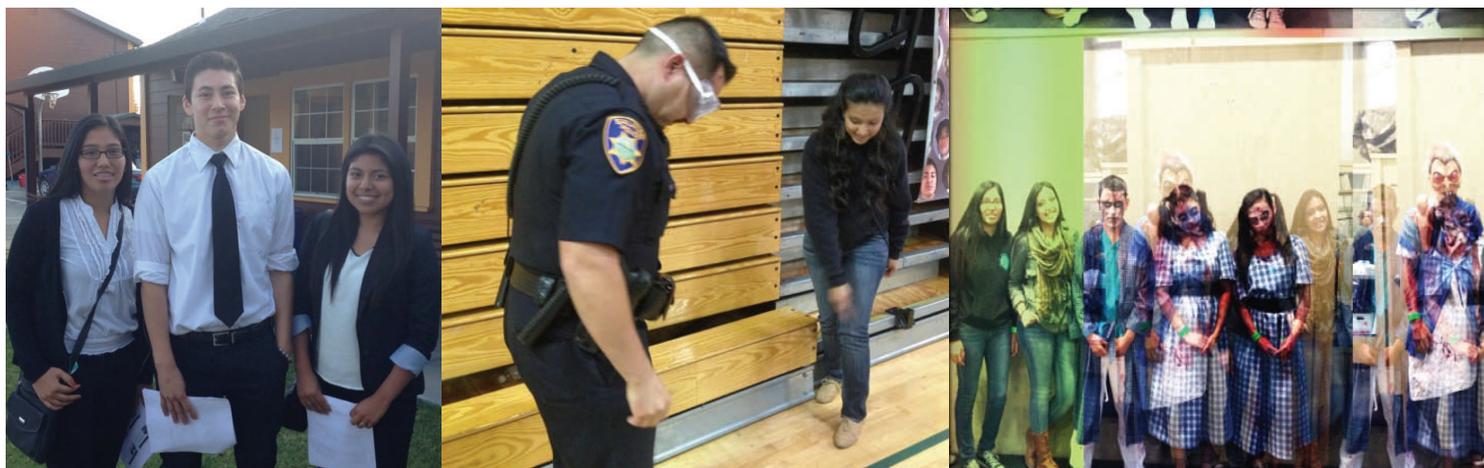




PARTS COALITION NEWSLETTER

PREVENTING ALCOHOL RELATED TRAUMA
SALINAS, SOUTH COUNTY AND PENINSULA

Dear Coalition Members,
Greetings!
Welcome to the PARTS Quarterly Newsletter
November 2013



IN THE NEWS:

Sun Street drug prevention program stays open with help of donations

By VIRGINIA HENNESSEY

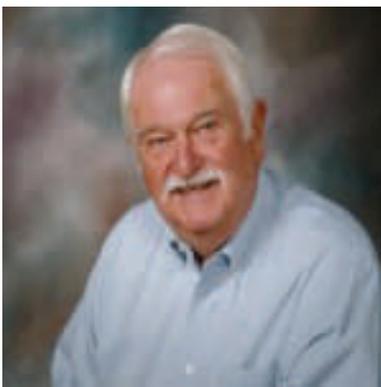
Good fortune has shined down on Sun Street Centers' substance abuse prevention center in Salinas.

An announcement in June that this program would close for lack of funding, prompted an outpouring of public and private donations that will keep the educational operation afloat another year. By then, Chief Executive Officer, Anna Foglia, said she hopes to obtain a new federal grant. One of several operations run by Sun Street Centers, the prevention program goes into schools to teach students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. The problem is so pervasive, with middle schools seeing incoming students already using...Read more

at:<http://sunstreetcenters.org/news-events/salinas-prevention-stays-open/>

SALINAS PREVENTION

The Salinas Prevention Department is determined to make positive change. The members collaborated with the Salinas Police Department at the 7th Annual Prescription Drug Take Back, which helped dispose of unused and expired medication. They attend city council meetings to give presentations; PARTS Coalition Meetings; LifeSkills Training for parents; Resource Fairs; Gateway Drug presentations to youth and parents; and volunteering at the third annual Castle of the Dead Haunted House.



JIM LUGG

Retired
Fresh Express/Chiquita
SSC Board Member
PARTS Chair

What is the importance of prevention? Why you are part of the Sun Street Center's team?

"Addiction is a tragic event and happens so easily. All it takes is trying out some of the new drugs or alcohol just casually. Before people realize it, habits are formed and they are "hooked". That is why prevention is so important. Prevention is all about education; identifying and making it difficult to obtain addictive products, whether alcohol or drugs; and, finally, help those entrapped to get help."

PENINSULA PREVENTION

Welcome Tania!



"STEPS was first introduced to me my senior year in high school. My older brother had just been killed two weeks before school started, my mother was diagnosed with cancer, my parents were going through a divorce, and my older sister was struggling with a drug addiction. One of my family members noticed what was going on and talked to me about becoming involved in the community. I didn't really need the hours, but I thought this might keep my mind off things going on at home and help me heal myself. It did, attending and speaking at City Council meetings, going through with decoy operations, attending community events, and meeting youth that were really trying to make a difference and be heard, motivated me to keep going. Now I am back as a Prevention Coordinator. I am currently still attending school, majoring in psychology with a minor in engineering, working part-time in the Peninsula and the other half of my time is spent with teens at an after school program in Salinas. This opportunity has brought me on board to this amazing team of people making a difference every day! Can't wait to see what is to come and unfold in my time here."



SOUTH COUNTY PREVENTION



We have moved!!!

South County Prevention has moved to 2167 H De La Rosa Sr. Street, Soledad, CA 93960. Come by and check out our new location! We will continue to provide the same services throughout South County.

We are in search of new STEPS members in Soledad who want to make a positive change in South County.



Welcome Sandy!



"I was born and raised in King City. I'm currently taking classes at Hartnell College and I have hopes of going into counseling or Juvenile Probation. Making a difference in my community is really important to me and I've been able to accomplish that with Sun Street over the last three years as a STEPS. Now being a Program Aide has taught me a lot and I know that the knowledge I have gained will be used later on in my career. I believe that prevention is important because it stops people from having to face harsh consequences because of the choices they make when it comes to drugs and alcohol."

PARTS COALITION MEMBER'S BULLETIN BOARD

Save the date!!!

PARTS Coalitions:

Will NOT be meeting in the month of December. We wish everyone Happy Holidays!

SOCK DRIVE:

Help Salinas STEPS host the first annual sock drive which will benefit the homeless, the seniors, and families in need. Sock donations will be accepted at 37 Central until December 13, 2013.

For more information contact Sylvia Ramirez at (831)753.5150 or email sramirez@sunstreet.org

Salinas STEPS:

Meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30m-6pm. Contact Sylvia Ramirez (831)753-5150 for more information.

Salinas Parents Creating Solutions :

Meetings on Wednesday
10am-11am
For more information please
contact Sylvia Ramirez (831)753-5150

Parade of Lights:

Come support Sun Street Centers at the Parade of Lights at Old Town Salinas
December 1, 2013.

PARTS Coalition Mission

Our mission is to prevent alcohol-related injuries and fatalities, prevent youth access to alcohol and drugs and the initiated use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the city of Salinas.



Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation

