



# Helping Other People, H.O.P.

SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER  
A KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAM FOR H.O.W.

*News: Recipients will be randomly selected from nominations offered by attendees at the previous month's H.O.P. breakfast.*

*\*A glass bowl for a \$10 cash gift will be at the event and given to the monthly recipient at the end of each breakfast.*

## Fresno Chapter H.O.P. Breakfast:

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 am.

**At McDonalds**

(Willow & Nees) playground area!

*Come anytime from 9:00 to 10:15 am. The gift will be counted at 10:15!*

*In honor of*

*Leslie Stockton\**

## WE HAVE MOVED!!!

H.O.P. is now having its monthly breakfast at the McDonalds on Willow and Nees, in the playground area. Bring your kids to play, have breakfast and support a local family!

WEBSITE:

[www.helpingonewoman.com](http://www.helpingonewoman.com)

facebook:

"Helping One Woman Fresno Chapter"

## Leslie Stockton

James and I met in college and we have been married for 12 years. We have 5 children, Benjamin (10), Thomas (8), Patricia (7), Haley (4) and Samantha (2). After having 2 difficult pregnancies we decided to become foster parents and adopt our daughters Patricia and Haley. Sami was a huge surprise, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

The past year we have faced many challenges. Last September, our son Ben collapsed and suffered a head injury. He has since been struggling to get back to normal with frequent seizures and fatigue. In December, I had to have my thyroid removed due to Cancer. Our youngest, Samantha was also diagnosed with Apraxia of Speech, a condition in which there is a disconnect between her brain and muscles in her mouth. Her main form of communication is sign language with lots of therapy she has learned to say a few words and sounds.

Although it has been very taxing on James and I, at times we feel very blessed by the support we have received from our family and friends. We are very appreciative of this honor and are planning on putting our gift towards 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp for our son. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

Love,

The Stockton Family

James, Leslie, Ben, Thomas, Patricia, Haley & Sami

### H.O.W. Motto:

*One woman with \$10.00 can buy another woman lunch.  
Ten women with \$10.00 can buy another woman's groceries. One hundred women with \$10.00 can make a real difference in another woman's life.*

For more H.O.P. information contact Chapter Leader,  
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**Fresno H.O.W. Dinner Chapter:**  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for a girl's night out dinner. Check website for monthly recipient and dinner location.

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