



# Newsletter

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## Getting Back to Normal

We are all excited to be able to venture out to our favorite restaurants and coffee shops again. As our lives begin to get back to normal, we anticipate the time we will be able to have another live event where we can all gather together for food, fun and fellowship. Until that time, we hope that you will sign-up for our virtual golf tournament, and we'll see you on the leaderboard!

Things are also getting back to normal at 40 Prado. While still following all state-mandated guidelines, numbers at the homeless services center are increasing steadily. Fortunately, random testing is still showing no one testing positive for COVID-19 at 40 Prado, and staff have all been vaccinated along with many of the volunteers and clients. As numbers increase at the center, it is important that we continue to support the vital work that they do. Without you, it would not be possible.

Thank you, *Friends of 40 Prado Board*

## Friends of 40 Prado VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The weather is getting beautiful, and Father's Day is just around the corner, so it's the perfect time to tee up for Friends of 40 Prado! You can enjoy a round of golf and support a great cause at the same time!

This virtual event is just like a traditional tournament, but you can play your round at any time between May 28 - June 28. The format is a traditional four-person scramble to be played at Monarch Dunes Golf Course, Cypress Ridge Golf Course or Morro Bay Golf Course - your choice. Registration gives you access to an app and a website featuring a realtime leaderboard that displays the scores of participants throughout the duration of the tournament. Simply keep score yourself and enter your results into the app as you play.

You can also support Friends of 40 Prado by sponsoring the event. For information about the levels of sponsorship available or to register as a participant, please visit our website - <https://friendsof40prado.org/>



*May 28 - June 28, 2021*



## 34 Prado Road Opening in August

A new Medically Assisted Withdrawal Treatment Center is under construction in San Luis Obispo. It will be the first treatment facility of its kind for homeless and low-income people in San Luis Obispo County. The 2,660-square-foot treatment center is being built next door to the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center and is expected to open its doors in August, according to the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO).

Once completed, this center will be the only detox facility in San Luis Obispo County offering "medication-assisted residential withdrawal management for low-income residents," said Loren Leidinger, CAPSLO's Outreach and Development Director. The need for treatment continues to grow for both individuals who are low-income, Medi-Cal beneficiaries and for others in the community. At least 2% of the individuals assessed by the county are in need of a residential treatment level of care. There are currently only 5 beds covered by Medi-Cal in San Luis Obispo County.

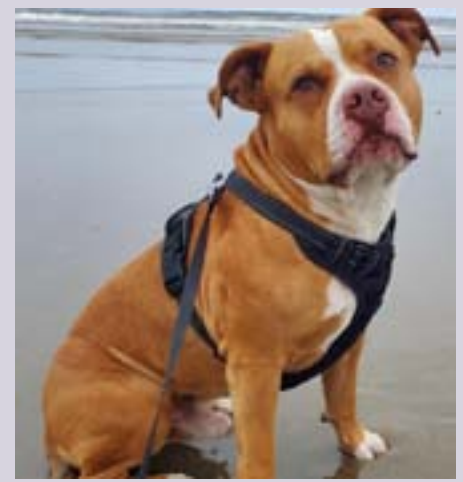
"Our community continues to struggle with opioid and other addictions with few options for treatment," said 40 Prado Director Grace McIntosh. "This facility will fill a gap in our continuum of care and bring much needed services to families struggling with addiction. The community came together to solve this long standing problem. No matter who you are or what your circumstances, all people deserve a chance at recovery."

# 40 Prado Success Story

Efrain and his canine friend Jackson came to 40 Prado together. It was immediately clear that they were constant companions. Recently, Efrain became worried when Jackson began showing signs of illness. They went to a clinic for diagnosis and discovered that Jackson had a kidney stone that necessitated a \$2,000 surgery. Efrain was devastated. He concluded that the only alternative was to euthanize seven-year-old Jackson.

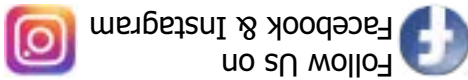
Efrain approached the staff at 40 Prado and told them of the dire situation. 40 Prado Director, Grace McIntosh, called several agencies looking for assistance. Animals in Need Fund came through and paid for a second opinion at the Animal Care Clinic in SLO. They confirmed that Jackson needed immediate surgery. This news set off a flurry of phone calls to find the funds needed. Help began to appear. Maryanne, a pet lover and 40 Prado volunteer, set up a Go Fund Me page. Within 24 hours, Pets of the Homeless contributed part of the cost, Animals in Need matched their contribution, and an anonymous donor paid the remaining \$500!

Jackson is recovering from his surgery and will soon be out and about with Efrain again. Maryanne has generously agreed to keep him supplied with the special dog food he will need during recovery. We are so very grateful to everyone who came together in record time to help our pooch!



Read more Success Stories on our website - <https://friendsof40prado.org/>

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