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## FACT SHEET

### Mothers & Babies are Homeless Too – a drive for Mother's Day

**WHAT:** Father Joe Carroll invites the community to help homeless mothers and their children celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11 by participating in a Mother's Day drive.

**WHY:** The drive is to collect basic care necessities for homeless mothers and their babies, and small gifts for children to give to mom on Mother's Day. The drive is part of Father Joe's philosophy of bringing dignity to our neighbors in need. Because of the drive, homeless mothers will know they too are remembered on Mother's Day.

**WHEN:** May 5-9, 2008, community groups and individuals are bringing donations of new items to Father Joe's office located at 3350 E St., San Diego, CA 92102.

**WHO:** *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*® -- schools and businesses throughout San Diego are participating by hosting their own drives to collect new items. Schools include: Adams Elementary, Cathedral Catholic, High Tech High, High Tech Middle, La Jolla Country Day School and UCSD's CalPIRG. Businesses include: Taco Del Mar, A to Z Wireless, CBS, Ecobaby/Pure Rest Organics, El Camino Memorial, Hotel Solamar, Kalypsus, Luth Research, Manchester Grand Hyatt, My TV 13, NBC, Rock Bottom Brewery, St. Thérèse Parish, Sharp Cabrillo Hospital, and Style Child.

#### SOME STATISTICS:

- There are 70 mothers living with their children at Father Joe's Villages today.
- There are approximately 200 youth who receive housing, education or other services from Father Joe's Village on any given day.
- Father Joe's Villages provides 40,000 hours of childcare annually to homeless infants and children.
- Father Joe's Villages spends \$100,000 a year on diapers and hygiene products for babies living at the Village
- In addition to food, clothing and shelter, every child at the Village receives an array of vital services including medical and dental care, licensed childcare, tutoring, a pre-teen club, therapy, family literacy, special events and Project SAFECHILD – an early intervention program for families of children under the age of 5.
- New items needed for children include newborn blanket sleepers and receiving blankets, diaper bags, diapers for newborns and toddlers, coloring books, large crayons, Onesies, socks and underwear. New items needed for moms include jewelry, flowers, perfume and picture frames. Children will present the gifts on Mother's Day. For a complete list, visit [www.neighbor.org](http://www.neighbor.org)

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Father Joe's Villages® is a San Diego-based nonprofit that helps homeless neighbors in need regain their lives through a unique life-changing program that is nationally recognized and modeled for its effectiveness. Our groundbreaking approach to rehabilitation, known as the "University of the Human Spirit," addresses the underlying causes of homelessness to break the cycle and help thousands of people become responsible, self-sufficient, productive citizens and pass their newfound independence and life skills on to their children and families. When we help one person, we help generations of families and communities.

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