

Serving the Diverse Homeless Community

Friends of Prado Day Center
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The Embassy Suites Ballroom was a beautiful venue for the Fifth Annual Culinary Carnival.

Culinary Carnival Success!

The Fifth Annual Culinary Carnival on February 24th was a huge success, with ticket sales, silent and live auctions, and raffles garnering even more financial support for Prado Day Center than last year. Many thanks to our generous sponsors of the event:

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Carol & Jay Devore*



City Councilman John Ashbaugh enjoys a glass of wine.

Also many thanks for Sheriff Ian Parkinson for acting as our Master of Ceremonies, to our auctioneers Jim and Elaine Gardiner, to all of the people who

donated items to our live and silent auctions, and to our generous food and beverage vendors.



Ian Parkinson (center) introduces auctioneers Elaine and Jim Gardiner.

Thank You to Et Voilà!

Chef José Dahan of Et Voilà! restaurant has generously donated a percentage of his February receipts to Friends of Prado Day Center. We are very grateful to Chef José for his ongoing support of our efforts! You can thank him personally by treating yourself to a meal at Et Voilà! Chef José creates seasonal menus based on fresh ingredients at local markets. He has a prix fixe lunch and dinner menu that you can check out on his website:

<http://www.etvoilarestaurant.com/>.

Wish List

- The Center has the following ongoing needs:
- Cold cereal and individual oatmeal packets
 - Coffee, sugar, creamer, peanut butter
 - Disposable plates, bowls, cups, utensils, sandwich bags, 13- and 45-gallon trash bags

- Shower shoes/flip flops, socks
- Bleach and Windex
- Dry erase markers
- A set of 6 walkie-talkie's for site safety
- Laundry detergent
- Shaving cream and deodorant

If you can provide any of these products, please drop them off at the office at the Center or contact Shawn Ison at sison@capslo.org or 805-786-0617.

Success Story

A 34-year-old single father with two children arrived at Prado Day Center recently. He came to SLO County from New York, where he had been associated with gangs and violence. He knew he needed to change this for himself and his two young children.

Once at Prado, he became an inspiration to staff, volunteers, and other parent clients as well. He is a dedicated father to his children and soon proved that he was moving in a positive direction. He has a very positive attitude and is always willing to take the necessary steps to benefit his family. He is truly appreciative of all the help he has received through both Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Shelter.

We are happy to report that his persistence, hard work, and dedication have paid off, and he is now housed and doing extremely well.

The Overnight Parking Pilot Program

The overnight parking pilot program continues to be successful. All five vehicle spots are currently

filled, housing six individuals.

- One client became homeless after being laid off from his last job. His case manager helped him get into a General Assistance work program to aid him in his job search and provide temporary financial relief.
- One participant is striving to save enough money to move to Boise, Idaho, in May, where he will have work and a place to stay.
- One man is working to save money to reduce a large debt. Once the debt is paid down, he will be able to afford housing.
- One couple now has saved enough to move out on their own. They are looking for housing, but finding lower income housing is a challenge as they are competing with so many other applicants.

All of the safe parking participants get along very well together, helping to motivate each other and looking after one another.

Donations and Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about Prado Day Center, visit www.pradodaycenter.org. To make donations, go to www.pradodaycenter.org/donate.html.

If you would like to volunteer, either at the Center or on a committee with the Friends of Prado Day Center, please call (805) 786-0617.

Since 1997, **Prado Day Center** has provided essential day-to-day services for homeless and working poor members of our community. The Center provides food, showers, phone message service, and many other services. **Friends of Prado Day Center** provides support funding for Prado Day Center. **CAPSLO** (formerly EOC) manages the day-to-day operation of Prado Day Center. **The People's Kitchen** coordinates hot lunches served daily at the Center by organizations throughout the county.

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