

Introducing the New Director of 40 Prado...Jack Lahey

Jack is the new Director of Homeless Services at CAPSLO, directing services and operations at 40 Prado. Jack previously held positions in leadership in Los Angeles-based non-profits addressing homelessness. He has served as a leader at LA Family Housing and Skid Row Housing Trust, directing rapid rehousing programs, prevention programs, and permanent supportive housing programs. He was a leader in the development and implementation of policies and programs that assist individuals end their experience of homelessness. Prior to that, Jack was a research coordinator managing multiple MIH projects focused on homelessness, PSH, community integration, aging, and the LA County Homeless Count Demographic Survey. Jack has dedicated his entire career to understanding the root causes of homelessness, using research and data to best implement policy and practice, and striving to end the experience of homelessness for everyone.

Jack met his wife, Juliette Lahey (who is also a CAPSLO employee, the Head Start coach for SLO County), while both were serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Los Angeles and Phoenix, respectively. They spend a lot of time with their 3 year old son John, and are expecting another son in December of 2021. They recently moved from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo to be closer to family and to raise their family. Jack and John already have a tradition of spending Saturdays exploring SLO County, always starting with a trip to SLODOCO for doughnuts! They are enjoying life in SLO and look forward to being an active part of positive change in the community.



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Dear Friends,

2021 was another year for the history books, but through all the ups and downs, the Friends of 40 Prado continued supporting ongoing operations at the 40 Prado shelter for our unhoused community members. The life-saving, life-changing, life-affirming work that happens at 40 Prado happens because of supporters like you.

In 2021, despite operating at less than full capacity due to COVID constraints and weathering a COVID-19 outbreak at the center, 40 Prado continued to show results and make a positive impact in our community. They are projected to have over 26,000 bed nights (or beds that have had a person in them) and have served over 65,000 meals this year. This is a best in class shelter, and while homelessness remains visible in our community, we are making a difference.

We on the Friends of 40 Prado board are grateful for the continued support of community members like you who make this work possible. You are how we keep the shelter open for the most vulnerable among us to get the help they need. I hope you will continue supporting all the essential work happening at 40 Prado this holiday season.

2021 has been another challenging year for our community with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The work that 40 Prado homeless shelter has done to help those most in need in this community has been extraordinary in these trying times. Without the services provided at the center, there would be even more people in our community out on the streets with no hope for a better future.

This great community's donations and volunteering helps ensure that the most vulnerable get the help they need. You are what helps us keep the shelter open and operating and for that I am thankful. Homelessness touches all of us in different ways and with your support we are fighting the good fight against it.

I would like to thank all of you for the support that you have given over the last year and look forward to your continued support.

Christopher Gomez, Chair

Friends of 40 Prado Board of Directors: Deborah Amorteguy, Tim Connelly, Anna Devers, Ty Green, Robert Igel, Christine LaBuda, John Spatafore, and Brynne Speizer



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Your Contribution is Very Important!

\$5000 - 100 dinner meals (per night) for 10 weeks

\$2500 - 10 Warming Station nights

\$1000 - Estimated cost for food, services, shelter for one client a month

\$500 - 100 towel replacements

\$250 - One Warming Station night

\$100 - Support Safe Parking Program

\$50 - Healthy evening snacks for 100 children

\$20 - A shelter night for one person

\$40 for 40 Prado
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 \$40 provides a shelter night for two people. Visit our website to sign-up for a monthly recurring donation.



40 Prado Success Story - A Letter From a Former Client

Since leaving 40 Prado, I've rented an apartment, and I have taken a job at Von's working graveyard. My little girl, Traci, has started walking and will be starting pre-school in January. She is thriving with her therapists. I am in school obtaining my highschool diploma, which will be completed in November. Then I will be pursuing a career as an EMT. I now have a new car. I have petitioned for guardianship over Traci and have Zoom Court on December 10, 2021. I've already been told that it will be granted. I was cleared by CPS, and now I am waiting to be cleared by a court investigator. I am taking a class offered by Seneca called "Pathways to Permanence." This class is teaching me how to go from being a grandparent to being a parent to a grandchild that i will be permanently raising. It also provides teaching tools for raising a child with disabilities. The next phase is buying a home for Traci and myself.

- Chris



Day Services

- Restroom, Laundry and Shower Facilities
- Newspapers and Computers for Job and Housing Searches
- Local Phone Use & Mail/Message Services
- Children's Programs and Supplies
- Health Screenings
- People's Kitchen Provide Hot Lunch
- Lockers for Storing Personal Items
- Community Vegetable Garden

Night/Other Services

- CAPSLO Case Management
- Dinner Every Night
- Men's, Women's and Family Dorms for 124 Individuals
- Warming Station for Additional People During Severe Weather
- Safe Night-Time Parking
- Bus Tokens
- AA, NA Weekly Meetings
- Housing Referrals
- Recuperative Care

Partner Agencies

- Friends of 40 Prado
- CAPSLO
- People's Kitchen
- Community Health Center
- Transitions Mental Health
- Community Counseling Center
- Local Thrift Stores - Clothing Closet
- Restorative Partners
- SLO Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Association
- People Helping People