

**Announcing:**

## **TOUCH A LIFE**

**A concert to benefit the**

### **“Job’s Shelter Transition House”**

an outreach of

The East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless

The work for the homeless never stops; even in these days of plenty; even in this richest of all nations, the need to help the homeless back onto the road to becoming productive members of society continues as strong as ever. Part of that job is the focus of The Job’s Shelter Transition House, an outreach of the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless. Families that transition through these homes get a hand up, not a hand out. While families live in these El Monte apartments, they work with a case manager, learn budgeting skills, and if needed, receive assistance finding work.

But it takes money to operate this outreach; recently one of the apartments had to be shut down due to lack of funds. And so this concert is being produced to raise funds to re-open the 2<sup>nd</sup> apartment.

The choirs from five of the local churches who support the Coalition’s winter shelter program, have banded together, and with the addition of two youth choirs and the Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles will present “Touch A Life.” St. Matthews’ United Methodist Church will play host to the choirs of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and St. Martha’s Catholic Church of Valinda, on Sunday, October 24, at 4 in the afternoon,

In addition to the church choirs, 50 students, ages 6 to 16, from the Creative Planet School of the Arts, a magnet school in El Monte focusing on the arts, and the “Sound-sations” of Mesa Robles Middle School will also present their talents. Rounding off the afternoon’s events will be a representative contingent from the Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles, a top performing show and contemporary music chorus based in Los Angeles who recently returned from a successful engagement in Montreal. I hear that the dancers of the Chinese Cultural Association will be there doing their very popular Lion Dance – in full Lion-tine regalia!

Put it all together, and you get a massed choir of some 260 singers who will raise the roof together doing light gospel and rock music, and the ever-popular Battle Hymn of the Republic -- All to benefit the homeless in our community.

This is an event you won’t want to miss. So come to St. Matthews UMC on Sunday afternoon, October 24, 2004 at 4 pm. St. Matthews’ is located at 15653 East Newton Street, Hacienda Heights. Newton is off Hacienda Blvd. just 4 lights south of the 60 freeway, in Hacienda Heights.

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