

## **Shepherd's Gate**

*1) How has the current economy affected the need of services that you give to the community?*

Shepherd's Gate helps women displaced by abuse, addiction and poverty. Typically we have a larger percentage of abused women seeking our assistance, though in 2009 we saw a significant rise in the number of women coming to us who were homeless because of job loss or some sort of financial instability.

*2) How has the current economy affected the donations of goods and services that your organization receives?*

Beginning in 2008, Shepherd's Gate has experienced a decline in donations both monetarily and of food and household goods.

*3) How have the services that your organization provides to the community affected our local economy?*

For the first time in Shepherd's Gate's 25 years of service we have had to lay-off staff and have closed down one of our shelter buildings on the Livermore campus. Currently we are still able to operate the other shelter building in Livermore and our campus in Brentwood as well as the home in Costa Rica but desperately need to open that other facility so we won't have to continue to turn hurting women and children away because of lack of space.