

NON PROFIT GIFT GIVING GUIDE

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For those we serve in harm's way

Submitted by Dorothy's Place

We are asked why we at Dorothy's Place continue to work in the largest encampment in the County when it's often dangerous. Those that support our efforts read about criminal or tragic happenings here and worry about us. Sometimes we'll see a person, a potential donor perhaps, drive up to Dorothy's Place, park across the street, look around, and immediately pull out and leave, too cautious to get out of their car. The public often gets an incomplete impression of our Chinatown area in Salinas.

Not to say that everything is completely safe and that there isn't a significant amount of violence here occasionally. There's no denying that. Desperate people do crazy things. But there is much more to our neighborhood than violence and despair. There is love and true friendship here. We see it every day.

There was Dwayne and Bob. They were true friends and

protected each other daily. They had a lot in common – they loved music, small animals, and their families, whether related to each other or pulled together by shared experience. They'd both lived hard, all their lives. Neither wanted to go back to prison. They both had difficult, chronic health conditions.

Bob had advanced liver disease. He didn't talk about it much. He knew it would kill him. This was before the days of a cure for Hepatitis C. The disease caused him a lot of pain. He'd go to the hospital to get the pressure from accumulating fluid relieved, also painful because of the long needle needed to aspirate. Dwayne had a beat-up RV that he lived in, which he shared with his son and Bob. Often Bob was too weak to get out of bed and needed exceptional care. Dwayne brought Bob his meals and cleaned up after him as best he could, but Bob was increasingly incontinent and Dwayne felt very bad that he had to ask his friend to sleep elsewhere. Bob moved into a tent on the sidewalk near the RV. It was a wet winter, and Dwayne worried. He asked us what could be done about a safe place for Bob. We failed to find a local agency that would take care of Bob, but instead found a friend that was willing to care for him. Bob died a couple of weeks later, in comforting surroundings.

Soon after, Dwayne found out that he had cancer. He went through chemo but the cancer was aggressive and took him faster than we expected. Before he died, he made sure to let us know how much he appreciated that we found a place for Bob to pass away in dignity.

Chinatown is a real neighborhood, with neighbors who know each other, are fond of each other, and look out for one another. They want to trust others, but after so many disappointments, it takes a while to develop the ability to trust again.



In fond memory of Bob Snyder Beach - Provided Photo

At Dorothy's Place, trust has become our most valuable asset, and we want to parlay that trust into huge benefits for our consumers and our community. We are developing a new program, a Multidisciplinary Encampment Outreach Team staffed by professionals, to provide medical care, mental health services, and social services, right in the encampments. We will serve our consumers where they live, but it will take a long and painstaking process of relationship development to make this happen. It can be a long, difficult road to a home and a new life. Dorothy's Place is successfully guiding people on this journey. We hope you stick with us. To learn more or to make a donation, please visit www.dorothysplace.org.

"Friends are the family you choose." Jess C. Scott



Doctors make house calls in our new Encampment Outreach Team - Provided Photo

STREETS TO HOMES

Everyone has a Human Right to Dignity and Shelter.

With our Streets To Homes program we are coordinating service teams comprised of health workers, social workers, behavioral health and housing specialists.

The Formula Works.

164 people that were homeless into housing

172 people in case management

88 on the waitlist

We need your help to end homelessness in Monterey County.

Please invest in the formula with a monthly donation.



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Honoring our Community – Together We Remember

Hospice Giving Foundation hosts a very special Tree of Life Celebration

At Hospice Giving Foundation, we believe in living fully and dying peacefully. Through HOPEGives*, we promote personal choice, preparedness, and compassionate, dignified end-of-life care for individuals and their loved ones. We approach our mission in two ways: by conducting outreach and educational activities to increase understanding, acceptance, and preparedness for death; and by awarding grants – over \$27,000,000 since 1997 to local nonprofit agencies that deliver compassionate end-of-life care. Thanks to your support, we have been able to adapt quickly and serve our community at this critical time.

At the start of the pandemic, we resolved to bring our community clear information, increased assistance with advance planning and additional, emergency funding for local organizations to support families facing serious illness and end of life. Since March, we have provided \$743,000 in emergency and annual funding to support grief and bereavement, spiritual care, access to palliative or hospice care, support for caregivers, funeral and burial costs, supplies and equipment for in-home care, and support for respite care providers.

We've shifted in-person workshops to a virtual format and have increased our online offerings with free advance care planning webinars. We've increased efforts to strengthen our local system of care by bringing together new collaboratives – facilitating groups of skilled nursing facility administrators and palliative care leaders – to address the changing dynamics of end-of-life care amidst a pandemic. The strength, care and compassion shown throughout our community this past year has been an honor to witness and to participate in. As we prepare for a holiday season that will most likely look very different than those we've known all our lives, it's really our friends, loved ones and neighbors – our community -- who give us hope.

A 30-year tradition in our community, the Tree of Life Celebration is a time to celebrate hope and remember loved ones. This year, it will also be a time to honor our collective grief and loss around the pandemic. On Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at 5:00pm, we will broadcast a very special, virtual Tree of Life Celebration: Together We Remember. The event features song, story, and very special guests. Please join us.

Make this night memorable and set the stage! Arrange beautiful candles, put together some tasty treats and refreshments. Call your family members—close by or in other cities or states—and create your own private watch parties. Set out photos of the person or people you want to remember most and dedicate this celebration in their honor. Let this Friday evening gathering mark a gentle start to your weekend and a break in the busy holiday season.

Here are our special guests: The Aliotti family from Del Rey Oaks will start off the 45-minute celebration with a heartfelt welcome about how Tree of Life has become a tradition for

their family through the generations. Jazz vocalist Julie Capili will fill your room with her beautiful renditions of music classics, accompanied by local favorite 'bass man' Dennis Murphy. Publisher of the Monterey County Weekly, Erik Cushman will tell the story of how his family honored his father through family sharing, celebration, and remembrance, and Dr. Ira Byock, one of the leading Palliative Care physicians in the country, will help us remember those who have died from COVID and send messages of comfort to their families. The program will be emceed by HG Foundation Board Director and marketing consultant, Esmeralda Owen. Reverend Luke Ham, Pastor at Church of the Wayfarer and HG Foundation Board Director will offer an inspiring and reflective invocation when we are ready to light the tree, and

Siobhan Greene, CEO will talk about this special organization and her gratitude for all who bring hope to our communities. The event is free and open to all but register by December 10, 2020, to be entered to win a beautiful holiday wreath from Creekside Farms.

Coming together as a community in times like these is what it takes to find hope. It takes each of us pledging to consider what's important, talking with loved ones, and empowering them to be confident advocates when the time comes. Together we can build a healthier and more prepared community. Join us as we honor our community and remember our loved ones.

Learn more, register or make your Tree of Life tribute gift in honor of a loved one at hospicegiving.org/treeoflife.



Provided Photo

**Hospice Giving Foundation's HOPEGives is a long-term, local movement to shift societal attitudes about death. By deepening understanding and acceptance, HOPEGives helps individuals and families experience peace of mind through advance planning and compassionate end-of-life care. HOPEGives is about planning for serious illness; promoting honest and respectful conversations; providing complimentary workshops and online resources; and facilitating inclusive working collaboratives.*

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1st, 2020

OVER 20,000 SNIPPED!

Providing accessible and affordable spay and neuter to end animal overpopulation

We are Grateful for all of your Donations!


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tree of life

Together We Remember

Hospice Giving Foundation's *tree of life* is a 30-year tradition in our community. Join us for this special celebration of hope and remembrance featuring song, story, and sentiments of the season. Register now and be entered to win a fresh holiday wreath.




BROADCAST ONLINE

Friday, December 11, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

hospicegiving.org/treeoflife

Special guests include

- Esmeralda Owen, marketing & public relations consultant, emcee
- Julie Capili, jazz vocalist, accompanied by Dennis Murphy
- Siobhan Greene, President/CEO, Hospice Giving Foundation
- Dr. Ira Byock, palliative care physician, author, and advocate
- Erik Cushman, Publisher, Monterey County Weekly
- Reverend Luke Ham, Pastor, Church of the Wayfarer



Make your Tree of Life tribute gift in honor or memory of a loved one and view all who have been honored at hospicegiving.org/treeoflife.

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HUNGER
IN MONTEREY COUNTY

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WHO ARE HUNGRY
in our community



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Monterey County Nonprofits

Monterey County is home to hundreds of nonprofits. These consist of service organizations, charities, advocacy groups and associations that provide valuable funding and services for everything from Alzheimer's and Animal Welfare to Youth focused programs. These nonprofits truly make a difference in our communities. The holiday season is a reminder to be generous and giving, but these groups rely on people like you all year round. As you plan your holiday giving, take a look at the many diverse nonprofits serving our area and consider making a donation or finding out more about how you can help them through ongoing financial support, donations of items, or by volunteering your time. With the investment of our time and donations, these amazing organizations can continue to serve humans, animals, our environment and more in a myriad of ways.

Action Council of Monterey County, Inc. (Salinas)
Active Seniors, Inc.
Ag Against Hunger
Ag Land Trust of Monterey County
Agricultural and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)
AIM for Mental Health
Alisal Center for Fine Arts
All Saints Episcopal Day School
Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists (AMAP)
Alliance on Aging
American Cancer Society - Salinas
American Cancer Society Discovery Shop (Salinas)
American Cancer Society Discovery Shop (Pacific Grove)
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
American National Red Cross
American Red Cross, Monterey Bay Area Chapter
Animal Friends Rescue Project - (AFRP)
ARIEL Theatrical
Arms of Angels
Arthritis Foundation
Artichoke Festival (Castroville Artichoke & Wine Fest)
Arts Council for Monterey County
Arts Habitat
Bay View Academy (BVA)
Big Sur Arts Initiative
Big Sur Charter School
Big Sur Health Center
Big Sur Land Trust
Big Sur Marathon Foundation
Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade
Birch Bark Foundation
Blind & Visually Impaired Center of Monterey County
Bob Hoover Academy
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County (BGCMC)
Breakthrough Men's Community
Breast Cancer Assistance Group
California Native Plant Society - CNPS
Camerata Singers
Camp SEA Lab
Cancer Patients Alliance
Canine Companions
Cannery Row Foundation
Carl Cherry Center for the Arts
Carmel Art Association
Carmel Arts Festival (CPAF)
Carmel Bach Festival
Carmel Foundation
Carmel High School Foundation
Carmel Music Society
Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF)
Carmel River Watershed Conservancy
Carmel Valley Women's Club
Carmel Youth Center
CASA of Monterey County
Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey
Center for Community Advocacy
Center for Photographic Art
Central Coast Art Association
Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers
Central Coast Quality of Life Programs
Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)
Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) & Hospice
Cesar Chavez Foundation
Chamber Music Monterey Bay
Chartwell School
Child Mind Institute
CHISPA - Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association, Inc.
Citizens for Sustainable Marina
Coalition of Homeless Services Providers
Coastal Kids Home Care
Colleagues of the Arts (COTA)
Communities for Sustainable Monterey County
Community Emergency Response Volunteers (CERV)
Community Foundation for Monterey County
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula
Community Human Services
Community Partnership for Youth
Confidence Pregnancy Center
Dan and Lillian King Foundation for Constitutional Studies
Dance Kids of Monterey County
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.
Dentistry For Vets
Door to Hope
Dorothy's Place
Education Foundation for MPUSD
El Camino Real Futbol League
Elkhorn Slough Foundation
Ensemble Monterey
Equine Rescue Center
Everyone's Harvest
Family to Family
Farm Discovery
Fire Safe Council for Monterey County
First Mayor's House
First Night Monterey
First Tee of Monterey County
Fomukong Health Foundation, Inc.
Food Bank for Monterey County
Forest Theatre Guild
Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries

Foundation of California State University Monterey Bay
Frank Sollecito Jr. Leukemia Fund
Friends of Carmel Forest
Friends of Marina Library
Friends of Monterey Public Library
Friends of Moss Landing Marine Labs (MLML)
Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse (Marina)
Friends of the Salinas Public Library
Friends of the Sea Otter
Fund for Homeless Women
Future Citizens Foundation
G.I. Josie
Gateway Center of Monterey County, Inc.
Gathering for Women
Gen Giammanco Foundation
Gil Basketball Academy
Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast
Girls, Inc. of the Central Coast
Global Majority
Golden Oldies Cat Rescue
Greenfield Cultural Arts Center
GRID Alternatives
Guitars Not Guns
Habitat for Humanity
Hands to Help Seniors
Harden Foundation
Harmony at Home
Hartnell College Foundation
Helping Our Peninsula's Environment (HOPE)
Henry Miller Library
Hidden Hills Ranch
Hidden Valley Music Seminars
HOPE Services
Hope, Horses and Kids
Hospice Giving Foundation
Hospice of the Central Coast
Housing Authority of the County of Monterey
Housing Development Corporation (HDC)
Housing Resource Center of Monterey County
ILCF - International Language and Culture Foundation
IMPOWER
Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP)
Interfaith Outreach of Carmel
Interim, Inc.
International School of Monterey
ITN MontereyCounty
Jacob's Heart
Josephine Kernes Memorial Pool
Junior League of Monterey County
Keep Monterey County Clean
Kernes Adaptive Aquatics
Key for a Cure Foundation
Kinship Center
Kiwanis Club of Monterey
Land Watch Monterey County
Legal Services for Seniors
Life After School Program
Loaves, Fishes & Computers (LFC)
Luke's Legacy Foundation
Lyceum of Monterey County
Mandell Gisnet Center for Conflict Management
Marina Foundation
Marina in Motion (Marina)
Marina Tree & Garden Club (Marina)
Marina Youth Arts
Marine Life Studies
Max's Helping Paws Foundation
Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula
Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley
MEarth Carmel
Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)
Mission Trails ROP
Montage Health
Montage Health Foundation
Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Science (MAOS)
Monterey Audubon Society
Monterey and Salinas Valley Model Railroad and Historical Society (MSVRR)
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Monterey Bay Charter School
Monterey Bay Educational Center
Monterey Bay Heritage Alliance
Monterey Bay Sports League
Monterey Bay Users Group (MBUG)
Monterey Bay Veterans
Monterey Beach Sportsfest
Monterey County Business Council
Monterey County Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities (MCCEPD)
Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau (MCCVB) i
Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation
Monterey County Film Commission
Monterey County Free Libraries
Monterey County Historical Society
Monterey County Interfaith Alliance
Monterey County Police Activities League (PAL)
Monterey County Pops!
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
Monterey County Scholarship and Awards Program
Monterey County Sheriff's Advisory Council
Monterey County Sheriff's Posse
Monterey County Theatre Alliance
Monterey County Veterans Employment Committee (MCVEC)
Monterey County Young Professionals Group
Monterey County Youth Museum (MY Museum)
Monterey High Instrumental Boosters
Monterey Hostel Society
Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA)
Monterey Jazz Festival
Monterey Museum of Art
Monterey Peace & Justice Center
Monterey Peninsula College Foundation (MPC Foundation)
Monterey Peninsula Foundation
Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Thrift Shop
Monterey Public Library Friends & Foundation (MPLFF)
Monterey Rape Crisis Center
Monterey Regional Waste Management District

Monterey State Historic Park Association (MSHPA)
Monterey Symphony
Monterey Zoo
MPUSD Fund for Arts
Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)
National Steinbeck Center Foundation
Natividad Foundation
Naval Postgraduate School Foundation
Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County - NAMC
Northern California Golf Association Foundation (NCGA Foundation)
Occhiata Productions (Monterey)
The Offset Project (TOC)
Old Monterey Foundation
Oldtown Salinas Foundation
Operation Give Back
Orchestra in the Schools
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) @ CSUMB
Outreach Unlimited (IHELP)
Pac Rep Theater
Pacific Grove Art Center
Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
Pacific Grove Pops Orchestra
Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services
Palma School
Panetta Institute for Public Policy (Seaside)
Papillon Center for Loss & Transition
Parenting Connection
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Partners For Peace
Partnership for Children
Pass The Word Ministry
Peace of Mind Dog Rescue
Peacock Acres
Pinnacles National Park Foundation
Pinnacles Partnership
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
Point Lobos Foundation
Pride of Monterey County
Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula
Project Sentinel
Rancho Cielo
Read to Me Project
Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April
Redwings Horse Sanctuary
Relay for Life
Restorative Justice Partners
Return of the Natives
Rice Plus Project
Sabu Shake Sr. Memorial Foundation
Salinas Area Modelers, Inc.
Salinas Barrios Unidos
Salinas-Kushikino (Japan) Sister City Association
Salinas Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation
Salvation Army
Santa Lucia Conservancy
Save our Shores
Service Learning Leadership Program, CSUMB Service Learning Institute
Shakespeare Society of America
SNIP Bus
Sol Treasures
Sophie's Heart
South County Animal Rescue (SCAR)
South County Out Reach Effort (SCORE)
Southern Monterey County Center for the Performing Arts Inc. (Greenfield)
SPCA for Monterey County
Special Kids Connect (formerly Special Kids Crusade)
Spector Dance
St. Vincent de Paul
Steinbeck Center Foundation
Steinbeck House Restaurant / Valley Guild
Suicide Prevention Service
Sun Street Centers
Sunset Cultural Center
Surfrider Foundation
Tandy Beal & Company
Tatum's Garden Foundation
TCOPS International, Inc.
Teddy Bears with Heart
The Epicenter of Salinas
The Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library
Transformational Coaches
UnChained
United Way of Monterey County
Valley Health Associates
Ventana Wilderness Alliance
Ventana Wildlife Society
Veterans for Peace, Inc., Chapter 46
Veterans Transition Center
Victory Mission
Village Project
Visiting Nurse Association
VNA Community Services
Voices of Monterey County (formerly CASA)
Volunteer Center of Monterey County
Watsonville Wetlands Watch
World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area
Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
Youth Arts Collective
Youth Music Monterey County
Youth Orchestra Salinas (YOSAL)
YMCA (Central Coast YMCA)
YWCA Monterey County

*We did our best to collect a complete list of all local nonprofit organizations and agencies that serve our communities. We apologize if any were missed. Please email darvig@montereyherald.com if you are aware of any that were not included so we can be sure and add them next year.

Strengthening community health with gifts to Montage Health Foundation



This newborn's mother was relieved to get a negative COVID-19 test result before she gave birth - Provided Photo

After going into labor, Cathryn came to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula to deliver her first child. Though she had taken every precaution, she still worried about COVID-19 and how it could affect the birth and health of her baby.

Less than an hour after she arrived, Cathryn received welcome news: She tested negative for COVID-19. She had peace of mind that her child would be born without exposure to this novel virus, and her healthcare team was able to support her delivery without some of the protective gear required when the level of risk is uncertain.

Cathryn was able to get such fast test results because Community Hospital recently doubled its COVID-19 testing capacity — thanks to community support through Montage Health Foundation's COVID-19 Response and Relief Fund. Adding a second testing device, at a cost of \$400,000, enabled our healthcare team to provide more efficient treatment and timely answers for patients like Cathryn. We're happy to report, that Cathryn and her baby boy went home happy and healthy.

The COVID-19 Response and Relief fund is just one way that Montage Health Foundation helps enhance and improve

the health of our entire community. Through philanthropic partnerships with passionate community members and like-minded organizations, the foundation provides grants and volunteer support for a broad range of health programs, services, and initiatives within five major focus areas:

COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION: Through initiatives like the Pediatric Wellness Program, the foundation provides free support to reduce diabetes and improve the nutrition of young people.

CLINICAL INNOVATION: Montage Health Foundation continuously looks for opportunities to enhance care through innovation, such as helping to fund Community Hospital's robotic-assisted surgery program.

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE: Programs to recruit and retain the best and brightest physicians help expand access and improve care for our entire community. With foundation support, Montage Medical Group added 12 new healthcare providers in 2020, including seven primary care doctors.

PATIENT EXPERIENCE: From healing art to volunteer services to hospice care, the foundation oversees numerous efforts to enhance the experience of patients and their families.

EMERGING NEEDS: The foundation responds to emerging needs facing the community's patients, Montage Health's healthcare team, and the community in general. The COVID-19 relief fund was established in response to some of those emerging needs.

To prepare for and rapidly respond to the pandemic, Montage Health initially dramatically suspended or reduced non-urgent services. Scaling back these services reduced transmission risk and ensured additional hospital beds were available if needed. But it also caused revenue to drop significantly. At the same time, costs for protective equipment, emergency supplies, and critical-care staffing have escalated.

The community has responded with strong support, enabling the purchase of equipment like the testing device, an ultraviolet cleaning system to reuse valuable N95 masks, and additional protective gear to keep healthcare workers safe.

"While we anticipate and prepare for emergencies, the worldwide spread of COVID-19 is unparalleled in our lifetimes," said Steven Packer, president/CEO of Montage Health. "Having the community join us in the fight against

this pandemic is an incredible boost in morale for our dedicated healthcare providers and staff."

While responding to the pandemic, Montage Health has continued to provide its broad range of services aimed at keeping the community healthy — with community support through gifts to the foundation. In 2020, the foundation's goal is to grant \$7.5 million to support important health initiatives for our community.

"Gifts to the foundation take healthcare to the homeless, build mental health programs for young people, recruit primary care doctors and specialists, teach kids to eat better and exercise more, sustain a hospital that sustains the community, and much more," says Kevin Causey, vice president/chief development officer. "Our healthcare team and I are so grateful for the community's continued commitment to strengthening the health and well-being of our community. Your support and generosity enable us to continue to provide exceptional care, in moments of crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond."



Maria Kocsar, RN, staffs the triage tent at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where contributions to Montage Health Foundation have helped support care during the COVID-19 pandemic. - Provided Photo

**There are several ways you can make a gift to Montage Health Foundation:*

- *Mail a check to 40 Ryan Court, Suite 200, Monterey, CA, 93940*
- *Donate securely online: www.montagehealth.org*
- *Donate securely from your smartphone by texting MONTAGE to 91999*



YOU CAN STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY HEALTH TODAY

When you make a gift to Montage Health Foundation, you're improving healthcare for our entire community. From **healthcare for the homeless** to **reducing diabetes in children** to emerging needs like our **emergency response to COVID-19**, your donation makes an impact.

You can strengthen community health and help us reach our goal to grant \$7.5 million this year to support important health initiatives like these and more by making a gift today.

MAKE A GIFT

By check to 40 Ryan Court, Suite 200, Monterey, CA 93940

Securely online: www.montagehealth.org/strength

Securely from your smart phone: text **MONTAGE** to **91999**



Interim celebrates 45 years of service and support

Organization is committed to helping adults in Monterey County with mental illnesses

In the last year, Interim has changed the lives of more than 2000 people in our community who have a serious mental illness. During pandemic restrictions, they have helped support more than 100 homeless adults, who are housed in a motel to keep them safe. They continue to support 20 formerly homeless clients who we helped obtain housing in the Moon-gate Apartments in Salinas. They housed over 300 clients in transitional or permanent housing, owned, operated or leased by Interim, Inc. for adults with mental illness in Monterey County.

When shelter in place restrictions mandated the closing of in-person services at the OMNI Resource Center, peers created a Warmline to help isolated clients connect to food and other resources. Peers made and received 5,257 Warmline calls between March and June. OMNI became a food distribution site, supporting those who couldn't use other resources. As restrictions eased, outdoor groups have begun to meet in the OMNI parking lot, with remote clients joining by Zoom. Pre-paid cell phones were purchased by Interim and distributed to 100 clients, allowing them to participate in Zoom groups and telehealth appointments. The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team served 50 adults in Salinas and South Monterey County with serious mental illness who were unable to access clinic-based treatment. By bringing psychiatric and medication services, counseling, and peer support directly to clients and families, the ACT program helped reduce hospitalizations and incarceration.

Success Over Stigma has modified from in-person to virtual presentations and is reaching a wider audience than before. The stigma of mental illness is decreasing through this outreach.

Interim, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides a unique combination of support services, housing and treatment for adults with mental illness in Monterey County. Services provided include affordable supportive housing, residential treatment, mental health and dual-recovery services, case coordination, therapeutic services, outreach and intensive support for homeless adults, supported education and employment, day treatment and peer support. Bilingual services are provided by staff for individuals who speak Spanish. Their mission is to provide services and affordable housing, supporting members of our community with mental illness to build productive and satisfying lives. They offer a wide variety of programs that support more than 1,700 clients each year using a strength-based social rehabilitation model. This approach provides an alternative to institutionalization and offers culturally sensitive services that encourage self-direction, hope, healing and recovery.

To make a donation to support Interim's programs, please visit www.interiminc.org, or call 831.649.4522



Local organization works towards housing the homeless

The Housing Resource Center of Monterey County's mission is to provide a continuum of housing resources for homeless prevention and affordable housing opportunities. Their homeless programs are connected with intense case management and financial services to help those in need in our community obtain one of our most valuable needs for survival which is to have safe, secure housing. They are an invaluable resource for anyone seeking information on the housing market in Monterey County. No matter the housing path, this nonprofit agency connects individuals to housing stability, whether they are currently homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or even looking to purchase a home for the first time. Visit www.hrcmontereycounty.org to donate and to learn more about the programs and services provided.



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“Lights...camera...economic action for Monterey County!”

- ★ More than \$118 million has come into local communities from on location film production since the film commission was established.
- ★ Filming here benefits local crew, businesses and services as productions need to hire or purchase goods. Locals can list for free on MCFC's online Resources Guide.
- ★ MCFC thanks the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for major support. MCFC is a 501c3 nonprofit and welcome your contributions to support their efforts. Donate at FilmMonterey.org.



**MONTEREY COUNTY
FILM COMMISSION**

FilmMonterey.org 831-646-0910

Helping our homeless community attain safe affordable housing For Over 30 Years!



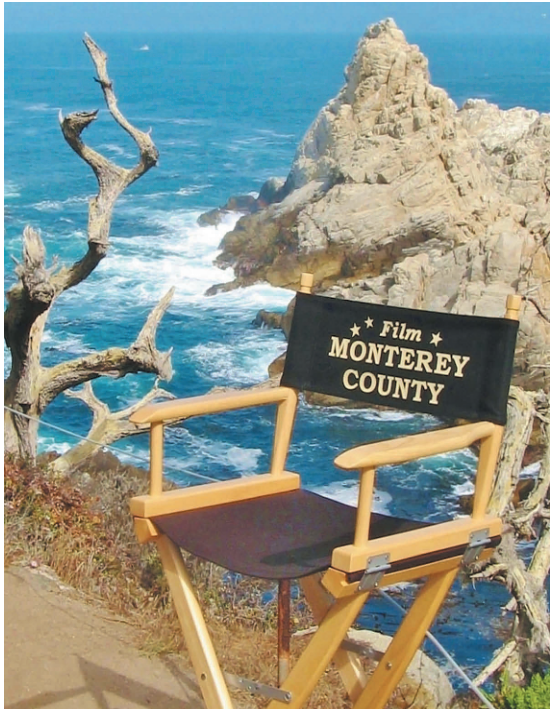
“We oughta be in Pictures....”

The nonprofit Monterey County Film Commission works to boost the local economy through the film industry.

★ **\$118 million** came to local communities since our creation by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987.

★ **“Big Little Lies,” “Ratched,”** and more than 200 movie scenes filmed on-location here.

★ **Support our efforts—** donate at FilmMonterey.org and list on our online Resources Guide.



831-646-0910 ★ FilmMonterey.org



**MONTEREY COUNTY
FILM COMMISSION**

HRC 
Housing Resource Center
of Monterey County

(831) 424-9189

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montereycountygives.com/hrc

Give the gift of hope to local students this holiday season

The holidays are an important time to give back and share with those in need, which is why the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) has been selected for the 2020 Monterey County Gives! program. This year, the Arts Council has decided to focus on providing scholarships for local high school seniors who wish to pursue studying the arts in college. With this unimaginably challenging time in education, the Arts Council wants to give hope to the next generation of college students and support their dreams of studying a creative field such as design, digital arts, literature, visual arts or performing arts.

Thanks to the efforts of the Monterey County Weekly Community Fund, the Community Foundation for Monterey County and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, every gift to this special program is matched at about 12%, which means every dollar goes further in the efforts to enrich the lives of community members through the arts. This annual, year-end campaign runs from Thursday, November 12 to Thursday, December 31.

Vanessa Berumen of Seaside High School, Class of 2020, was one of five hard-working local students who received this scholarship last year. Vanessa shared the importance

of this scholarship when she told the Arts Council, “As a student that comes from a low-income family as well as being a first-generation, I view this scholarship as an impactful resource that I’m extremely thankful for and I’ll utilize it to its fullest potential.”

Arts are an essential part of our culture, especially in difficult times like these, and provide refuge and healing for thousands of students in Monterey County. Now more than ever, the Arts Council is asking community members to share hope this holiday season with a donation to the College Arts Scholarship program through Monterey County Gives!

As Vanessa put it best, “I’m planning to major in arts because I love art with whole my heart.” Help students like Vanessa turn their dreams of higher education into reality



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with a donation to the Arts Council through Monterey County Gives!

Since 1982, the Arts Council for Monterey County has been committed to improving the quality of life for everyone in the region through the arts. Please support the College Arts Scholarship program at montereycountygives.com/artscouncil.

For more information on making a donation, email bella@arts4mc.org or call 831-622-9060, x108



There’s a gift inside every gift purchased at Goodwill Central Coast – your holiday shopping headquarters

What if you could buy someone a holiday gift that would keep on giving long after the wrapping paper is recycled?

That’s the reality when shoppers comb the aisles or the online store at Goodwill. Each purchase enables the community-based nonprofit to better fund its job-training and employment placement services — so you’re actually giving twice.

Throughout December, all Goodwill Central Coast stores will put an emphasis on affordable gift giving ideas.

The list of stocking stuffers is as long as your imagination, but popular items include jewelry, games, earbuds, phone chargers, candy, ornaments, decorative mugs and books.



Step into the sometimes finicky fall season

Goodwill has ideas on staying chic and comfortable and supporting a wonderful nonprofit while doing so

We live on the Central Coast for many reasons, chief among them our temperate climate — especially in autumn. Many of us can share stories of strolling a sun-swept beach in October or playing a rousing game of family football for Thanksgiving. Yet, day to day we just don’t know what we’re going to get when we walk out the front door. Read on for a few tips for dressing comfortably during this often warm yet finicky season.

Remember, it’s easy to tap into current fashion trends while roaming the aisles of Goodwill Central Coast. An authentic “thrifted” look is in this year, and there’s no better way to get the “found” look than going on the hunt at Goodwill. The stores are known for offering a wide variety of unique goods, with fun finds and, of course, low prices. Plus, the fashion merchandise is organized by color, which is always a nice perk if you have something particular in mind.

It starts with your socks: Let’s face it, having cold feet can really impact your mood. A pair of socks does a lot to warm us up so on fall days — especially paired with boots. If your toes are snuggled up nicely in a pair of fancy fall boots, you will always feel toastier. And as long as you’re not going too far with wool socks, this should be just the right balance, because having covered toes won’t make your head-to-toe temperature rise. Plus, there’s not much better for leaf-stomping than cute boots. And remember, Goodwill never sells used socks or undergarments, always sourcing quality, brand-name merchandise for sale.

It’s always important to layer: It seems like a simple concept: Just layer different pieces on top of one another. But during a transitional season, it’s a little more intricate than that. The trick is to make sure that you’re layering light items. If you have three layers that are all thick fabrics, it doesn’t matter that you can take off two of them — you might still be hot! A man can wear one light layer (say a plain-weave chambray), one medium-weight layer (a vest), and one thick sweater to top it all off. He’ll be able to get comfortable quickly no matter what the weather decides to do. For women, it’s important to wear an ensemble that covers a decent amount of skin with a breathable fabric, while bringing along some emergency layers (like neutrally-colored leggings or a cardigan). You can leave your extra attire at the office or in your car for later in the day or later in the week so you’re not constantly carting them around.

Check out www.goodwill.org to find a store near you and have fun shopping while supporting a nonprofit that changes lives!

All things plaid: This pattern is practically synonymous with fall, making it a go-to item for many occasions. From plaid sweaters and vests to plaid flannels, skirts and pants, Goodwill has plenty of plaid options for the entire family. Here’s a fun tip for holiday photos: Dress your whole crew (or just the kids) in one style and color of plaid, like red buffalo check. This will keep all the outfits cohesive and festive.

Dress and turtleneck: It’s not too late to repurpose your summer dresses into a stylish fall look. Layered strappy dresses are still a great option for fall, with a fitted turtleneck underneath or a flowy cardigan on top to complete the boho-chic look. Not only will it keep you a bit warmer but it also plays a nice contrast in shape to the fitted shirt underneath it. Finish up the look with a strappy pair of flats or low-heeled booties.

1970s Flashback: There’s something so warm and comforting about corduroy, especially in the fall and winter. This ribbed fabric, which reached its style peak in the 1970s, is back in fashion, and there are many different ways to wear it. We’ve seen corduroy mini skirts, high waisted pants, and even overalls and jumpers in this classic fabric. Color-wise, the biggest trends are purple, mustard and burgundy. Look for a pair of fabulous cords — or anything else a fashion-first person needs — on your next Goodwill shopping trip.

This Season, Give the Gift of Hope by Supporting College Arts Scholarships!

Help Monterey County high school seniors overcome economic challenges to pursue their dreams of studying the Arts with a donation today. Every scholarship goes to hardworking, college-bound local students.



Make your Donation at montereycountygives.com/artscouncil



Community solutions required for community problems

By Robin McCrae and Staci Alziebler-Perkins

Community problems require community solutions. Of all the insights that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust into focus, this is the one that we hope will have the greatest impact on people's thinking in the months and years ahead. Top-down, one-size-fits-all solutions will always fall short because they fail to account for the unique circumstances and characteristics of vulnerable populations.

In January 2019 the Monterey County homeless census identified 2,422 homeless people, of which 35 percent were female and 25 percent were families. It is widely known that these point-in-time numbers are low given that the unsheltered are transient and often hidden. Another study by Pivot Learning and the National Center for Youth Law found that 9.9% of school-aged youth in Monterey County were homeless, a much higher percentage than San Francisco, Alameda, or Santa Clara Counties. As COVID-19 and the economic downturn increase inequities, homelessness in Monterey County is becoming a deepening humanitarian crisis. The pandemic has shone a spotlight on the fragility of life for the vulnerable in our community.

Our two organizations—Gathering for Women and Community Human Services—have joined forces to develop a new model to address this crisis: a new shelter designed to meet the unique needs of homeless women and families.

When it opens in a few weeks, Casa de Noche Buena in Seaside will be the only low-barrier shelter on the Monterey Peninsula serving single women and families with children. The facility will accommodate about 30 people at a time, providing both short-term shelter for the most vulnerable in our community, and long-term solutions—comprehensive case management, housing navigation, access to free basic health care, and referrals to other services. For up to 90 consecutive days, women and families with children at Casa de Noche Buena will benefit from a place to live and supportive services.

Reflecting a true community-based approach to addressing this need, the shelter will be managed collaboratively by our two hometown organizations—Community Human Services (CHS), dedicated to providing people dealing with addiction, mental illness and homelessness with the tools and support to overcome these challenges; and Gathering for Women (GFW), committed to providing homeless and housing insecure women on the Monterey Peninsula with supportive resources and a caring community. At Casa de Noche Buena, CHS and GFW case managers will provide guests with linkages to education, job training, employment and housing resources, as well as assessment and referrals to mental health, substance abuse and other services depending on their individual needs. The goal in every

case will be to provide Casa de Noche Buena guests with a bridge to long-term housing and economic stability.

Renovation of the shelter facility is nearly finished thanks to funding from a "Homeless Emergency Assistance Program" grant. This grant will also provide a few months of support for shelter operations, however additional funding will be needed for ongoing operational costs in 2021 and beyond. A special-purpose fund has been established at the Community Foundation for Monterey County (the "Casa Shelter Fund") for contributions from local government, businesses, individual donors and the community at large that support the ongoing sustainability of Casa de Noche Buena.

As the only low-barrier shelter in the area serving single women and families with children, Casa de Noche Buena will fill an important void, and while it's just one piece of a larger puzzle, our goal is for Casa de Noche Buena to play a crucial role as a model "housing first" solution for communities everywhere. We welcome the support and partnership of agencies, businesses and individuals who share our deep concern for the most vulnerable members of our Monterey Peninsula community.

For more information on Community Human Services, visit www.chservices.org. For information on Gathering for Women, visit www.gatheringforwomen.org.



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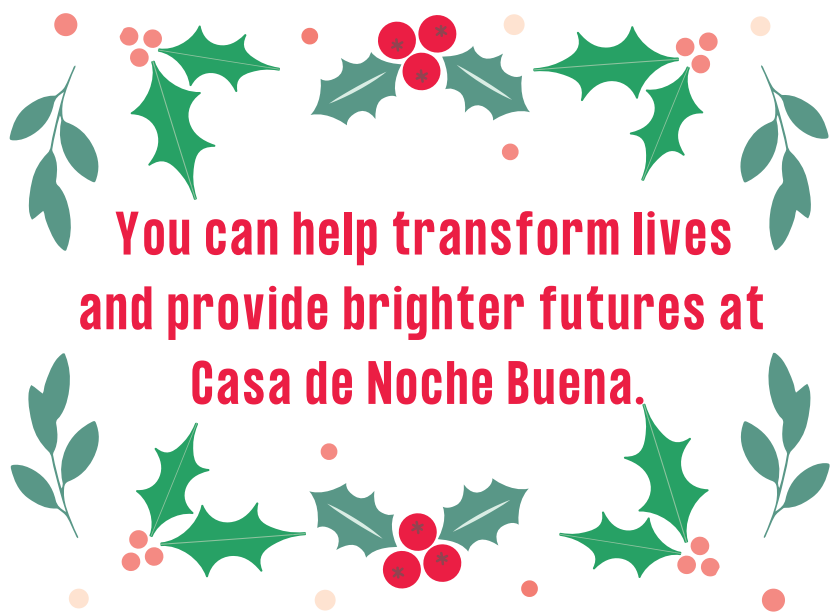
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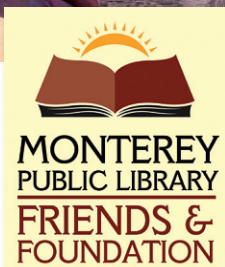
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Put a smile on a child's face this holiday season

Help get Christmas gifts to kids with life-threatening conditions

Every holiday season, the nonprofit Partnership for Children provides holiday gifts for more than 175 children with life-threatening conditions living in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties and their siblings. But we need your help in getting gifts to these kids — all part of the Miles of Smiles Holiday Giving Program for 2020.

Lists are available on both Amazon (<https://a.co/9W9dQh8>) and Target (tgt.gifts/partnershipforchildren) websites. Please shop from these wish lists to help bring joy to children living with serious illness and their siblings this holiday season. Gifts should be sent to Partnership for Children, 342 Pajaro St., Salinas, CA 93901.

Wish lists range from boys' and girls' pajamas and educational toy sets to toys and arts & crafts sets, with prices starting at only \$5. Or you could purchase a gift card from \$5 to \$1,000 so kids and their families can choose their own Christmas gifts!

Over 175 children and their families are served on the Central Coast each year, receiving transportation to medical care, financial support, practical support, as well as holiday and recreational opportunities. These services help children to live as healthy a life as possible and help to reduce stress for families.

Put a smile on a kid's face this holiday season by joining our holiday giving program. For more information, please visit www.partnerforkids.org.



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13th Annual Sabu's Safari Fundraiser Raises \$170,767 for Salvation Army

The 13th Annual Sabu's Safari Fundraiser raised \$170,767 for The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps. Originally scheduled for October 3, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency, the event was canceled due to COVID-19 and an online fundraiser was held in lieu of the event. Sabu's Safari began in 2008 and has become a major annual Dinner Auction event to support The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps.

During the past several years, the Sabu Shake Sr. Memorial Foundation along with the Sabu's Safari Dinner Auction has raised over 4.7 million for The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps thanks to the generosity of so many Sponsors & Donors. Major John Bennett commented: "The Salvation Army is humbled by the kindness demonstrated in this outpouring of assistance from Sabu's Safari. May the spirit of Thanksgiving bless those who gave and those who receive. These funds are greatly needed and will help many families, homeless individuals and seniors."

Services include:

- Providing hot meals and food boxes
- Shower and laundry amenities
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- Utility assistance and gas vouchers
- Computer access and job training

For more information on the Sabu Shake Sr. Memorial Foundation, please visit:
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Sabu JR Shake, Chris Shake, and the Sabu's Safari Committee presented a check to The Salvation Army at the Sabu Shake Sr. Good Samaritan Center in Sand City on November 24th.

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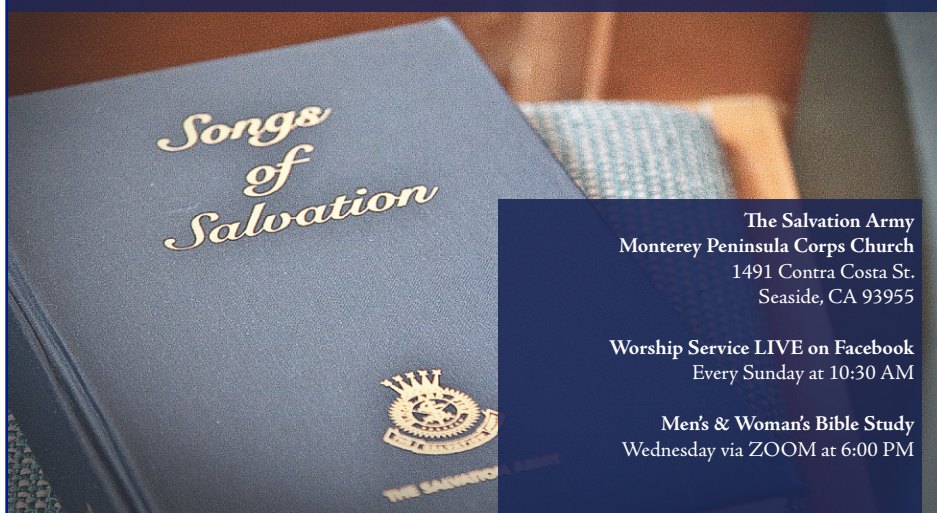
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Programs: The Casa de Las Palmas and Phase II program offer residential care for a time period not to exceed 24 months to families working toward a goal of self-sufficiency. Our goal is for families to secure permanent housing and to become independent and self-sufficient.

90-Day Program: The Frederiksen House program provides shelter for homeless families for up to 90 days in the program facility. The goal of this program is to provide stability to the family while giving them the opportunity to secure employment and savings that will assist in establishing permanent housing.



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The Central Coast YMCA provides school age children with a safe learning environment in our outside of school and summer camp programs. Our childcare staff has been trained on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and strictly followed the CDC guidelines and complies with local and state social distancing protocols.

The Central Coast YMCA has safely served over 6,900 youth since March in our programs like Essential Childcare for Essential Workers, Summer Camp and Excel Beyond The Bell e-learning.

In these program, youth participate in curriculum-based programs; including enrichment activities such as arts and crafts, STEM projects and daily fitness. Distance learning and Homework time are an important part of these planned activities. Most of all we help these children build relationships and have lifelong friends.

Donate to the Central Coast YMCA to ensure more children have a safe place to learn and grow!!!!

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Local volunteer nominated for award

Catherine (Cat) Mineo has been nominated for the Max and Helen Israelite 2020 Volunteer Award

In August, Catherine Mineo – ITNMontereyCounty’s youngest volunteer – requested that she be able to deliver ITN member David Ring’s dinner with a surprise for his 91st Birthday. An unexpected gesture that brightened Mr. Ring’s day but an example of the kindness and caring nature of this super volunteer for ITN. Mineo is originally from New Jersey. She attended law school in San Diego and started as an outreach volunteer with Youth Assistance Coalition (YAC), a local non-profit that provides resources to homeless youth ages 13-24. Now a resident of the Central Coast of California, she is a full-time attorney practicing business transactional law, spending her weekends volunteering to drive, and building friendships with ITN riders. She said, “Being a volunteer has enhanced my life in SO MANY ways. I have an incredible relationship with my own grandmother who resides in South Carolina. I miss her dearly so this opportunity to engage with and assist the elderly community makes me feel much closer to her despite the distance. I am a firm believer that no matter where you come from or where you may go, helping others along the way is what makes the journey.” ITN’s Executive Director, Jessica McKillip, met Mineo at a local professional networking mixer and after speaking briefly it was clear the organization needed her fiery energy. She is an outstanding volunteer going above and beyond to ensure each and every rider feels special. Riders share compliments of simple kind gestures she exudes beyond ITN’s expected “arm-thru-arm” service. Her enthusiasm to get involved superseded not owning a vehicle, often walking to obtain the fleet vehicle at the office a few miles away. Mineo continues to drive during COVID, enthusiastic to drop off dinner so Mr. Ring, who suffers from severe dementia, has a bit of normalcy during these challenging times. The ITNMontereyCounty Board has nominated Cat Mineo for consideration to receive the Max and Helen Israelite Volunteer of the Year Award. Visit www.itnmontereycounty.org to learn more about the services provided by ITN, or to find out about volunteering or donating.



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Provided photo of David Ring, ITN member



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Meal delivery continues throughout pandemic



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Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley believes no senior should go hungry, so they deliver nutritious meals to the homes of seniors, 60 years and older, who cannot shop and cook for themselves. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began last spring, they have seen a dramatic increase in the number of homebound seniors due to the shelter-in-place order issued in Monterey County. In 2019-20, before COVID-19 restrictions, they had served over 87,000 meals to clients in the Salinas Valley. The number of meals delivered in 2020-21 is on track to increase significantly.

With this uptick in requests for home-delivered meals comes the need for additional volunteers and donors. Volunteers are needed to package and deliver additional meals to seniors in need throughout the Salinas Valley. There is not a more rewarding way to give back to the community than by volunteering to help others. Recently, a volunteer was overheard stating “I get back more than what I am able to give to people and that brings me joy.” What a great statement! Last year, volunteer drivers recorded 25,009 total miles driven to deliver meals to homebound seniors from Aromas to the North down to King City and beyond in Southern Monterey County.

During pre-COVID times, volunteers delivered meals and music to clients through the “Art & About” program, a collaboration with the Arts Council for Monterey County. This program brought many smiles to the faces of clients and volunteers alike! Once it is safe to do so, this program will resume.

MOW values all the volunteers that deliver meals. They also need volunteers behind the scenes to complete a variety of activities. Volunteers unload and package meals, distribute meals to volunteer drivers, sanitize meal delivery bags for re-use, and spread the word about the amazing job that Meals on Wheels does for our community. All that MOW does, each and every week, since 1972, could not be accomplished without the dedication of their volunteers’ time and energy.

As a local non-profit organization, MOW relies on the support and generosity of our community to help fulfill their mission, day in, day out, year after year: Delivering Meals, Nurturing Hearts and Nourishing Homebound Seniors. To make a financial donation that fits every lifestyle and a range of budgets, visit www.mowsalinas.org/how-to-give/ways-to-give. On the site is a list of easy ways to donate including AmazonSmile, a recurring monthly donation, donating a vehicle, and more. Please think of Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley when you are making your end-of-year donations and thank you for your continued support!



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Village Project’s end of year giving begins

By Mel Mason. Executive Director/Clinical Director

The Village Project, Inc. will be forever grateful for the years of dedicated support we have received from so many great-hearted people in our community. Without your support, many of our accomplishments would not have been possible. As we come to the end of this calendar year, we humbly request your support once again in the form of generous donations to keep us providing much-needed services to children and families in our community.

Despite the challenges presented by the Coronavirus Pandemic, The Village Project has continued to realize successes in each of our programs. Converting from in-person therapy sessions to telehealth therapy (by phone) was a process that seamlessly continued ongoing mental health treatment for Individual adults, children and families. Our Afterschool Academy – the Mae C. Johnson Education and Cultural Enrichment Academy – continues to provide effective academic support for students grades 1-12. A number of students from the earlier cohorts of the academy are now in college,

one of whom is a second-year student at historic Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Others are in community college and other 4-year universities. Despite having to attend the academy virtually, our students are still thriving and doing well, academically, which is a tribute to our staff, students and parents. Our prison re-entry program “Nyumbani” –Kiswahili for “Returning Home” – has been successful in assisting returnees with various types of assistance to include counseling and referrals for other treatment services. A number of Returnees were able to find employment as a result of being in this program. Our Equine-assisted program, a still-new program with four horses lodged at a ranch in Carmel Valley – is an increasingly sought-after program for both children and adults. Watching the psychotherapeutic dynamics between the horses and humans continue to amaze us. Our Emanyatta African Heritage Saturday School for children of African Ancestry is still striving as well being held virtually every Saturday. Our groups continue to function, albeit virtually. The

group “One Circle” made up of numbers of youth who were once street rivals which serves to keep our streets and campuses peaceful, remains in great demand as does our girls’/ young women’s group Young Ladies of Empowerment, made up of young women ages 12-17. These young women have received mentoring by women who are leaders in the fields of social work, education, business ownership, and corporate management. Groups for adults such as our Grief and Loss group and Emotional Emancipation Circles are being organized. A “Community Warm Line” for people to call for support in coping with the pandemic is still in operation. In addition, we are proud recipients of Foundation and federal funding to assist families in our community with emergency food and shelter needs.

This is a sampling of the activities that continue to take place at The Village Project. Your wonderful donations can be sent to us at The Village Project, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Seaside, CA, 93955, or through the donation button on our website at www.thevillageprojectinc.org. We thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and caring.

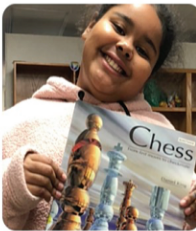


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The Village Project, Inc. ***Boa Me Na Me Mmoa Wo*** ***Help Me and Let Me Help You***



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It is their goal that every child they serve performs at grade level, graduates from high school, completes post-secondary education or training, and earns a livable wage as a productive, healthy member of their community. To learn more, visit www.bgcmc.org.



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WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

Teen Success, Inc. is for Teen Mothers who:

- Have NOT graduated from high school or GED
- Are pregnant or parenting
- Are economically disadvantaged meeting at least one of the federal guidelines defining poverty

Teen Success, Inc. does NOT require:

- MediCal or Proof of Insurance
- Fee from Participants

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

One-on-One COACHING: 18 month - twice a month.

PEER LEARNING GROUP: Whole group sessions - weekly

- 30-Minute Mommy & Me Activity
- Interactive and developmentally appropriate
- Incentives for Participation
- Diapers: twice a month
- Wipes: once a month
- Activity kits: once a month
- Gift cards
- Bring Me a Book Foundation

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Gathering for Women continues to serve the community during the pandemic



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For the past several months most of us have been sheltering in place, fearful to leave home, wiping down everything, and washing our hands constantly. The Peninsula was a ghost town with only the homeless on the streets. Imagine the fear of this invisible virus when you cannot shelter in your own home, or take a hot shower and put on clean clothes, or even wash your hands. For homeless women, there is no place to call home.

Homelessness can happen to anyone – especially during this pandemic and economic downturn. Gathering for Women expects to see the numbers increase in the months ahead as the toll of unemployment, economic uncertainty, and COVID require more women to seek help. However, homelessness does not have to equal hopelessness.

The Day Center in Monterey has remained open during the pandemic, with a skeleton staff and volunteers providing services. With the Food Bank stretched beyond capacity, Gathering for Women was able to partner with local restaurants to ensure nutritious takeout meals for their guests. In turn, restaurants were able to keep workers employed.

Each weekday, 20–30 guests arrive for take away breakfasts and lunches, and have access to showers, clean clothes, soap, masks, hand sanitizers, and other necessities from the clothes closet. They receive case management to help them find employment and housing opportunities, and access to mental health counseling through a partner organization, Interim. Gathering for Women is grateful they can continue to provide a safe space even if for just a short while before these unsheltered persons return to the streets or their cars until they can come back again. All of these services help them stay safe and healthy, and decrease the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission within the homeless community.

With another partner, Community Human Services, plans proceeded and they broke ground on Casa de Noche Buena, the Peninsula's first 90-day shelter with wrap-around services for homeless women and children with families. They hope to open this shelter in November if funding is in place. You can see the virtual groundbreaking at: <https://www.gatheringforwomen.org/casa-de-noche-buena.html>.

As Gathering for Women navigates these challenging days and continues to plan for the future, they count on the generous support of the community to ensure they can continue to provide continuity of care and a safe and nurturing place for our most vulnerable residents.

Donor support continues to help make a difference in local lives

The need in 2020 has been greater than ever due to COVID and wildfires

For 36 years Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey has been providing services to our neighbors from all faiths and backgrounds in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and San Luis Obispo Counties. This year has presented many unique challenges, but it has also provided opportunities to work together in the community like never before.

Each day, the dedicated staff listens to hundreds of stories of hardship from resilient moms and dads who have lost their jobs – leaving them with no income to feed their children or pay rent. Staff also hears from families who contracted COVID-19, seniors without support to pay their utility bills, and families who have lost everything to wildfires.

Thanks to the support from local donors, foundations, and grants, thousands of our neighbors stay housed, fed, and stable throughout this unprecedented year. Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey has successfully:

- Initiated wildfire disaster relief services
- Quadrupled rental assistance to prevent families from becoming homeless
- Distributed groceries and hygiene items to more than 1,000 families
- Provided pre-paid cards for food and basic necessities to hundreds of people
- Distributed over 4,000 face masks to farmworkers and others without resources to buy them

Many families still need help! Our hearts break to be able to only provide direct financial aid to 1 out of 10 people asking for support. This holiday season; please join us in serving more people in dire need of help and hope.

The Mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for social justice, and to call other people of good will to do the same.

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Gathering for Women - Monterey



Providing unhoused and housing insecure women with supportive resources and a caring community

Our Day Center provides case management, hot meals, showers, clothes, masks and hand sanitizers, and referrals to outside services.

Now we are adding a focused housing navigation team to help unhoused and housing insecure women access community and government opportunities.

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This year, we have made a positive impact on the lives of over 5,000 people!



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Your generosity will provide stability to people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Join us in helping the hundreds of people that call us everyday in need of help and hope.

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Lions and tigers and bears await at Monterey Zoo

The zoo, a nonprofit, offers an experience like no other

Known in the community for many years as “Wild Things,” owner and animal trainer, Charlie Sammut, long dreamed of bringing Monterey County residents their very own – and very first – zoological property. Beginning in 1983, Wild Things’ Sammut provided guided walking tours of the Salinas facility, hosted educational programs for the schools and youth groups in the area, all while training and providing animals to the film and television industry. Sammut and his animal’s credits include The Lion King, George of the Jungle, Dr. Doolittle, Mighty Joe Young, and many more.

In 2015, the decision was made to transition Wild Things into a “real zoo” and Monterey Zoological Society achieved its 501(c)(3) non-profit zoological status. The zoo was built completely with funds generously donated by the Sammut family and the animal-loving Monterey County community. The great majority of labor necessary to complete the project was achieved

by Sammut himself, his staff, and his family so that the majority of the donations could be channeled towards materials only. This enabled Sammut to build as much as possible with as little as possible. Old style caging that occupied just five acres of the Vision Quest Ranch were torn down and replaced with professional zoological habitats and exhibits that offered the animals much more mentally stimulating and comfortable environments, many twenty times the size of their previous enclosures.

Seven years and seven million dollars later, Monterey Zoo saw its completion in March of 2020. Sammut could not have been more proud when the zoo was inspected and accredited by the Zoological Association of America in June of 2020. Unfortunately, plans for a formal grand opening and unveiling of this very unique and special property were halted by the unprecedented COVID19 pandemic. But once again, a very generous and caring community that helped build the zoo stepped up with

donations to keep the completely closed zoo afloat, affording them the ability to continue offering the animals the extremely high quality of life they so very much need and deserve.

Today, Monterey Zoo is NOW OPEN, with COVID19 protocols in place that assure its visitors an extremely safe and comfortable visit. All are encouraged to visit www.montereyzoo.org to learn about those protocols and how they can make their visit even safer by purchasing tickets online and making their visit completely contactless. Not the grand opening that was hoped for but nevertheless, an opportunity to begin sharing the animals with the community and visitors to Monterey County with the hope that all will leave realizing the tremendous value animals bring to our planet and how worthy they are of our love, support, and protection. Monterey Zoo is located at 400 River Road in Salinas. Visit montereyzoo.org to learn more and plan your visit very soon.

I-HELP Emergency Shelter



Support homeless men and women rebuild their lives and be part of our community. Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-Help) provides **emergency** shelter, food and supportive services every day of the year.

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MPC Foundation helps local students get to and through college



Provided photo of Ahmed Cruz, Evans College Incentive Program Graduate



Provided photo of MPC Foundation Executive Director, Beccie Michael, with Evans College Incentive Program students (Photo taken prior to COVID-19)

While Monterey Peninsula College's campuses remain closed to students and the public, that hasn't stopped thousands of students from working towards their educational goals. MPC's courses and services were transitioned online following the shelter-in-place order issued earlier this year; however, students face substantial hurdles as they navigate through this new mode of learning. In order to address the most immediate challenges, the MPC Foundation and Student Financial Services provided emergency grants to students who suffered financial crises caused by the pandemic and/or regional wildfires, totaling 1,000 direct grants to students within the first few months. The Foundation's Emergency Assistance program continues to provide critical funds to MPC students, allowing them to stay in school despite financial difficulties. "We believe that helping local students get a college education is one of the most important ways we can respond to the pandemic and prepare to withstand the long-term economic impacts it will have on our community," explains Beccie Michael, Executive Director.

"Every college graduate is a positive contribution to our collective future." Recognizing that students who lack internet access would be unable to attend college, the Foundation helped establish a program at MPC that provides one year of free high-speed internet service to qualifying students. While Emergency Assistance and the Free Wifi programs focus on helping currently enrolled students at MPC, the Foundation's work extends into the high schools through its signature Evans College Incentive Program (CIP), established in 2015. Since that time, over 350 socioeconomically disadvantaged students from Monterey County high schools have enrolled full-time at MPC with financial and wrap-around support. Students are nominated by high school teachers and counselors based on the degree of challenges they face in reaching their potential to become college graduates. Enrollment in the program greatly increases the odds that these at-risk students will graduate and achieve their goals. This spring, CIP student Ahmed Cruz set what Michael believes is an MPC record by earning nine associate degrees and three

certificates during his three years at the college. "Neither of Ahmed's parents had an opportunity to earn a high school education, so achieving this milestone is particularly poignant," Michael explains. "It will change the trajectory of his family forever." Now a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Ahmed shares, "There were many incredible things about the College Incentive Program. Perhaps my favorite was expanding my family. The program staff and my fellow peers became more than people that I interacted with. They became a family to me. The feeling of loneliness and a scary new environment which college can bring, quickly faded as I was welcomed and supported by the program since day one." Like most non-profit organizations, the MPC Foundation is supported by donations and grants from the community. "All of our work is made possible by our donors and business partners," Michael says. "To say we're grateful is an enormous understatement. No matter how big or small, the act of giving in order to lift someone else up is what makes the difference."

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Affordable Housing + Community Development = HDC Monterey

When you hear the words "affordable housing" what do you think? Do you think "there isn't enough" or "impossible to fix" or even "NIMBY"? When it comes to affordable housing, the team at HDC Monterey is constantly thinking how do we build more.

Housing Development Corporation (or HDC) Monterey is a 501 (c)(3) affordable housing developer invested in our community and always ready to build communities that will enhance the lives of our residents. We bring together developers, grants, and investors, to build affordable housing that strengthens our community and our economy.

To learn more about HDC Monterey and the important topic of affordable housing, we encourage you to read this recent article about our most recent development at bit.ly/3grTUo5 and to check out our website, hdcmonterey.org. You can also reach out to our VP of development [Carolina Sahagun-Gomez](mailto:csahagun@hdcmonterey.org) at csahagun@hdcmonterey.org.

Now More Than Ever, Local Students Need Your Help



"There has never been a more essential time to earn a college degree. Please help local students by making a tax deductible donation to the MPC Foundation."

Beccie Michael
MPC Foundation Executive Director

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