

Why Hope's Village?

In a region where thousands of people lack basic shelter, Hope's Village will be a safe haven where those willing to work on improving their lives can reside in simple private dwellings, utilizing their current skills and developing new ones, enabling them to one day contribute to their surrounding community.

There are far too many people in SLO County without housing. There are approximately 200 beds available in local overnight shelters forcing many to sleep outdoors or in their vehicles.

People in this situation have no legal place to spend the night.

The Red Cross provides shelter & services to victims after a natural disaster.

We have people right here on the Central Coast who are experiencing a disaster of their own -- they are refugees in their own country and lack access to basic human needs such as shelter, food and water. They risk their safety on a nightly basis...and they are cold in the winter.

Hope's Village will provide more of our local unhoused neighbors a safe place to live in their own simple dwellings with dignity, peace, and hope in their hearts for a better future.



Who lives on the streets of SLO?

Those who are unhoused are a highly diverse group - singles, couples, teens, veterans, disabled people, and our elderly. Many of these people are invisible - ordinary people you see every day without realizing they have no home to go home to.

Some are skilled workers laid off from their jobs, veterans just home from overseas, or retired professionals. Some cannot get hired because of past issues with the law, even though they have paid their dues, done their time, and are eager to once again become productive citizens.

Every story is unique.

- * Many of those who are unhoused are long-time SLO county residents;
- * More than half suffer from a physical disability or chronic health condition, and nearly a third from mental illness;
- * One out of six has either a full or part time job, but their earnings are too low to enable them to afford housing in their own hometown;
- * Lack of housing makes it difficult for even highly capable and motivated people to search for employment, apply for, and keep a job;

According to U.S. Housing & Urban Development "Housing First" is the model proven to reduce homelessness.

Introducing...



“Providing sustainable community living for local unhoused adults”

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Hope's Village - a new opportunity!

We are planning an innovative approach to SLO County's housing shortage while helping to enhance the community environment.



Hope's Village will be a self-sustaining drug and alcohol free village for local unhoused adults seeking to improve their lives. The small dwellings will provide safe healthy homes, a sense of dignity, and will open doors of opportunity for people striving to improve their lives.

This supportive community and safe environment will serve as a solid foundation for helping build a more productive life and better future for those who are willing to work hard for it.

The village will:

- * Be a sustainable community providing housing and mentoring for 50 local unhoused adults in 30 simple private dwellings;
- * Be designed for a small carbon footprint, be cost effective, and utilize recycled materials;
- * Have no tolerance for drugs, alcohol, theft, violence, or continuous disruption of peace;
- * Have round-the-clock on-site security;
- * Work with local law enforcement, fire, health, and planning departments to ensure compliance with all laws & regulations;
- * Have written agreements with the government;
- * Have a fully functioning Board of Directors;
- * Have a Village Council that meets weekly, and a liaison who reports to the Board;
- * Have liability insurance policies for the Board and the village;
- * Practice participatory management - all villagers will have a voice and a vote;
- * Mandate that each villager participates in the building and maintenance of the village;
- * Provide instruction and training in new skills (computer, office, cooking, farm, etc.)
- * Support the development of micro-enterprises; furniture building and repair, landscaping, yard maintenance, painting, and an organic garden for villagers to grow food for the village and community;
- * Have recreational activities after work - sports, dance, yoga, music...

How You Can Help

Join us in organizing

Volunteers who would like to offer their skills and energy are welcome. Please call 805/234-5478.

Spread the word

Tell your friends, neighbors and members of religious, social and service organizations about our project ... please feel free to copy and distribute this pamphlet.

Show your support

Come to our community meetings at 10:00am on the first Wednesday of the month at the SLO Salvation Army, corner of Chorro & Islay Streets; write letters to the editors of newspapers and other publications; voice your concern at County Board of Supervisors and City Council meetings; advise that you support this project.

Resources needed

The village will eventually be self-supporting; however, we currently need funds for start-up costs. We are a 501(c)(3) California corporation and provide tax deductible receipts for donations.

Please make your tax deductible donation to:

“Hope's Village of SLO”

Checks can be deposited at any
Sesloc Federal Credit Union branch

or mailed to:

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