

Memorandum from ...



The Newsletter of Friends of 40Prado
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Our Name Change Is Complete!

Our name now has been formally changed from Friends of Prado Day Center to **Friends of 40Prado**. Remember, we are now raising funds for both Prado Day Center and for Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter until construction is complete, and then we will be raising funds for the new center.

And don't worry if you forget about the name change and send us a check made out to "Friends of Prado Day Center"! We have a fictitious name statement, so that we can accept checks made out to either name.

Update on the New Center

A local general contractor, J.W. Design & Construction, has been selected to construct the new center. Contract details and approvals will take place in the next month and we expect to break ground before the end of May. The project should be completed in eleven months. We can hardly wait!

The new Center will have a lot more space for offices and classrooms than we currently have. As a result, we will be able to expand the number and variety of services available to our clients, including:

- Two medical exam rooms through Community Health Centers
- Drug, alcohol, and mental health counseling through County Behavioral Health
- Recuperative care beds for people discharged from the hospital
- A commercial kitchen, possibly with a community-sponsored kitchen garden
- After-school programs
- Pet kennels
- Separate family dorms

The new center will be much more efficient than our current two facilities. However, it will provide many more services to our clients, so we definitely have a challenge ahead of us! We trust that

you will continue to support us in our efforts, as you have for so many years. Thank you!

Help Us Save a Stamp

For many years, we have sent out a thank you letter to acknowledge each and every donation. Some of you have told us that you don't need an acknowledgment every time, while others prefer to have individual acknowledgements.

Our new donor software is very good at preparing year-end summary donation statements. If you would be happy to receive a single year-end statement in January of each year, please let us know by leaving your name and that message at 805-541-7963, or email us at info@pradodaycenter.org. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to send a thank you letter for each donation you make.

Culinary Carnival Success!

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the 9th Annual Culinary Carnival on February 25! Special thanks to our set-up and clean-up volunteers, cashiers, wine pourers, and everyone else who chipped in to make this a successful evening. (Photos below) And many, many thanks to our cash and in-kind sponsors:

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Thank You's

Warming Station. Our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who have helped us keep the Warming Center open for a total of 48 nights during the rainy season! This winter has been a real challenge for staff, volunteers, and clients, but we have managed to

keep Prado Day Center open during rainy nights thanks to all of our volunteers, especially Teena "the soup lady"; David C. and Skip I. (our two consistent overnights); and Dianne B. and Susanna S., who stayed almost half of all the nights that were open. Thank you!

Downtown Association. On February 15th, the Directed Giving Campaign Committee donated \$3,500 to the Friends of 40Prado. The committee -- composed of the City of San Luis Obispo, United Way of San Luis Obispo County, and the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association -- has guided the "Make Change Count" meter program from a pilot program to an establishment in Downtown SLO. This

most recent donation has been made possible by community member donations at the seven giving stations and the support of the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo Daybreak, Dignity Health and Tenet Health. Thank you!

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 544-4355 x121 or email volunteer@capslo.org.

Friends of 40Prado provides support funding for Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter. **CAPSLO** manages their day-to-day operations. **The People's Kitchen** coordinates hot lunches served daily at Prado Day Center by organizations throughout the county.



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Our auctioneer Susan Devine works the crowd during the live auction.



The Crustacea Jazz Band keeps the room rocking.



Mary Matakovich and the Coastal Harvest Catering staff get the Cajun buffet ready.