

Friends of 40PRADO

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Happy 2024 to All Our Friends!

We hope that you all had a warm and wonderful holiday season! Things have been busier than ever at the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center. We would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the center running smoothly 24/7. As always, we are so grateful to our dedicated donors who make it all possible.

In the month of November, the Day Program had 380 unduplicated participants from 350 households. The average number of persons served per day was 137. The day program hosted 15 unduplicated children and an average of 5 children per day. The Shelter program hosted an average of 113 persons per night and provided 23 new intakes to shelter. There were 18 unduplicated children over the month, with an average of 11 children per night. People's Kitchen served hot lunch to an average of 99 persons daily. The breakfast program served an average of 108 per day. Friends of 40 Prado Board

Spotlight - Thank You!



Needs 'n Wishes

South Bay Seniors People Helping People put on the 18th annual Needs 'N Wishes Holiday Fundraiser, with proceeds benefitting 40 Prado.

2023 was one for the record books for People's Kitchen. They served 2,899 first time meals in December, bringing the total for the year to 32,799. That is the highest annual total ever!

The Dave Becker Quintet, sponsored by Mike and D.D. Patrick, donated proceeds from their Christmas Jazz Vespers concert to Friends of 40 Prado.

St. Stephen's Church provided wonderful gifts for the children at the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center!

Avila Beach Polar Bear Plunge regularly donates the proceeds from the sale of their commemorative T-Shirts to Friends of 40 Prado.



Polar Bear Plunge



People's Kitchen & Volunteers



Dave Becker Quintet



St. Stephen's Church

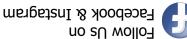
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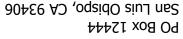
In June, the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center began transitioning their current Shelter Program to a Housing-Focused Shelter Program with a 90-Day Bed Program. The new focus places a higher priority on helping clients transition to permanent housing while limiting their stay to 90 days. This approach prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness in order to end their homelessness and serves as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. Having a guaranteed bed for 90 days allows clients to work more closely with case managers to develop a plan to find housing. In November, the Housing Navigation team added two new team members - increasing the number of Navigators to 4 for individuals and 1 ½ for families. Since the Housing-Focused Shelter program was launched in September of 2023, 79 households have been enrolled in the program and assigned to a Navigator. Since that time, 13 households have achieved housing, with 58 households actively working on a housing plan with their Navigator.



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