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Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County COVID-19 Response

Update on 40 Prado Homeless Services Shelter

Friday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. — Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO) takes the health and well-being of our client families, our staff, and our community with the utmost seriousness. An essential service provided by CAPSLO includes the programs and emergency shelter provided at the 40 Prado Homeless Services Center.

As of today, the Homeless Service Center located at 40 Prado Road, San Luis Obispo, CA: 805-544-4004, x-100, is open and working with onsite partner, Community Health Centers, to keep volunteers, clients and staff safe. Due to the ever-changing situation please call 40 Prado to get the latest information on restricted access. To date, we have had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 which we owe to the cooperation of the clients and the vigilance of the staff.

Every day we are serving the homeless community to help people on their path to independence. In a recent example, A young man in his 20's showed up at the door for assistance. He was from Southern California and had never been to 40 Prado but someone told him he could come to take a shower and do his laundry. He was clearly exhausted. Due to the COVID-19 safety protocols at 40 Prado, staff directed him to go around to the back so that they could talk more with him. While this was happening, John Klevins with the SLO City Police Community Action Team (CAT) happened to drive up and 40 Prado Director, Grace McIntosh, told John about the young man and asked if there was any help that he could offer. After talking with the young man, John was able to find out that the man had a mother in Oregon whom he hadn't spoken with in several years due to a "falling out." He was initially unwilling to have John call his mother, saying he was "ashamed," but finally agreed. As soon as John called and identified himself, the mother burst into tears saying that she thought her son was dead. After talking together for a while, both mother and son agreed that he should return home and John committed to getting the son a train ticket the next day. 40 Prado agreed to accept the young man and after taking his temperature, placed him in a separate area where he could take a shower and sleep for the rest of the day and night. Staff did his laundry that night and the next morning he boarded the train to Oregon.

Current needs:

- Coffee
- Sleeping bags
- 33 gallon or larger garbage bags
- Tents
- Nail clippers
- Ear plugs
- Breakfast Foods
- Simple Green cleaning solution
- Monetary donations which can be made by visiting: www.capslo.org/donation-homeless
(monetary donations allow us the flexibility to purchase what is needed or to pay for unexpected operational expenses)
- Volunteers to serve meals
- Organizations to volunteer to bring meals, especially dinner

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About Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO), has been San Luis Obispo County's federally-designated community action agency since 1965. CAPSLO is an independent non-profit agency. Each year the agency provides services to over 30,000 individuals in 11 California counties, providing a range of services that help low income individuals increase their economic stability and level of self-sufficiency. For more information visit: www.capslo.org or call (805) 544-4355.