"I am filled with gratitude for Women’s Empowerment and the community of volunteers and donors that gave me the hope and confidence I needed to rebuild my life."

A Thankful Heart

OUR MISSION is to educate and empower women, who are homeless, with the skills and confidence necessary to get a job, create a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.
The first thing you recognize about Patty is her confident, beautiful smile. A hard worker by nature, Patty is a true ‘go-getter’, who takes pride in everything that she does.

A native Sacramentan, Patty was a young mom, dropping out of the 9th grade to raise her two daughters. But she also battled a life-long addiction to alcohol. “My daughters always felt like they had to be the parents,” says Patty.

She worked in manufacturing for seven years. But she continued to struggle with alcohol, and after her older brother was killed, she sank into a deep depression, lost her job, and became homeless. Even worse, she lost her relationship with her daughters, and remained out of their lives for many years.

Patty lived in a tent along the American River for more than two years. “I was just a shell of the person I am now. Homelessness is incredibly lonely, and I felt as if I was completely invisible.” At the end of those long years, Patty officially became clean of drugs and alcohol and was accepted into Women’s Empowerment (WE).

She hadn’t worked in an office environment for more than eight years, but here at WE, she developed the skills she needed to find—and keep—a job. Before Women’s Empowerment, Patty was terrified of computers, but now—thanks to the computer literacy class taught by Intel volunteers—she’s a pro! “Today I have the skills to be a confident employee, and that makes a huge difference.”

Patty has been clean and sober for more than two years. She has reunited with her entire family—including her two daughters and her grandchildren. “I get to be the mother I always wanted to be.”

After graduating from WE with flying colors, Patty worked closely with her Employment Specialist, who helped her to secure a position with The River Cats at Raley Field for the 2014 baseball season. She sees this as an important first step towards achieving her career goals. For the first time in a long time, Patty has an income, a stable home, and is able to pay rent—something she can’t wait to do.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."—Aesop

Homelessness is a scary time for children. But volunteers and donors like you changed that. You made a gigantic difference in the lives of homeless children in 2013.

Volunteers encouraged children to laugh, dance and take their first steps. They helped them discover the joys of green grass and sunshine in our new backyard.

Most importantly, they created a safe space for children to flourish, despite the negative impacts of homelessness on their early childhood development.
Meet Kelly, one of the 500 dedicated volunteers who generously donated their time in 2013.

Kelly has been volunteering at Women’s Empowerment (WE) since 2002. After being introduced to WE by her best friend Kathy Hatten, she was immediately impacted by the mission and wanted to get more involved.

Her volunteer activity has since grown to include ambassador, Gala-planner, mock interviewer, and being a professional mentor to the students.

Kelly sees a common thread woven through all of the women that come through Women’s Empowerment’s doors: they have good attitudes, they’re grateful, and they want to give back.

Kelly feels that the fact that Women’s Empowerment does not receive government funding resonates with our students just as deeply as it does with our supporters.

“The women don’t see their work at Women’s Empowerment as just another government handout. They see a community that genuinely wants to help, and wants them to feel welcomed in society.”

Kelly’s most recent mentee, Lisa, feels inspired by Kelly. “She’s intelligent, carries herself professionally and does it all so gracefully. She was the perfect match for me. In 20 years we’ll all look back on our lives and think about those people who really touched us and made a strong impact. She is one of those people for me! She’s the type of professional woman I aspire to be and she has changed my life for the better.”

Kelly joins hundreds of dedicated volunteers that every day help women and children rebuild their lives. They are truly ending homelessness in Sacramento one woman—one family—at a time.
In 2013, your gifts had an incredible impact:

106 homeless women—just like Patty—graduated from our program, receiving the vital employment skills and empowerment needed to become confident employees.

121 homeless children received the nurturing, enrichment, nutrition and developmental assessments they need to succeed—and have fun!

134 women enrolled in our ‘WE Works’ program, gaining the additional employment skills and support they need through on-site job training, certifications and employment counseling.

90% of women secured a job or enrolled in job training.

81% of women regained or maintained a safe home for themselves and their children.

500 volunteers dedicated their time and talents.

We are proud of our 2013 results.
We are equally proud of the results we cannot measure.
An increase in hope and dignity.
A sense of belonging.
A more optimistic future.

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Financial Health & Stability

Once again, your continued financial support of Women’s Empowerment in 2013 provided invaluable fiscal stability. After a year of growth and change, we continued to hold up to three months of operating funds in reserve.

For every dollar that you generously donate, less than 14 cents covers administrative and fundraising costs—still well under the national average of 25 cents.

Our financial health allows us to provide the highest quality services to women and children who need our help. And for that—**we thank you!**

### Financial Transparency

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### Women’s Empowerment Heroes!

*Without you, none of this is possible.*

**Thank you!**

**$50,000 and greater**
- Dignity Health
- The California Wellness Foundation
- $25,000 to $49,000
  - Victoria Montgomery
  - Save Mart CARES
  - Sierra Health Foundation
  - Sutter Health Sacramento Sierra Region
  - United Way California Capital Region
  - US Bank
  - Walmart Foundation
- $10,000 to $24,999
  - Allied Insurance, a Nationwide Insurance Company
  - Arata Bros. Trust
  - Bank of America
  - Driven to Care
  - Regional Philanthropy Program
  - Intel
  - Kaiser Permanente
  - Margaret Deterding Fund of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation

**$1,500 to $4,999**
- Accenture
- Karyl Andolina & Tom Balsbaugh
- Katherine Beecher
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- Dr. Frank Brown
- Glenda Claremon
- Anita & Aaron Cook

**$500 to $9,999**
- May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Norma & Aton Arbisser
- Wayne Baron & Kathleen Biasotti
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Katherine & Donald DeSart
- Marne Dunn
- eWomenNetwork Foundation, Inc.
- Intel Charitable Match Trust
- John & Peg Poswall
- Ronald McDonald House Charities Sacramento Association of Realtors
- Emily & Jeff Sprague
- The California Endowment
- Umpqua Bank

**$100 to $499**
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*And the many, many heroes not listed here.*