



Newsletter

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Thank You to Our Donors and Volunteers!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer! Things have been heating-up at 40 Prado with record-breaking numbers. In June, the Access Center had 427 unduplicated participants from 404 households. The average number of persons served per day was 155, and there were a total of 90 intakes for the month. The Shelter program hosted an average of 103 persons per night. Over the month, there were 11 unduplicated children, with an average of 9 children per night. The shelter served 125 dinners per night, including Community Dinners and Warming Center dinners.

Please note that our phone system is still out of order. For information or questions about monetary donations, please email us at admin@friendsof40prado.org or use the contact page on our website. For information about donating goods or services, please contact the center directly at (805) 544-4004. We are so sorry for any inconvenience, and we will update you when the situation is remedied.

Friends of 40 Prado Board

Spotlight - Celebrating Volunteers!

At the core of every thriving community are the individuals who give their time, energy and compassion to make a difference. We are very grateful to have so many dedicated volunteers, including retirees, Cal Poly students and community members, who step forward to support 40 Prado. Whether serving a meal, helping at the front desk or beautifying the facility, their time and talents are invaluable. Volunteers extend the reach of the center and deepen its impact.

So far in 2025, volunteers have contributed more than 9,900 hours of service! This milestone reflects the dedication, compassion, and generosity of the individuals who have chosen to make a meaningful contribution to our community, and we are honored that they are part of the team. Thank you to all our volunteers for being a vital part of 40 Prado's mission. It's so exciting to see the wonderful results of this collaboration.

Interested in Volunteering? Getting involved is easy! The process is designed to match your interests with the right opportunity. Simply visit capslo.org/volunteer, fill out the online application, and select the program areas that inspire you most.



40 Prado Success Story

Joseph is one the many clients who has found housing thanks to the Housing-Focused Shelter Program at 40 Prado. As of June 30, 2025, the HFSP had 79 households enrolled with an assigned Housing Navigator. Every participant in the program is actively working on a housing plan with his or her navigator to map out the steps that will lead to finding a home. It is exciting to note that since the beginning of the program on August 29 of 2023 (641 days), 280 households have achieved housing. This is an average of 1 housed every 2.4 days!

Joseph had this to say about his time at 40 Prado: "I just want to take a moment to acknowledge the care and concern that the 40 Prado staff has shown. Many participants have been helpful too. In times when challenges seem overwhelming, it's this genuine compassion that helps us find solutions together." Joe is currently staying at Fountain Square of Lompoc, an assisted living center. He will be able to stay there for approximately nine months while he waits for an opening in a federally funded facility.

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

The People's Kitchen of San Luis Obispo

40 Prado is dedicated to serving participants and community members healthy, scratch-made meals. While the homeless services team provides breakfast and dinner 365 days a year, the People's Kitchen ensures that a delicious and nutritious lunch is available 364 days a year.

The People's Kitchen is a shining example of community generosity and is powered by over 40 volunteer groups. These groups are composed of local churches, service clubs and dedicated retirees who generously donate their time. They all show-up with warm smiles and treat everyone like family. Coordinating over 40 different teams and hundreds of volunteers, who make and serve lunch every day, is a monumental task. At the heart of this incredible effort is Mary Parker (shown right), who has dedicated 40 years of her life to serving the homeless. As the head of the People's Kitchen, Mary has led her team through many changes, finally finding a permanent home at 40 Prado. Mary is supported by the excellent work of her core team members: Crissy, Debbie, Lois, Kevin, Pat and Mark, along with each and every one of their invaluable volunteers. We are humbled by her unwavering leadership and the generosity of this group. The tireless work of the People's Kitchen ensures that our community is fed with dignity and care.



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Special Thanks to the People's Kitchen



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