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DHA FUNDS WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS

Sacramento, CA. The Department of Human Assistance (DHA), in conjunction with its partners, Volunteers of America and Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC) will provide winter housing and shelter to homeless families from December 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011. DHA will provide \$150,000 in funding. With half of this funding Volunteers of America will be able to provide up to 25 beds for families at 3547 Myrtle Avenue, and with the other half SAEHC will be able to provide up to 25 beds for families at 3671 5th Avenue.

“Sacramento County is committed to helping the homeless in our community,” said Paul Lake, DHA Interim Director. “While the funding amount is less than in previous years, it will provide shelter for many homeless families who otherwise would be spending very cold and rainy nights on the streets. We are thankful to our partners who provide these much needed services.”

Other partners, Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), and homeless service providers, will support winter shelter for single adults.

Sacramento Steps Forward is coordinating a faith-based nomadic shelter program to house up to 100 single adults per night. SHRA also plans to contract with Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC) to provide motel vouchers for the most vulnerable homeless families and individuals. Funding for these efforts will come from private faith contributions, anticipated foundations grants, and up to \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds received by SHRA and approved by the Board in 2009 for homeless activities.

The Department of Human Assistance provides homeless programs from emergency shelters and transitional housing. Both provide different levels and kinds of services. DHA is also a partner with the City of Sacramento in the 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2006.

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