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The Newsletter of Friends of 40Prado
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Update on the New Center

Construction of the new homeless services center is well under way at 40 Prado Road – take a look at the photos below and on the back of the newsletter! We expect the construction to be completed by the end of June, and we're getting ready to celebrate. A grand opening celebration is planned for July 15 – see the enclosed flyer for details. We look forward to seeing you there!



Welcome New Donors!

As a result of our year-end mailing, we have 193 new donors! If you are one of them, we would like to welcome you to the community of 40Prado Supporters! With the help of all our generous donors, we have been able to provide meals, facilities and shelter for many of the homeless in our community. Friends of 40Prado raises more than half of the operating funds for Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, and we'll continue to raise about half of the funds for the operation of the new center, which will be opening this summer.

There are many ways in which you can continue to be involved. Meeting the needs of the new 40Prado Center will take a great deal of fundraising, and we can always use volunteers to assist us in our efforts.

Additionally, please stay in touch with us on Facebook, through our newsletter, and on our website <http://www.friendsof40prado.org> to stay abreast of all the exciting things that are going on with our organization. You can also contact us by phone at (805) 541-7963.

HUB Program

In January, CAPSLO was awarded funding from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop a program to serve homeless individuals with integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as other recovery-oriented services. Partnering with Transitions Mental Health Association and Restorative Partners, the "SLOHUB project provides case management, recovery counseling and peer support on-site and sober living beds. Having these services on-site, in addition to medical care (provided by CHC), and recuperative care further strengthens the "one-stop" philosophy at 40Prado – helping our clients receive the help they need in one location as opposed to having to navigate the challenging (and separate) systems of mental health, drug and alcohol and primary care. Currently, the program is being implemented at Maxine Lewis Shelter during the daytime when the shelter is closed, and it will move to the new center once that is open.

Thank You

The San Luis Obispo County Band held its 23rd Annual Benefit Concert for homeless services. The concert was held at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church. They raised \$1400, which was used for a new refrigerator for the Recuperative Care Facility at 40Prado. Biz Steinberg, CEO of CAPSLO thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support for this annual event! (See photo below.)

Success Stories

Staff person Shawn reports: We recently met with a client who was struggling with substance abuse. When he arrived at Prado, it was very clear that he needed some help with the basics, such as food, shower, and laundry. After getting him connected with services, he quickly began building himself up and truly taking advantage of what we have to offer. He is committed, and he has followed through with his AA meetings. This month marked on month of living sober. He thanks the staff who have supported him any chance he gets. This gentleman quickly got a job and started saving. In one month, he was able to save \$2000.00. This shows his commitment to the program

and that with a little assistance and guidance, anything is possible. He has definitely made small steps towards a better life.

Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about Friends of Prado Day Center, visit www.friendsof40prado.org. To make donations, go to www.friendsof40prado.org/donate. 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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Biz Steinberg at the 23rd Annual SLO County Band Benefit Concert for Homeless Services.



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