

You're making great things possible here at Saint John's...THANK YOU!



## January Saint John's News & Updates

Ring in the new year with a bang, the month of January brought new beginnings and time to reflect on an incredible 2016!

Thanks to you, formerly homeless women and their children are completely turning their lives around. Together, we will give more women and children the opportunity to start a new life - a life filled with hope, joy and endless opportunities.

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### Happiest of Holidays

Thanks to your generosity, families at Saint John's had a Christmas to remember.

During the month of December, our Adopt-a-Family program was an incredible success! Thanks to generous donors in our community, 120 families at Saint John's had their Christmas wish lists granted and 100 food baskets were donated. The month of December was packed full of fun activities from cookie decorating parties, to visits from Santa and Mrs. Clause, to trips to see the beautiful Christmas lights here in Sacramento!



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## THE RED DOOR

If you haven't already done so, please show your support and download the song performed by the amazingly talented women and children at Saint John's called "The Red Door"! All proceeds from the song directly support our mission to unleash the potential of mothers in crisis, improve the quality of their lives and enrich the lives of their families—breaking the cycle of poverty and dependence one family at a time. The song may be downloaded on iTunes for \$1.29, and you can see our video version of the song, courtesy of Misfit and Bank of America, online [HERE!](#)

[Click here to buy THE RED DOOR song now!](#)

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### **Guest Chef Dinners and Plates**

The first Thursday of every month, Plates Café hosts a true meal with a meaning with our monthly Guest Chef Dinner! In January, Chef Christophe Cornet whipped up a delectable meal while mentoring and inspiring women in our job training program. We enjoyed wine from Avio winery, and listened to the always wonderful tunes performed by Darbytown!

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are pleased to announce that Chris Jarosz and Saddle Rock will be joining us from Midtown to prepare a mouth-watering meal including Jambalaya, Pan Roasted Hot Chicken, Butterscotch Bread Pudding and more!

[Purchase Your Tickets Today](#)

To see a list of all our Guest Chef Dinners, please visit: <http://www.eatatplates.com/guestchef>

You can also show your support of our job training program by visiting Plates Café & Plates Midtown on

a regular basis. In return, your complimentary loyalty card will provide you with 10% off your entire order each time you visit one of our locations or use our catering services. Order your card now ([www.saintjohnsprogram.org/loyaltycard](http://www.saintjohnsprogram.org/loyaltycard))! Please contact Phil MacDougall at [pmacdougall@saintjohnsprogram.org](mailto:pmacdougall@saintjohnsprogram.org) for additional information.

[Click here for tickets to February's Guest Chef Dinner!](#)



## Accredited Financial Counselor Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to Quinta Davenport for winning a scholarship through United Way! Quinta was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship to use towards enrollment, study materials and testing fees to complete the certification course offered by the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education. She will also participate in four customized training Webinars and mentoring sessions with Sandra Davis. As an Accredited Financial Counselor, Quinta will support the women at Saint John's in achieving the next level of financial freedom. Well done, Quinta!



## 4th Quarter Grant Awards

Supporting single-mother led families as they move toward self-sustainability and a brighter future for their children, the following partners committed to Real Change with a grant award this past quarter. With grateful hearts, we thank you!

- Margaret Deterding Fund of the Sacramento Regional Community Foundation \$25,000
- Wells Fargo Bank Foundation \$25,000
- Allstate's Purple Purse Foundation \$20,000
- United Way's Financial Coaching Project \$20,000
- Allstate's 'Helping Hands' Agent Grants \$10,000
- US Bank Foundation \$10,000
- Kelly Foundation \$10,000
- The McClatchy Foundation \$10,000
- Thomas Winn Foundation \$5,000
- Maximus Foundation \$3,500
- Walmart/Sam's Club Community Grants \$1,750

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