

## Happy New Year to All Our Donors!

We hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season! Again, we would like to shine a light on the amazing success of the Housing Focused Shelter Program. As of December 31, the HFSP had 66 households enrolled with an assigned Navigator. Every household is actively working on a housing plan with his/her navigator. **Since the beginning of the program (August 29, 2023), 214 households have achieved housing (an average of 1 housed every 2.3 days)!**

Additionally, the Access Program served an average of 124 persons per day. The Shelter Program hosted an average of 111 persons per night, with an average of 16 children each night. They served an average of 112 dinners each night, and The People's Kitchen served an average of 96 lunches each day. 40 Prado is truly making a difference in the lives of so many!

*Friends of 40 Prado Board*

## Spotlight - 40 Prado Warming Center

Another wonderful way that the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center serves the community is through providing a location for The SLO City Warming Center. **Having a warming center is crucial because it provides a safe, temporary space for people to escape dangerously cold weather.** This essential space helps to guard against potential health risks like hypothermia and frostbite, especially for vulnerable populations like the homeless or elderly who might not have adequate shelter during extreme cold spells. The warming center opens when the following conditions occur: 38\* F or lower or if there is a 50% chance of rain or greater, according to the National Weather Service.



**Overnight guests at the warming center are provided a safe and warm place to sleep, clean clothing, a hot shower, and a hot meal.** Secure kennels are provided for pets and emotional support animals, and Registered Service Animals are allowed inside the warming center. The warming center closes at 8am the following morning and is considered a short-term shelter situation. Participants are required to be in good standing with 40 Prado but are not required to enroll in other services.

In the months of **November and December of 2024, the warming center at 40 Prado sheltered 249 participants** (includes duplicates), and it is scheduled to be open 7 nights in January, 2025. Clearly, this service is vitally important to those without secure housing in our community.

### The Warming Center currently needs volunteers as well as donations of the following:

- New (or cleaned) bedding for twin beds (fitted & top sheets, quilts, heavy blankets, and pillows/pillowcases)
- Large backpacks, tents, and sleeping bags
- New (or cleaned) socks and new (or cleaned) winter or work gloves
- Rain gear/ponchos/umbrellas
- Warm Clothing (pants/sweatpants, sweaters, & coats)
- Gift Cards (for gas, clothing, and food)
- Coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, Instant Noodle/Cup of Noodles



**Donations can be delivered to 40 Prado Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.** If you have any questions about Warming Center donations and/or general questions, please call 805-544-4004 x2.

## 40 Prado Success

Michael was in and out of 40 Prado for several years before he was selected to receive Housing Navigation services. Once in the program, he and his case manager worked together to define some goals that would help Michael improve the overall quality of his life. First of all, they worked on bettering Michael's health, as he had been struggling with health issues for some time. Secondly, he wanted to be reunited with his family in Alaska. Finally, he needed to find a way to maintain his beloved motorcycle. **The CHC medical crew who work at Prado provided professional care and guidance to help Michael restore his health. He worked very hard, and after almost a year in the program, the plan to reunite Michael with his family finally came to fruition.** CAPSLO was able to fund his plane ticket home and to cover the shipping and crating costs of his Honda VTX1300. You see here a photo of Michael at the airport, as he is about to board the plane that would take him home to his family and end his bout of homelessness.

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



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## Holiday Celebrations at 40 Prado

This past holiday season at 40 Prado was very festive with lots of gifts, caroling and an appearance by Santa! The center hosted a big holiday party, and everyone enjoyed the music and fun. **Volunteers served appetizers which were enjoyed by all. Santa distributed gifts to the children that were very generously donated by St. Stephen's Church.** Thank you so much to everyone who came together to make the holiday magical!

**We would also like to sincerely thank all of our donors who support the wonderful work that is done every single day at 40 Prado.**



## Donations/Volunteer Opportunities

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