



Memorandum from ...

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Construction Update:

Construction remains ongoing and the anticipated completion of the building construction is early August 2018. We look forward to opening for operations by September 1st.

We are continuing to seek support for many of the furnishings such as dorm beds, bedding items, family room items and children's study room furniture.

We are looking forward to hosting Community in Concert on site at 40Prado Road in July!



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Community in Concert was a great success. Thank you to all who attended. We appreciate your support!



Update on the Homeless Foundation:

For almost four years, the Homeless Foundation of SLO County has been diligently raising money for the construction of the new center at 40 Prado Road. With help from the State, County, and City, a total of over \$5 million has been raised! This is an amazing accomplishment, and tremendous credit goes to John Spatafore and the Foundation Board, as well as CAPSLO and the entire community of donors who helped make this happen. Now most of the construction money has been raised, and it's time for the Foundation to close its doors.

The Foundation's final tax year has closed, so **checks can no longer be made payable to the Homeless Foundation of SLO County. From now on, all donations to the capital campaign must be given to Friends of 40Prado.** If you wish to contribute to the building fund, you can do so at our website, friendsof40prado.org/donate, and click the blue "Building Fund" button. Or you can send a check to Friends of 40Prado at P.O. Box 12444, San Luis Obispo CA 93406. ***Be sure to include a note that you want your donation to go to the building fund!*** All money received by Friends for the building fund will be used **only** for construction of the new building. The only difference is that Friends rather than the Foundation will now be transferring money to CAPSLO for construction costs. Thank you!



Thank You's:

Thanks to Lisa Guy, President of San Luis Obispo High School Black and Gold Boosters; Amanda Eedle, Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair; and students from San Luis Obispo High School, for their recent efforts in coordinating the Empty Bowl Project at the San Luis Obispo Farmer's Market. The Boosters generously covered the costs for the clay and materials that went towards making the beautiful pottery that was sold at the event. We would also like to thank the wonderful vendors who participated in filling the bowls. The hard work and thoughtfulness that went into the beautiful pottery

sold at the event resulted in raising over \$3412.00.



HUB Program:

CAPSLO received a grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide integrated treatment services to individuals struggling with both substance use and mental health issues. CAPSLO is partnering with Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) and Restorative Partners to operate the program called SLO-HUB, which provides substance and mental health counseling, recovery-oriented services (including sober living) and case management services to 30 chronically homeless individuals.

SLO-HUB is an important part of the services to be provided at 40Prado, including the Recuperative Care Program (for individuals discharged from local hospitals), CHC (which will have two medical exam rooms to provide primary care), County Office of Education (after-school activities) and other volunteer organizations that will bring much needed services and support to our clients.



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Friends of 40Prado is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, tax ID 77-0540323. We provide 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.

Two Success Stories:

One of our clients entered services years ago. He had a job and encouraged others to stay on the "straight and narrow", but he had a drinking problem, and fell back into old habits from time to time. Still, he promised staff he would one day get his own place and would return after getting his one-year token of sobriety. Last month, eyes glowing with pride, he did return with his token of being sober, and showed us pictures of his own place and his new job. He thanked us for not giving up on him, and told us that without our holding him accountable, he would still be waiting in line for a bed at the shelter every night.

"June" and "Jim" (a veteran) had fallen on hard times, and came Maxine Lewis Shelter to look for services. Jim had trouble walking up and down the hill on Orcutt Road to the shelter, so they decided to sleep outdoors. But time and the elements took a toll, and finally they decided to ask for a social worker to help with their care and housing search. With this permission, staff reached out to Adult Protective Services and a social worker was immediately assigned to help them. Their priority status for housing has been raised, and our staff found an alternative bus stop that allows them to come to the shelter on level ground. They have been given counseling referrals and vouchers for new clothes. Recently, a worker from the HUD-VA's Supportive Housing program has taken over their case because of Jim's status as a veteran. Sometimes it takes an array of services to get people started on the road back to self-sufficiency!

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.