

## With Your Help, 40 Prado is Making a Difference!

We hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful weather and long summer days! It's the perfect time to get out and appreciate the natural beauty of SLO County. Recently, many community leaders and members attended Public Safety SLO's Forum on Housing and Homelessness. It was wonderful to see so many concerned residents coming together to address the issue of homelessness on the Central Coast. San Luis Obispo County has also recently released a draft of the Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness 2022-2027. If you would like to read the report, there is a link to it on our website.

At the center, 40 Prado served an average of 79 persons per day and 77 per night. The Shelter hosted 20 unduplicated children, an average of 4 children per day and 5 per night. People's Kitchen served hot lunch to an average of 64 persons per day.

*Friends of 40 Prado Board*

## Spotlight - 40 Prado Success Stories



Gary and his service animal, Lilly, came to 40 Prado seeking help after Gary lost his housing, due to multiple traumatic incidents in his life. He struggled with severe anxiety and depression, and he did not feel comfortable staying in the shelter. Fortunately, Gary has a vehicle, so he was able to participate in 40 Prado's Safe Parking Program.

Gary began working with a housing case manager. He had only been receiving general assistance, but with the help of his case manager, Gary qualified for both Social Security and Disability Income. Gary was also able to obtain mental health services to address his anxiety and depression. Additionally, he worked with a primary care doctor through the CHC at 40 Prado. His case manager assisted him in searching for a house and completing applications and also advocated for him to obtain permanent, supportive housing. After 8 months of living out of his vehicle and struggling with the stress and anxiety of being homeless, Gary and his dog Lilly are now housed!

Emily started accessing services at 40 Prado in September 2021. Emily was always a positive force in the shelter. She participated in the Housing Focus Program (HFP), which provided basic support from Homeless Services Workers in collecting vital documents, filling out forms, and preparing for case management services. She was very diligent and followed through with every step of the program. Recently, Emily was assigned a case manager, and she was housed within 2 months! The team at 40 Prado are still there to help and support Emily with her goals while in housing.

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



James was living in his car at the Los Osos vehicle encampment when members of the CAPSLO outreach team found him. The vehicle encampment area where James was staying had been designated as a place where people could safely park overnight and use amenities like showers and bathrooms. Soon after meeting the team from CAPSLO, James transitioned to the Safe Parking Program at 40 Prado. Less than a month later, the vehicle encampment area was shut down due to an ordinance prohibiting overnight camping in the city.

At 40 Prado, James quickly enrolled with a case manager. Through hard work with staff, he was able to acquire medical insurance. Additionally, he started working with a primary care physician, who helped him to regain his strength and health. James was soon able to increase his access to benefits and increase his income, which allowed him to receive permanent housing.

# 40 Prado News

Welcome Cecil Hale, Homeless Services Center and Interim Housing Manager at 40 Prado (Day, Night, Kitchen, and Recuperative Care Programs). Cecil was previously an outreach worker at CAPSLO, but he left CAPSLO to oversee two Project HomeKey sites in Fresno for Turning Point. We welcome him to 40 Prado, and he is already contributing so much!

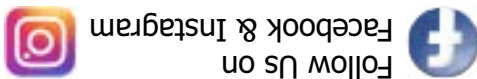
We undertook a revamped training program for all staff here at 40 Prado to refocus the role of the HSW (our latest group of staff) to conduct all intakes and coordinated entry assessments. In addition to that, we began meeting as staff to improve our services here, and we hope to be able to share some changes with you all shortly.

Sadly, in May we had another COVID outbreak at 40 Prado. We worked with Public Health to provide care and shelter to our participants. We quickly ran out of space in trailers behind the center and had to bring in multiple county agencies and other service providers to help us meet the needs of our guests and maintain safety. With advice and support from Public Health and our community partners, we converted our family dorms into a COVID isolation and quarantine area. We were able to get all staff to pitch in to make this happen safely and quickly, allowing us to house 25 guests who were COVID positive. CHC (our onsite clinic) were able to provide medical support to all of our guests, and they even set up an outdoor clinic to meet with our COVID positive guests.

*Jack Lahey, Director of Homeless Services*



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