

Sheltering Those In Need

- 1771 persons and 305 families enrolled through the Coordinated Entry System.
- 35,957 breakfast and 45,595 dinner meals, a total of 81,652 meals served.
- 39,650 participated in shelter nights, with 4,491 child bed nights.
- Warming station opened for 197 nights and served 1,918 clients.
- There were 3,438 safe parking nights, 9.4 average per night.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025



November 2025

Dear Friends,

Throughout 2025, Friends of 40 Prado has continued its mission to raise vital funds in support of the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center, and we could not have done it without you. Homelessness remains a visible and complex challenge across our community, but thanks to your generosity, real progress is being made. This year, 40 Prado provided thousands of safe nights of shelter, nutritious meals, and essential services such as medical care, counseling, and job placement assistance to individuals and families seeking stability and a fresh start.

As the shortage of affordable housing persists and the cost of living continues to rise, the demand for 40 Prado's services has never been greater. As our Homeless Services Director, Jack Lahey, has noted, "The main difference between 40 Prado's clients and others is that our clients have to navigate their personal struggles in the public eye, while those in houses have the luxury of struggling privately." Your compassion and continued support help bridge that gap—providing not only shelter and sustenance, but also dignity, stability, and the opportunity for a new beginning.

As we enter this holiday season and look ahead to 2026, we invite you to renew your commitment to Friends of 40 Prado. Your contribution ensures that 40 Prado can continue offering critical programs and a pathway to hope for those in need. On behalf of all of us at Friends of 40 Prado and the individuals and families whose lives you touch, thank you. Your generosity sustains this work and strengthens the fabric of our community.

Christopher Gomez, Chair

Friends of 40 Prado Board of Directors: Deborah Amorteguy, Robert Igel, Brynne Speizer, Tim Connely, Ty Green

Services Offered at 40 Prado

Day Services

- CAPSLO Case Management
- Restroom, Laundry and Shower Facilities
- Newspapers and Computers for Job and Housing Searches
- Local Phone Use & Mail/ Message Services
- Bus Tokens
- Children's Programs and Supplies
- Health Screenings
- AA, NA Weekly Meetings
- People's Kitchen Hot Lunch Served Daily

Night Services

- Dinner Every Night
- Men's, Women's and Family Dorms for 125 Individuals
- Warming Station for Additional People During Severe Weather
- Safe Night-Time Parking

Partner Agencies

- Friends of 40 Prado
- People's Kitchen
- Community Health Center
- Transitions Mental Health
- Community Counseling Center



40 Prado Volunteers



From 40 Prado to a Home

Tyrone had been homeless for 6 years. His experiences with homelessness included couch surfing, camping on the streets, staying at various shelters, and even traveling on the bus all day long, transferring from one stop to the next, in order to have a safe place to close his eyes. "I just remember being tired. Every moment of rest, I would fall asleep." For years, Tyrone struggled to make ends meet; his focus was to help support his children who were living with his ex-wife. "I never wanted a handout, but I could never afford to pay child support and have a home of my own either."

Tyrone's children are adults now and flourishing, so he no longer needs to pay child support. Some 16 months ago, Tyrone got a new job at Food For Less. While he was able to afford the occasional short hotel stay, he was unable to find a permanent residence. (Continued on other side.)

Your Contributions Make a Difference!





\$20 - **A Fresh Start to the Day** - This covers the cost of a shower, towel, hygiene products and a fresh change of clothes.

\$50 - **A Safe Place to Sleep** - This covers the cost of an overflow bed for one night, cost of cot, sheets, pillow, etc. This is one less person we have to turn away.

\$100 - A Day of Learning- This ensures children experiencing homelessness and their parents have the educational supplies they need for school.

\$250 - Warm For The Night - This includes all of the expenses for an individual to experience Warming Center, such as cot, sheets, shower, and meals.

\$500 - Almost There- This covers all the application fees, transportation to interviews and appointments for an individual or family that is almost there and near the last steps of ending their experience of homelessness.

\$1000 - Travel Home - This covers the total cost of an individual or family who reunited with relatives to end their experience of homelessness.

\$2500 - On the Road (and feet) Again- This allows a participant in our Safe Parking Program the resources they need to get back into housing.

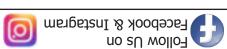
\$5000 - End of the Journey- This amount provides move-in expenses for a family who is ending their experience of homelessness.

Friends of 40Prado 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.

Play it Forward Event, Oct. 11



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Tyrone's Journey (cont.)

On July 11th, 2025, Tyrone attended an Access Center Orientation. There, he was given a tour of the shelter, signed-up for services and was put on the waitlist for the 90-Day Program, which would enable him to receive case management. On September 15th, 2025 Tyrone's name came up, and he was assigned a Housing Navigator. Tyrone started staying at the shelter to sleep during the days so that he could work overnight.

"When I met my case manager, we just clicked from day one. When he said jump, I said, 'how high?' I was just getting used to the shelter system, sleeping in my bed, with all the different sounds going on. When he called up and asked me if I wanted an apartment, I was, like, 'YES!'"

On September 26th, 2025, just 11 days after entering Housing Navigation, Tyrone signed a lease to an apartment in downtown SLO. Through Cal Aims Community Supports programs, Tyrone was able to get his deposit and first month's rent paid, which helped him transition to his new life. "Now I can grow old gracefully, and the only worry I have is taking care of and bettering my health. Since I have been housed, my kids have both visited me more in a month than almost my whole time being homeless."

Tyrone continues to utilize day services at 40 Prado, where he grabs the occasional lunch. He also utilizes the Community Health Centers clinic at Prado. He stops by St. Stephen's Day Center almost daily to visit with the outreach workers: "Prado and St. Stephen's, along with my children; that's my community."



