

Free stuff at ‘Saving the Souls’ outreach



Shrenda Rodgers courtesy photo

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Power and Praise Ministries in Vallejo believes a church should step outside its walls to help the people, which is why “Saving the Souls Community Outreach” returns Sept. 5 at City Park on the 400 block of Sacramento Street.

The church will distribute free clothes, shoes, groceries and hot dogs with a mobile health clinic also available, said spokeswoman Shrenda Rodgers.

“Giving back to the community with no strings attached” is the purpose of the generosity, Rodgers said. “And letting people know we are making an impact and being there through all the (city’s) violence and killing.”

The less fortunate, added Rodgers, “will always be among us, so we will always be there for support.”

It’s truly a labor of love for Power and Praise Ministries, said Rodgers.

“The most time-consuming is collecting food and clothes donations, separating them, and getting funding and permits,” she said.

Yet, it’s easy to remember why the church’s 20 volunteers go to the trouble, Rodgers said.

“Giving back and seeing the impact we have on those in need,” she said. “Being that I was once homeless, this is a passion for me.”

Though about 50 people attended the first two “Saving the Souls” events, this is the first time it’s held outside, so Rodgers expects at least 150 to take advantage of the day. If it’s like the past two, it will get emotional.

“People cry, hug and thank us for being there because they say the help is much needed in our community,” Rodgers said.

Event contributors include Food-4-Less, Contra Costa Food Bank, Brinderson, Tesoro, Catfish & Ribs, Team Superstores, Walgreens, Solano Mobile Clinic, and Far West Sanitation.

“Saving the Souls Community Outreach” is Sept. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 424 Sacramento St., Vallejo. For more information, call (707) 653-4165.