

## THE GREATER RICHMOND INTERFAITH PROGRAM

GRIP is a non-profit 5(c) (3) volunteer-centered agency managed by a board of directors elected annually by our member congregations.

### 2008 MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

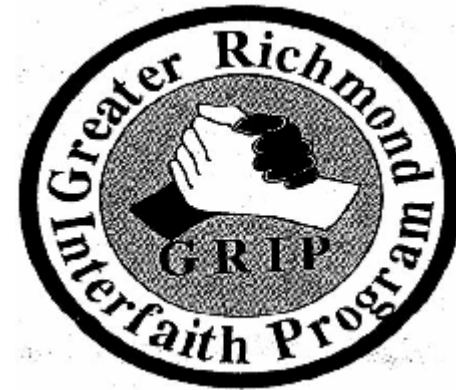
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Christ Lutheran Church	Saint David of Wales Catholic Church
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YOU'RE INVITED!  
BECOME A MEMBER OF WEST COUNTY'S INTERFAITH  
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GRIP is a multi-faith, multi racial coalition of over 40 congregations and friends working together, with a focus in West Contra Costa County, to:

- ❖ address critical issues of human dignity and social justice
- ❖ celebrate the diversity of our multi-cultural community
- ❖ respond to hunger and homelessness in our midst.

**OUR PROGRAMS** range from our core homeless services and residential programs, to community work that has included the Faith Ministries Breast Cancer Prevention Partnership, the Community Health Empowerment/Exchange Works, Contra Costa County's Asthma Program and the West Contra Costa County Food Security Council. The Mental Health Task Force, and more. GRIP also serves as fiscal sponsor for the Contra Costa County's Brookside and Concord Shelters and Transitional Age Youth Shelters.

SOUPER CENTER	RESOURCE CENTER	FAMILY HOUSING
<p>The <b>Souper Center</b> has operated in Richmond since 1985 and has been administered by GRIP since 1992. The Center serves hot noontime meals, 365 days a year, to hungry and homeless individuals and families – often the only nutritious meal for many of our West County and nearby areas' residents.</p> <p>300-350 volunteers from our member congregations and friends of GRIP take turns preparing and serving lunch to more than 1,000 weekly, and almost 54,000 annually, of West County, and nearby areas' homeless and hungry residents. So far, each of the first 5 months of 2008 has over 500 individuals more than 2007 corresponding months.</p>	<p>GRIP's <b>Resource Center</b> has provided support and case management for almost 600 homeless individuals and families every year since 1997. Our clients come to us primarily from Richmond and West Contra Costa County, but also from nearby cities and counties, particularly Oakland, and Alameda and San Francisco Counties. They are young, old, male, female, of every culture; almost half live with physical challenges, and over a third with mental illnesses.</p> <p>The Center offers an array of basic services (i.e., voice and regular mail, showers, laundry facilities) and comprehensive case management assisting homeless individuals and families attain housing and become self-sufficient.</p>	<p>GRIP operated revolving Emergency Winter Shelter (EWSP) for families in West Contra Costa County from 1993-2006. Opening our Integrated Family Housing and Supportive Services Center (December 2006) allows us to house up to 75 people at once, year round. In 2007, we helped 63 families: 209 individuals, of whom 117 were children, and exited 39 into permanent or transitional housing.</p> <p>Our <b>Family Housing</b> Program expands our winter program, providing emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families, 365 days a year. Families may reside in emergency shelter up to 3 mos.; transitional housing up to 1 year; limited extensions may be approved.</p> <p>Our <b>Permanent Housing Program</b> provides 8 chronically homeless, dual mentally ill tenants continual support and teaches independent living skills (via the Resource Center).</p>

## MISSION STATEMENT

**The faith community, as members of the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), unites thoughts and actions...to work together to address issues of racial unrest, economic disparity and social justice.**

**GRIP seeks to address the issues of justice that affect the poor and the disenfranchised of our society, so as to empower all people to achieve the blessings that God intends for all human beings. GRIP not only re-acts to crises that emerge, but actively seeks solutions to problems before destructive crisis takes place.**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Type of Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Name: _____  Address: _____  City: _____ CA _____	
Phone: _____	FAX: _____	E-Mail: _____
<u>Congregations:</u> Congregation Leader(s): _____	Congregations: Please name two delegates: (1) _____ (Name) _____ (Phone No.) (2) _____ (Name) _____ (Phone No.)	
<u>Other Groups:</u> Primary Contact: _____  <u>All:</u> No. Members: _____	We/I desire to volunteer:  <input type="checkbox"/> Souper Center <input type="checkbox"/> Family Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
	Date: _____  Signature: _____	

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