

40 Prado Is Serving Record Numbers!

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we'd like to say thanks again to all of the wonderful people who give their time and energy to lend a hand at the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center. **We are so grateful to all of the amazing volunteers who help keep the center running.** If you would like to volunteer, please go to <https://capslo.org/volunteer/> to sign up today.

In the month of March, The Access Center (formerly called the Day Program) had 482 unduplicated participants from 392 households. The average number of persons served per day was 144. **The Shelter Program (Night Program) hosted an average of 111 persons per night and turned away 0 individuals due to over capacity.** There were 18 unduplicated children over the month, with an average of 11 children per night. The shelter served 136 dinners per night, including Community Dinners & Warming Center Dinners.

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Spotlight - 40 Prado Success!

The Housing Navigation Program has been a great success! As of March 31, the program had **93 households assigned to a Navigator and actively working on a housing plan.** Since the beginning of the program, 73 households have achieved housing.

Deborah was first encountered over a year ago by CAPSLO's SLO City Outreach Team on the Bob Jones Trail. The team coordinated with 40 Prado Homeless Services Center to get Deborah a bed and a case manager. From there, Deborah was referred to the Coordinated Entry Program and eventually was able to secure housing in Paso Robles with the help of Transitions Mental Health Association. **Deborah is now living happily with her dog in subsidized housing.**



Randy worked for the California Department of Fire for many years and was also a school bus driver for several years. Unfortunately, he had a school bus accident that ended his career. He ended up unemployed, physically and emotionally broken and living at 40 Prado. His small pension was barely enough to allow him to get off the streets and out of the shelter. He needed surgery but could not be approved for the procedure until he had housing where he could recover. **At the shelter, Randy was the type of client who was friendly and used humor to help himself and others get through the day.** After being chosen for case management, he began working with Housing Navigator Josh (can be seen in the welcome-home photo next to Randy). Eventually, after careful work from both parties, Randy found a small home on the top of the mountains in

Cayucos. He is still facing physical pain from his accident, and is trying to secure disability payments, but he now has a home where he can get better and focus on the future.

Charles had been homeless for much of his adult life. He struggled with alcoholism, and as a result, he became disconnected from his family. After working with both the SLO City Outreach Team and the 40 Prado Housing Navigation Team, he was able to procure a Section 8 Mainstream Voucher through the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo and find a home for himself in a downtown apartment complex. **Charles is 60 years old this year and is happy to be doing well as a member of our community.** His favorite phrase, "All too well," is surely a reference to the difficult challenges that he faced in the past. Now, though, he smiles when he says it, as he's beginning to appreciate that he now has a different, more stable and comfortable way of life.

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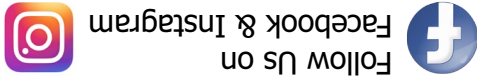
40 Prado Is Growing!

CAPSLO has purchased the lot at 46 Prado Road, right next door to 40 Prado! They plan expand the campus by building a family-exclusive shelter on this site. The immediate goal is to provide emergency shelter for families of varying size, along with indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, pet-friendly facilities, and office and mixed-use spaces for services like childcare and case management.



In recent years, there has been a major surge in the number of families experiencing homelessness in our area. The number of homeless families in SLO County has more than doubled from 2017 to 2022, according to data from the 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count. **Lately, our shelter has been at capacity almost every night, with higher numbers of families.** Needs have changed since we built 40 Prado, and a family-exclusive facility is the next step. At 46 Prado, we aim to build “non-congregate” housing, with separate units for families. Each unit will have its own private bathroom, sleeping quarters and kitchenette. This kind of space is crucial for keeping families safe and comfortable.

Friends of 40 Prado 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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