



# Memorandum from ...

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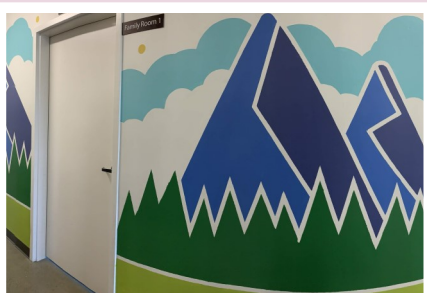


## Community Garden:

On Saturday, June 1, the Community Garden at 40Prado was unveiled with a grand opening celebration. The garden project took nine months to build and included constructing raised beds and planting a variety of flowers and produce. The community garden is for the residents at 40Prado Homeless Services Center and was brought about by a partnership between City employees, 40Prado and Cal Poly student, Johanna Cogen.

City participants were from the Professional Association of City Employees (PACE), who volunteer with various community services projects. They worked with Ms. Cogen, who helped to plan and fund the project. Materials were donated by the City of San Luis Obispo and local businesses, including Ace Hardware, Growing Grounds, Hayward Lumbar, One Cool Earth, and Xtreme Gardening.

The completed garden includes several planter beds of different varieties, and some of the beds are wheelchair accessible. There are two succulent rock beds, tomatoes in pots, flowers and also an herb garden. Tending the garden will be part of the daily chores at the center which will help 40Prado Clients learn valuable gardening skills that may be useful in finding future employment. The garden provides a beautiful, tranquil spot for relaxation, and, of course, a bounty of produce. Some of the harvest from the garden has even been used to supplement meals at the center.



## Cal Poly Mural Project:

May 13th was Homeless Awareness Week! In recognition of this important week, we were fortunate to have a group of Cal Poly volunteers and 40Prado clients create a beautiful mural along the entire wall of the Family

Dorm, which has brightened the area considerably! Thanks to staff person Lela Welsh, who coordinated the event, and to Megan Rivoire, Coordinator at the Center for Service in Action at Cal Poly. Service in Action is designed to provide a broad range of opportunities for students to get involved by providing meaningful service to the off-campus community. Students from this organization worked together to help create the design for the mural and to find volunteer power to complete the 40Prado Mural.

*You're Invited!*



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*Join us!*

You are invited to a fundraising celebration for the First Birthday of the 40Prado Homeless Services Center. Grammy Award winner, **Louie Ortega**, will perform.

Enjoy Bites and Beverages provided by local restaurants and wineries.

All funds raised support ongoing operational expenses of the 40Prado facility.

Tickets: \$125

Find out more at **[FriendsOf40Prado.org](http://FriendsOf40Prado.org)**

## Community in Concert

40Prado Homeless Services Center is celebrating, and you're invited! To commemorate one year of successful operations, we are throwing a birthday bash at the Cuesta College Cultural and Performing Arts Center. We are so excited that Grammy Award winner Louie Ortega will be performing! With a career spanning over three decades, Ortega has established himself as a singer, songwriter and guitarist. We are so excited to welcome the SLO native to the Community in Concert stage! Bites and beverages will be provided by local restaurants and wineries, and we will finish with birthday cupcakes! Community in Concert sold out last year, and tickets are limited, so make sure to get yours early! Visit our website for more information on how to purchase tickets.



<https://friendsof40prado.org/>

## Success Story:

Staff Member Reports: Last year, a 55-year-old lady came to utilize our services. We were able to put her in Safe Parking right away. She had no income, but at times would receive limited amounts from family. Since coming to our new site, she has been a huge help with our laundry program, which benefits all and helps her to feel productive. After a while, she felt ready to apply for employment. To her surprise, she was hired immediately at a local restaurant! You could see her excitement as she explained her position, her fellow staff and how she would spend her first paycheck! Working in the laundry room gave her the confidence to get back into the workforce, and she is now on the road to self-sufficiency!

## Thank You's:

- Thank you to **The Tribune** for sponsoring the Friends of 40Prado table at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. It was a valuable opportunity to make contacts and inform people about the center.
- Cal Poly Honors Student Project continues to be a success. Finishing up this school year with another two-day meal collection of 250 meals a day, for a grand total of 500 meals. Thanks to the support of the Poly Dining Assistant Dining Director **Russell Monteath**, who transported the meals to the center himself. Sincere thanks to the Cal Poly students, who first donate to their own food-challenged students and then to our homeless clients. Special thanks to the **Five Student Team, SLOme** who created this vision to give Cal Poly students a way to help the homeless community. Thank You!
- Thank you to **SLO Provisions** for sponsoring Friends of 40Prado during Mondays in August. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to Friends of 40Prado. Join us!

## SLO High School Empty Bowls:

San Luis Obispo High School Ceramics Club, sponsored by the Black and Gold Booster Club, recently completed the community service project that they call "Empty Bowls", and they donated the proceeds to Friend of 40Prado. For the third year in a row, the students created beautiful hand-crafted ceramic bowls and sold them at the San Luis Obispo Farmers' Market.



The purchase of a bowl also included a coupon from a local restaurant that would then fill the bowl with delicious food. The Boosters sponsor the production of the bowls along with the collection of donations for Friends of 40Prado. Thanks to their efforts, and the contributions of the generous food vendors, we received over two thousand dollars to help support our homeless community members, yes!





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Friends of 40Prado is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, tax ID 77-0540323. We provide support funding for 40Prado Homeless Services Center. **CAPSLO** manages their day-to-day operations. **The People's Kitchen** coordinates hot lunches served daily at 40Prado by organizations throughout the county.



## Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

For more information visit [www.friendsof40prado.org](http://www.friendsof40prado.org). To make donations, go to [www.friendsof40prado.org/donate](http://www.friendsof40prado.org/donate). If you would like to volunteer at 40Prado, please call 544-4355 x121 or email [volunteer@capslo.org](mailto:volunteer@capslo.org).

If you are interested in fundraising for the operations of the 40Prado Homeless Services Center, please contact Mary Matakovich, [mmatakovich-la@gmail.com](mailto:mmatakovich-la@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.

