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May 31, 2011 – Hundreds of volunteers from “Beautiful Day”, a massive community outreach effort spearheaded by Westgate Church led, an extreme makeover at the InnVision Julian Street Inn last week. A total renovation of the InnVision shelter for mentally-ill adults was completed over a 4-day period due to the vision, heart and generosity of faith community members.

Because InnVision prides itself in providing a home-like, welcoming environment for its clients, improving shelter structures and aesthetics is critical. These dedicated faith volunteers completed basic maintenance that was long overdue, such as painting window trimmings and dorm rooms, renovating the upstairs bathroom, and stripping, sanding, and finishing two stairwells. In the courtyard, flower beds were planted, and a beautiful mural was painted on the wall near the basketball court. An entire new tile floor was put down and as an added touch, the group left 75 toiletry packs (including socks, hairbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, etc.) on each of the clients’ beds and installed new ceiling fans in all the bedrooms.

Julian Street Inn is also home to the food warehouse for InnVision’s South Bay programs, and the “Beautiful Day” volunteers completely transformed it. Double doors were built, installed, and painted at both warehouse entrances. New shelving was placed throughout the massive warehouse and volunteers brought frozen vegetables, dairy products, meat and other fresh foods to fill the walk-in refrigerators/freezers.

“This amazing transformation of Julian Street Inn is so meaningful to all of us at InnVision,” InnVision CEO Christine Burroughs glows. “We are so grateful for the hard work and giving spirit of the faith community –their partnership is invaluable as we all strive to help at risk people become stable and self-sufficient. Julian Street Inn shelter looks like a brand new home, thanks to the incredible thought, planning, and love that was shown by volunteers of all ages, physically demonstrating how important it is to share God’s blessings with those in need.”

InnVision is Silicon Valley’s leading provider of housing and services for homeless families and individuals. They serve more than 27,000 clients at 25 locations throughout Silicon Valley. Over the past 38 years, InnVision has developed housing and resources to help the homeless and severely at-risk become stable and self-sufficient. Homeless men, women, children, veterans and those diagnosed with mental illness are able to choose from a full range of housing and services that includes shelters, supportive transitional and permanent housing and multiservice day centers—all successfully tailored to support and accommodate those who are most vulnerable. To learn more about volunteering or to make a donation, please visit www.InnVision.org or call (408) 292-4286.

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