

# **Box City Simi Valley**

Saturday, May 21- Sunday, May 22, 2011

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, corner of Cochran & Stow, Simi Valley

Event starts Saturday, 3:00 p.m. (registration begins 2:30 p.m.) – Event concludes Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

## **How do I sign up?**

Mail your donations and complete pledge form to Rotary Club of Simi Valley by Apr. 30, 2011. You may participate as an individual, a family, or a group.

## **What can I bring to the event?**

Remain mindful of the decisions a homeless person has to make, and please limit yourself to the following items: Sleeping bag or pad, tarp, pillow, warm clothes, flashlight. You may bring medications and essential toiletries, but please refrain from bringing outside food, entertainment items, or other non-essential objects.

The following items are *not allowed*: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, beverages in glass bottles, weapons of any kind, personal electronic devices such as MP3 players or video games. Cell phones are permitted.

## **Is it safe for me to send my children?**

We require a minimum of one parent or a designated by a parent for every five participants under the age of 18. We will also have security personnel present.

## **If I am a parent or a designated chaperone, do I still need to raise pledges for admission?**

Parents and/or designated chaperones accompanying children under the age of 18 are not required to raise the minimum \$100.00 in pledges.

## **Is this a youth event only?**

Absolutely not! We invite people of all ages to participate in Box City.

## **What if it rains?**

Just as the homeless do, we will cope with the weather we are given. Unless there is a safety risk to participants, the event will continue, rain or shine.

## **Do I have to sleep on the grounds?**

While sleeping in a cardboard box can provide a valuable lesson in empathy, we understand that for health or personal reasons, you may not be able to. You may still participate as a "Virtual Resident" (raise funds but stay at home). Virtual Residents are warmly welcomed to the evening entertainment and meal.

## **How are we going to spend our time while we are there?**

The evening will include food, entertainment, and an award ceremony. There will also be periods of unstructured time for groups to decorate their boxes. We will have some decorating supplies and boxes for sale.

## **How can I raise \$100 or more?**

You have three options: 1) donate the money directly, 2) collect pledges (to download a pledge form, visit [www.simiboxcity.org](http://www.simiboxcity.org)), or 3) organize a fundraiser event. If you plan to attend with a group, you may pool your energy and creativity and put on an event such as a car wash, bake sale, or anything your imagination and resources allow. However, each member of a group other than the chaperones must raise at least \$100 to participate.

**For More information, visit our website at [www.simiboxcity.org](http://www.simiboxcity.org) or contact Marge Baxter (805) 428-9366, or Diane Robertson (805) 490-5310.**