

We are proud to announce the first of Hope for Sacramento's monthly blog updates! For those of you who have attended meetings before the pandemic, I assure you our mission is unchanged, and our work is continuing on. For those of you who are new to the cause, "Welcome!" Started in 2019, Hope for Sacramento is fighting to bring a comprehensive solution for Sacramento's homeless population by building a campus modeled after *Haven for Hope* in the Sacramento region. [Haven for Hope](#), opened in San Antonio in 2010, is built around a revolutionary "one-stop shop" concept that brings multiple service providers to a single location, increasing the availability and efficiency of resources. Since 2010, over 13,000 people have been helped into permanent or supportive housing through the Haven for Hope program, leading to an 81% reduction in San Antonio's downtown homeless count over 10 years. A Haven for Hope type facility in Sacramento could help us achieve similar results, changing countless lives for the better and saving many lives outright.

In the last few months, we have worked hard to advance our mission. First, as you can see, we have launched this website as well as a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! Continue to check back here for information and updates on the homeless crisis in Sacramento. Also, as of January of this year we have officially been approved by the IRS and State of California as a 501c3, this status now enables us to apply for public and private grants as well as gives us a more formal structure with officers and a Board of Directors. We are also gathering allies for our cause and have met with multiple Sacramento City and County elected officials. So far, these conversations have gone very well and the officials we've met with have expressed support for a Haven for Hope style campus.

What we're working on now is just as exciting: We have begun reaching out to local organizations for grant funding as well as doing more grassroots fundraising (you can donate [here](#) if you're interested), we will also be continuing our outreach to local elected officials and potential corporate backers to build support. Our main work, however, will be the launch of a Feasibility Study to determine the needs, costs, and impacts of creating a Haven for Hope style campus here in Sacramento! This will be a long-term project and we'll need your help! This includes completing sections on Site Selection and Development, Financing, Operations, and much more. If you have any experience in Commercial or Industrial Real Estate, Construction, Finance, Healthcare, or if you would like lend your support in other way, please send us an email at hopeforsacramento@gmail.com and let us know how you'd like to be involved.

Stay tuned for further updates in next month's blog entry!