

# Share A Meal



St. Mary's Church - Los Gatos, California

MAY 2009



**This month's featured agency is InnVision.** InnVision is a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 and is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Due to the challenging financial circumstances of 2008, thousands more children and families in the Silicon Valley community have lost their homes. Additionally, as the economy continues to struggle in 2009, the number of homeless is expected to increase, creating a greater demand for shelter, food and services. InnVision has provided shelter and services to more than 20,000 at-risk children, teens and adults this year, 4,000 more people than last year.

Through 20 Silicon Valley locations, InnVision empowers homeless and at-risk people in transition to become self-sufficient. However, in addition to battling an increased demand in services, InnVision is experiencing a serious decline in monetary support. Private donations account for more than 50% of InnVision's funding and without continued support from the community and corporations, the organization will be forced to cut critical programs and services in the midpeninsula.

InnVision's annual fundraising Gala is being held on Sunday, June 7th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. A special appearance will be made by Joan Baez. Please see their website at [www.innvision.org](http://www.innvision.org) for more information. InnVision thanks you for your generous support of their valuable organization.

In <b>APRIL</b> you donated \$929.00 which was distributed to the agencies indicated below:	
Casa de Clara .....60.00	Loaves and Fishes .....25.00
CHAM .....25.00 <i>(Community Homeless Alliance Ministry)</i>	Martha's Kitchen .....124.00
Emergency Housing Consortium.....25.00	Sacred Heart Community Service .....29.00
Food Bank of Santa Clara Co .....25.00	St. Joseph's Family Center, Gilroy ..... 120.00
Health Van.....25.00	St. Luke's Pantry, Los Gatos ..... 306.00
InnVision.....25.00 <i>(includes Family Place, Georgia Travis Center &amp; Julian Street Inn)</i>	San Jose Family Shelter .....40.00
St. Mary's Community Ministry Outreach ....100.00	<i>"Whatsoever you do to the least, so you do to me." MT 25: 35 - 46</i>

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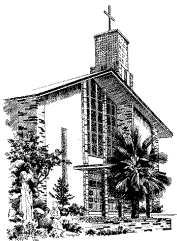
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**PLEDGE OFFERING:** Please check the name of the group or agency that you wish to receive your offering. Tear off the bottom section, make out your check to St. Mary's Share-A-Meal, and bring or mail to: ST. MARY'S, SHARE-A-MEAL, 219 BEAN AVE., LOS GATOS, CA 95030. You may also drop your offering in the collection basket during Mass.

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