ability to attain fulfillment and move closer to reaching their potential!