

Friends of 40PRADO Newsletter

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The Good Work Continues at 40 Prado!

We are all breathing a sigh of relief since COVID numbers are down. It is so wonderful to be able to see smiling faces again! The easing of restrictions is bringing with it an increase in clients at 40 Prado, and the wonderful team of staff and volunteers are working together to ensure that all of the clients receive the vital assistance that they need.

In the month of March, 40 Prado's Day Program served 250 unduplicated participants and 20 unduplicated children. People's Kitchen served hot lunch to an average of 65 persons per day. The Night Program hosted an average of 91 persons per night, and 58 participants used the laundry services. Your contributions keep all of these programs going and ensure that these essential services are available to those most in need in SLO County.

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Spotlight - Community in Concert

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for Community in Concert! It was such a beautiful day, and we truly enjoyed the opportunity to see everyone and to come together in support of the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center. Thanks also to our generous sponsors and food and wine vendors. The bites and beverages were a perfect compliment to the day. Entertainment was graciously provided by Festival Mozaic's Jonah Kim and dancers from SLO Movement Arts. The program was a treat for both the ears and the eyes! Finally, we would like to thank our emcee, Ray Riordon. He guided us through the day with sincerity and humor. We greatly appreciate everyone who helped make the day such a success!



40 Prado Success Stories

Things are looking up for Molly Avelar. When Molly is asked about her life, she says that she was lost, but now she is found. While it took a great deal of hard work on her part, she also gratefully acknowledges the assistance from the staff and volunteers at the homeless services center. "Prado helped me out so much!" Years ago, Molly suffered a traumatic brain injury that caused severe memory loss, leaving her homeless. She told Prado staff, "I was living out by the Bob Jones Trail on the streets." She struggled with drugs and was unable to work.

Fortunately, in the summer of 2020, her memory began to improve. These improvements enabled her to get the help that she needed to begin her journey to a better life. While she had used the services at Prado sporadically, she had never re-



ally committed to working with the Case Management Program. However, as she began to heal physically, she was finally ready. She found that she enjoyed being at 40 Prado. She said, "I would help out as much as I could wherever I could." Eventually, she was able to get a full-time job and start saving. "This is the most I've had in a long time," she said proudly. Her hard work has paid off. Recently, she found out that she was chosen for a program in North County that enabled her to finally have a home of her own. Welcome home Molly!

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

manages their day-to-day operations. The People's Kitchen coordinates hot lunches served daily at 40 Prado by organizations throughout the county. 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



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