

# In Response

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## The Disaster Files

### Invitation!

'INSIGHTS' is an exhibition of works by artists who are legally blind.

The Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery invite you to see their work at:

San Francisco City Hall, Lower Level  
Grove Street Entrance  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

The exhibition will end September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### NERT Training!

#### Beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>

North of Panhandle/Haight Ashbury/Lone Mountain  
Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm in English

#### Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>

Chinatown  
Tuesdays from 10:30am to 1:30pm in Cantonese

#### Beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>

Civic Center/Downtown/Tenderloin  
Thursday afternoons from 2-5pm **OR**  
Thursday evenings from 6-9pm in English

Contact Lt. Juanita Hodge at [sffdnext@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdnext@sfgov.org) for further information!

### Help for the Homebound

This month, SFCARD worked with food delivery programs to ensure that this particularly vulnerable population receives as much support as possible so they can be more resilient to disaster.

To that end, almost **3000** homebound seniors and critically ill patients received a copy of the Office of Emergency Services' "When Disaster Strikes" brochure.

Participating agencies include:

Gloria Bonilla, **Centro Latino** – Amelia Prado, **Filipino American Council** – Suzi Varadi, **Jewish Family and Children's Services** – Steve Ishii, **Kimochi, Inc.** – Chris Colwick, **Meals on Wheels** – Valerie Villela, **On Lok** – Victoria Long, **Pets Are Wonderful Support** – Nick Buick, **Russian American Senior Services** – Eleanor Katopes, **Salvation Army** – Philip Lee at **Self Help for the Elderly** – and Stephen Yun at the **Western Addition Senior Center**

**Many thanks from SFCARD for your support.**

Project Open Hand is also able to deliver 3100 brochures but we do cannot afford the printing costs, any suggestions would be welcome!!!

As a next step, SFCARD and Bay Area Prepared have proposed a Personal Preparedness Train the Trainer session. The goal is to ensure that food delivery personnel know how to remain safe in a disaster and can share that information with the homebound clients.

Let us know if you are interested in the training:  
[info@sfcard.org](mailto:info@sfcard.org)

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## Your Ideas Needed!!

**SFCARD** is putting together the disaster training schedule for October 2003-April 2004.

What would you like to learn more about? Who would you like us to invite to present? These trainings are for you and your agencies – let us know how we can help!

Email us at [info@sfcard.org](mailto:info@sfcard.org)

## Information Exchange

Our next training will be **Thursday, September 4th**. This will be an overview of disaster mental health issues that arise after a disaster for your clients and staff.

Date: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Time: 9am – 11am

Place: Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind  
214 Van Ness Avenue, at Hayes  
Nearest MUNI/BART: Civic Center

RSVP: [info@sfcard.org](mailto:info@sfcard.org) or leave a voice mail on  
(415) 558.2737

## The Disaster Registry Program For Seniors and People with Disabilities

The Disaster Registry Program (DRP) is run by the Department of Public Health. The goal of the program is to check on registered participants after a disaster to see if they need help.

The DRP has three main functions:

1. To reach out to the community and register seniors and people with disabilities.
2. To maintain the database
3. To offer the database to responders who will check on registrants.

The database is on a secure server and distributed monthly to fire stations around San Francisco for rapid response.

Currently there are 6,400 registrants and room to grow! Contact the DRP to register.

**Tel:** (415)355-2632

**Fax:** (415)552-0194

**On-line:**

[www.sanfranciscoems.org/formsandapplications/index.php](http://www.sanfranciscoems.org/formsandapplications/index.php)

## Emergency preparedness information in BRAILLE and on AUDIO CASSETTE

Thank you to the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired! They have translated the "When Disaster Strikes" brochure of the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services into Braille and recorded it onto an audio cassette in English.

Please contact the SF Office of Emergency Services at (415) 558 - 2703 for information on how to obtain a copy in either format.