



We Need Your Help Now More Than Ever

This year is a financial struggle for everyone. We all read the headlines concerning unemployment, the drop in home values, investment declines, and business stagnation. However, rarely mentioned are the severe problems experienced by nonprofits. Donations are down, grants are drying up, and the government is reducing or eliminating many contracts.

At the same time, our demand for homeless services is increasing. There are 67 adults and 106 children living at the Esplanade House, a program of Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc. (CAABCI) and 60 families on our wait list. The Esplanade House Children's Fund (EHCF) is a small nonprofit that assists in providing programs and services for the children so they can learn and thrive while their parents participate in a program to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

We know it may be a struggle for you to make a contribution. **However, would you like to actually increase your contribution to the Esplanade House Children's Fund (EHCF)?** It's easy! During the Annie B's Community Drive, the donation you make will be supplemented with a percentage grant from North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF).

How can you help us get this money? Simply make your donation between August 1 and September 30. Gifts must be made on behalf of EHCF and mailed to NVCF. In addition to checks, donations may be made on line at www.nvcf.org.

This is a major community-wide effort involving close to 200 local nonprofits. In the first three years (2007-2009), a total of \$3.1million was donated to participating nonprofits, plus \$275,000 in percentage grants was added by NVCF. Help us get a portion of this money by making your donation through Annie B's. It is this spirit of cooperation and working together as a community that will get us through these difficult times.

To make a donation to EHCF that will be supplemented by funds from Annie B's, make your tax deductible donation after August 1, but no later than September 30, 2010. Make checks payable to Annie B's/Esplanade House Children's Fund. Mail your check to North Valley Community Foundation at 3120 Cohasset Road, Suite 8 in Chico, CA. 95973.

Questions? Call Lexi Grier, CAABCI-Esplanade House Resource Specialist, at (530) 891-2977, ext. 217, or NVCF Program Officer, Sara Nelson at (530) 891-1150, ext. 23.