

# Memorandum from ...

The Newsletter of Friends of 40Prado  
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## 40Prado is Up and Running!

Since the opening of the center last fall, 40Prado has shown itself to be a resounding success and an invaluable addition to our community. It is wonderful for clients and staff to now have both day and night services under one roof. Having had an exceptionally rainy winter, the Warming Center has been open more than ever, providing food and shelter for hundreds of individuals over the past few months, and the family dorms have made families with children feel welcome and safe.

Clients have been participating in the numerous programs and services offered. For example, People's Kitchen provides a daily hot meal, the Safe Parking Program allows clients to park their vehicles without worry, and the Recuperative Care Program serves medically fragile clients and helps them to transition from hospital stays and injury. Other very successful services offered at 40Prado include CHC's onsite primary care clinic, onsite case management, monthly Doggie Days and St. Vincent De Paul, and the CHC Dental Van. The community garden through Cal Poly and City of San Luis Obispo Legacy Project has recently started, and other services and partnerships continue to be sought.

The vision and generosity of this community accomplished an amazing task in building this facility, and the donors, staff and volunteers are doing a fantastic job keeping it going. Great job everyone!



## Cal Poly Honors Project:

Friends of 40Prado is very excited to be working with the Cal Poly Freshmen Honors Program for a second year. The goal of this collaboration is to educate the Cal Poly student body about the growing homeless crisis in our county and to show the students how they can help support the operations of 40Prado. They decided to get started by providing meals for the homeless. One lunch-time at the end of the first quarter, the Honors Program participants assembled a team to ask their fellow

students to donate meals for the homeless. Little did they realize the outpouring of support that would follow. Over 415 meals were collected, along with fruit and bottles of milk and water! The students delivered the meals just in time for the weekend at 40Prado. They are now looking to expand their program

by creating a campus club to support their efforts in serving meals and/or volunteering their time and talents at 40Prado. Great community involvement! Thank you to this Honors Program Project!

## Thank You:

- People Helping People Board represented by Richard Margetson gave a \$20,100 donation from their Needs N' Wishes Annual Fundraiser.
- Participants in the January 1st, Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge, who jumped into the cold ocean and raised \$2,225!
- All our generous donors, including anonymous donors who we are unable to thank individually.

## Estate Planning:

As you think of family, friends and the work we all support from our discretionary funds, it is important to take stock of where you are in your estate planning. Friends of 40Prado hopes that you will consider including our organization in your estate plans so that we may continue supporting the operation of the 40Prado Homeless Services Center.

Contact us for more information on how you can create an estate plan that provides for you and for Friends of 40Prado. While we do not provide legal or financial advice, we can provide useful data to assist you in areas like wills and trusts, beneficiary designations, durable power of attorney, bank or brokerage accounts and charitable distributions of IRAs. If you have questions about your estate plan or how you can support Friends of 40Prado with a tax-wise gift this year or through your estate plans, please contact us. We are happy to help. For more information, please email [admin@friendsof40prado.org](mailto:admin@friendsof40prado.org), or call (805) 541-7963. Thank you!



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.

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John Michener playing Santa at 40Prado

### Join Us as a Friends of 40Prado Board Member:

If you are interested in fundraising for the operations of the 40Prado Homeless Services Center, please contact Mary Matakovich, [mmatakoyavila@gmail.com](mailto:mmatakoyavila@gmail.com) or 805-595-2526. The Board would welcome you to attend a Board meeting and observe our work. We would appreciate additional support as we pursue our fundraising goals.



Cal Poly Freshmen Honors Students

## Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

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