

Memorandum from . . .

The Newsletter of Friends of 40Prado
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*** Transition Plan Nearly Complete! ***



There was a wonderful turnout for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Homeless Services Center at 40 Prado Road on November 2nd (see photo). And the Homeless Foundation of SLO County has achieved its goal of raising \$4.5 million for construction of the new center! As this newsletter goes to

press, construction contracts are out for bid and we hope to begin construction very soon.

The Homeless Foundation of SLO County will continue to operate for a year or so to collect pledge payments and additional capital donations. In the meantime, Friends of Prado Day Center board members have been joined by some board members from the Homeless Foundation, and we are in the process of changing our name to **Friends of 40Prado!** We will announce the official name change in the next month or so. Our larger board will continue to raise funds for both Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter until construction is complete, and will then raise funds for the new center, which will be so much more efficient than the separate day and night centers that now exist.

We need your support to keep things running smoothly, both during the construction of the new center and after it is built. And we thank you for your ongoing, faithful support of homeless services.



Homeless Foundation president John Spatafore, Assembly Member Katcho Acadjian, and Friends of Prado President Roy Rawlings at the November 2nd Groundbreaking.

The Carnival Is Coming to Town!

Do you have your tickets yet to the 9th Annual Friends of Prado Day Center Culinary Carnival? Go to sloculinarycarnival.org to see details on the live auction items, entertainment, and more. Tickets are available at that website or by sending your check to P.O. Box 12444, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. Just be sure to write "Carnival" on your check and we'll send you your tickets. Orders received after February 15th will be held at Will Call at the event. See you there!

Holiday Thank You's

Countless groups and individuals from our community came together to make the holidays special for our clients. We are so grateful to all of you who dropped by the Center with food, clothing, gifts, and money to help support the clients over the holidays. We wish we could name all of you individually, but space doesn't permit it.

We would like especially to thank the following donors, who have provided many gifts over the years:

- St Vincent de Paul
- SLO Parks and Recreation Staff

- Grace Church of SLO
- Rita's Rainbows
- Hope Church

Nancy Boydston has purchased stockings and stocking stuffers, stuffed and labeled our children's Christmas stockings every year for over 20 years!

Our own Santa Claus, Tom Luginbill, returned once again this year for our holiday party, to the joy of the children.

The Chirofeed crew (Dr. Scott Dubrul and his family and colleagues) provided chiropractic adjustments, massages and haircuts, a delicious barbecue

lunch and holiday gifts that include new backpacks, cold weather clothing, toiletries, personal care items, and even bicycles!

Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about Friends of Prado Day Center, visit www.pradodaycenter.org. To make donations, go to www.pradodaycenter.org/donate.html. If you would like to volunteer at Prado Day Center or Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, please call Amanda Bailey at 544-4355 x121.

Since 1997, **Prado Day Center** has provided essential day-to-day services for homeless and working poor members of our community--food, showers, phone messages, and many other services. **Friends of Prado Day Center** provides support funding for Prado Day Center. **CAPSLO** 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.



*Get Your Tickets Now
for the
9th Annual Culinary Carnival
February 25, 2017!*

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CAPSLO's Biz Steinberg and Rodolfo Soriano serve Christmas breakfast.



Prado Staffperson Jamison Remmers with lots of gifts!



Baby Luis has a good laugh with Santa Claus.