

# RAIN Transitional Living Center



*Helping Homeless  
Families Help Themselves*

## **Mission:**

To End Homelessness, One Person at a Time.

## **History:**

RAIN (River Dwellers' Aid Intercity Network) Transitional Living Center began in 1997 in anticipation of El Nino. The purpose was to establish a Transitional Living Center for displaced river bottom dwellers, but the facility also served as the County's Winter Warming Shelter during the winter of 1997-98. The project was initially located at the old Camarillo State Hospital site and provided 36 beds on a daily basis.

In June 1998, the State of California took over the Camarillo State Hospital site to begin its transition to a University, and the shelter was then moved to a smaller facility at Camarillo Airport. This facility provided housing for 70 individuals and continued to operate 7 days/week 24 hours/day.

In December 2003, the shelter was relocated to a larger and newly renovated facility at 1732 S Lewis Rd in Camarillo. The current facility can provide transitional living for 65-75 individuals, depending on family composition. Services include meals, transportation assistance, access to public and mental health services, parenting and self-sufficiency classes, mandatory savings program, job search assistance, housing search assistance, and recovery support.

RAIN TLC is funded by a combination of public and private sources. **RAIN Communities, Inc is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that partners with the County of Ventura to provide funds for program services for the homeless residents of RAIN TLC.** Community organizations, civic groups, service groups and the faith community provide ongoing support to meet the many needs of our residents.

**Primary services RAIN TLC offers:**

- Intensive Case Management
- Three Phase program
- Transitional housing
- Meals
- Transportation assistance
- Access to licensed therapists
- Parenting and self-sufficiency classes
- Savings program
- Job search assistance
- Housing search assistance
- Recovery support

## **Furniture Donations**

When our clients move out of our program and into permanent housing, we provide them with furniture, dishes, kitchenware, and other assorted items. All the items we give them are donated items.

We only schedule pick-ups of large furniture items within Ventura County. Clothing and other assorted donations must be dropped off at our location.

We are unable to store large amounts of items so it is a better idea to call and ask if we are in need of whatever item you may have before dropping it off.

We accept furniture and clothing donations  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 am to 6:30 pm.

If you have a furniture donation please call the front desk to schedule an appointment.

(805) 389-3308

## **Facility Wish List**

We are constantly in need of the following items,  
(please note that all these items must be new items)

Diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6	New Hand Towels
Baby Wipes	New Wash Cloths
Disinfecting Wipes	New Underwear- Youth all sizes
Liquid Laundry Detergent- hypo-allergenic no fragrance	Colorful Band-Aids- all sizes
Facial Tissue	Batteries- AA, AAA, D, C
Shampoo	Birthday Paper Products- girls and boys
Conditioner	Birthday Wrapping Paper- girls and boys or neutral
Gel	Orange Glow Cleaner
Hairspray	Baby Soap
Deodorant-	Baby Lotion/ Oil
Toothpaste	Sippy Cups
Toothbrush	Bottles
Feminine hygiene products	Pacifiers
Razors	Diaper Pails
Shaving Cream	Backpacks
Bars of Soap	Baby Booths
New Brushes and or Combs	High Chairs
New Pillows	Toddler Car Seats
New Twin Size Bed in a Bag	Children's Bike Helmets
New Mattress Pads	
New Blankets	
New Towels	

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are many opportunities available for you to assist the residents of RAIN. We value your time and talents. These are just a few opportunities that we welcome:

### **Groups:**

1. Bringing in food/ preparing a meal and serving our residents lunch or dinner.
2. Plan, plant and weed our gardens.
3. Clear field, follow irrigation plan, lay pipes, prepare land for planting, and clear away leaves and branches.
4. Paint
5. Organize and maintain various areas (kitchen pantry, RAIN Rack, Donations)
6. Clean hallways, rooms, kitchen
7. Work with RAIN Staff to maintain buildings.

### **Individuals:**

1. Supervise children during parents' mandatory meetings, counseling and support groups.
2. Plan and coordinate arts and crafts projects.
3. Organize and supervise indoor/outdoor games- both on-site and off-site.

4. Provide instruction and inspiration for singing, dancing, musical shows, etc.
5. Educational classes on:
  - A. Dental Hygiene
  - B. Physical Hygiene
  - C. Manners/Etiquette
  - D. Safety: bicycle, street crossing, strangers, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering or doing a group project please contact:

Isaac Romero  
Children's Services & Volunteer Coordinator  
(805) 388-3148  
[isaac.romero@ventura.org](mailto:isaac.romero@ventura.org)

If you have any further questions regarding our program please call (805) 389-3308 or visit [www.raincommunities.org](http://www.raincommunities.org)

**If you know someone that may need  
the help of RAIN TLC, please call  
Homeless Services at**

**(805) 385-1800**



**If you would like to support the  
homeless families of RAIN,  
you can make a tax-deductible donation  
on-line at [www.raincommunities.org](http://www.raincommunities.org) or  
Make checks payable to:**

**RAIN Communities, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1934  
Camarillo, CA 93011-1934**