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HELLO WORLD



How do you transform a historical 19th century Carriage House into a haunted house?

With a host of dedicated volunteers, including Michael Cutter from SRI International and the Fremont Candle Lighters! For over 20 years, he has been involved in building and working at the Ghost House in Fremont, California. It becomes Michael's second job from September (when they start construction) to early November (when they tear it all down). Michael Cutter is Director of Engineering Support for SRI International and is in charge of the famous SRI Model Shop.

Candle Lighters is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to raising funds for non-profit groups and community-based projects in the Tri-City Community of Fremont, Newark and Union City, California. They raise money solely through their annual Ghost House. Open during the last two weeks of October and based in a historical 19th century Carriage House (built in 1883), the Ghost House is a wonderful family-oriented event for all ages. 2014 is their 46th year!

Using a different theme each year, Candle Lighter members, families, sponsors and friends transform the site into an arena of goblins, ghosts, witches and warlocks, providing fun for the community. An old double-wide teacher's classroom was converted into a maze at the exit of the Carriage House. Junior high and high school students dress up as ghouls and hide in the corners to scare people. Good fairies take the little ones through the house so they are safe from the ghouls. Everyone really gets into the "spirit" of things. In addition to the Ghost House itself, a midway of games, caramel apples, a country store and delightful food treats are created, geared to entertain the entire family. Then, when it's all over, it's torn down, packed up and stored, while preparations are made for the next exciting year.

Even with very reasonable ticket prices of only \$3, and 25 cents per game, since their inception Candle Lighters has been able to return over \$1.4 million back to the community. Pretty amazing! The "Vampire Cruise Line" Ghost House is located at The Chadbourne Carriage House in Williams Historical Park, Fremont, California. Visit their website at www.candlelighters.com for more information.

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