

Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, we just want to thank you again for your continued support for 40 Prado Homeless Services Center and the valuable work that they do. 40 Prado provides health screenings, laundry facilities, hot meals, showers, restrooms and much more. Through CAPSLO's Case Management Program, many have secured permanent housing and have found hope for a brighter future.

Activity at the center steadily increased throughout the year. The most active month of the year for the Day Program was definitely December, with an average of 91.5 persons served per day, and a total of 26,700 visits for 2021. The Night Program hosted an average of 96.2 persons per night, with an average of 8.2 children per night. These numbers clearly show that 40 Prado is filling an essential need in our county, and we are so grateful for your contributions and support.

Friends of 40 Prado Board



40 Prado Services Spotlight - Warming Center



Photo by: Rachel Showalter, KCBX News

December was an exciting month for our Homeless Service Division. On top of the fun and stimulating events of the holidays, Warming Center was BUSY!!! We had 15 Warming Center nights. After several Warming Center nights in a row, we could have chosen to not open the Warming Center on Christmas Eve and Christmas, but our staff rallied and said, "We can't possibly run the risk of having to turn someone away on these nights." This is reflective of the heart and soul of the team within Homeless Services. The guests at 40 Prado had a wonderful holiday season with the support of our community who filled our kitchen with yummy food, provided gifts for our families, and met numerous needs with in-kind giving. - *Lawren Ramos, CAPSLO*

A warming center is a short-term emergency shelter that operates when temperatures or a combination of precipitation, wind chill, wind and temperature become dangerously inclement. While we generally have mild weather on the Central Coast, those who are unhoused are greatly affected by rain and drops in temperature. The Warming Center at 40 Prado provides overnight guests with a safe and dry place to sleep and a hot meal.

The SLO City Warming Center at 40 Prado opens when either of the following criteria are met: 38 degrees and/or 50%+ chance of rain, according to the National Weather Service. Those in need can receive updates by calling 211 or texting their zip code to 898211.

Warming Center Stats

- 28 nights in 2021
- 65 individuals utilized the warming center/308 times
- 13 were new clients to 40 Prado (first point of contact/engagement)
- 41 had never used shelter services before
- 81% male/17% female/2% other

Announcements

- **Community in Concert - Save the Date!** Community in Concert is just around the corner. Join us at CPAC on March 20 for food, fellowship and beautiful music. Check our website for more information.
- **Thank you to People Helping People of Baywood - Los Osos, Needs 'N Wishes and Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge.** They very generously donated proceeds from their annual events to Friends of 40 Prado.
- **Congratulations to CAPSLO's Director of Homeless Services, Jack Lahey!** He and his wife Juliette are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Welcome little one!



40 Prado Success Stories

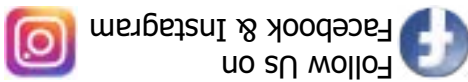
Families staying at 40 Prado had a very special Christmas this year thanks to generous community members and a very special case manager. Throughout the month of December, 40 Prado received an abundance of toys and games for kids. These items were sorted and wrapped by one of 40 Prado's awesome case managers. On Christmas day, families were escorted into a room with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree surrounded by gifts. The children were then surprised by their very own Santa who helped pass out gifts and took photos with the children. There was so much joy and light radiating from the faces of the kids as they opened their gifts and played with their new toys. The Holiday spirit was brought to life at 40 Prado thanks to dedicated community members, hard-working staff and, an awesome Santa played by volunteer Scott Pickford.

Also, the SLO Jewish Community Center very generously distributed food and care packages in a socially distanced 'to-go' format for walk-up and drive through guests at 40 Prado Homeless Services Center and numerous other pre-designated locations through San Luis Obispo County.

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



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



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In December, there were 179 unduplicated clients including 22 unduplicated children in the 40 Prado Night Program.

"On 10/24 we increased our capacity to 115 in response to a large storm, providing 111 individuals and families shelter that evening and did not turn anyone away."
-Jack Lahey

Your Support Makes it All Possible!



Donations/Volunteer Opportunities

To make donations or to find out more about Friends of 40 Prado, go to friendsof40prado.org or follow us on Social Media. To volunteer, please call (805) 544-4355 x121 or email volunteer@capslo.org.