

Hope's Village of SLO Accomplishments



- * Formed a California corporation and 501(c)(3) public charity with all inherent benefits; have six member board of directors and a devoted team of volunteers; have held monthly planning meetings at Salvation Army for four years that includes those who are homeless.
- * Adopted by-laws and business plan; developed informational brochure, Power Point presentation, website, FaceBook page, conceptual site plan, and floor plans for model “Cabin on Wheels.”
- * Constructed a model 7’ x 16’ stick-built “Cabin on Wheels” (licensed by the DMV).
- * Gained the endorsement of SLO County Sheriff Ian Parkinson, Mayor Marx and SLO City Council, CAPSLO (Community Action Project of SLO), ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), SLO Salvation Army, Paso Cares, SLO County Housing Trust Fund, Sandwiches on Sundays, Transitional Food & Shelter, SLO Transitions Mental Health, etc. (please see list at www.hopesvillageofslo.com)
- * Have given 50+ informational presentations to government staff, organizations, churches and clubs; have had individual meetings with SLO County Supervisors, Sheriff Ian Parkinson, Atascadero Mayor Tom O’Malley, Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian and SLO Police Chief; staff at SLO County Building and Planning, general services, and health department; Laurel Weir and the Homeless Services Oversight Council; Lee Collins from Social Services; we present at city council and county board of supervisor meetings keeping elected officials apprised of our status. All are supportive.
- * Developed and managed successful “RV’s for Veterans” program for past four years; 60 RVs (motorhomes, travel trailers and fifth wheels) have now been passed on to local unhoused veterans and others. No money exchanges hands, and no liability is incurred (the SLO Veterans’ Service Office refers veterans to us who they cannot help); we also volunteer at local Veteran’s Stand Down events.
- * Have had many articles written about Hope’s Village and “RVs for Veterans” in local papers and magazines; interviewed by KCBX and KVEC radio stations, KSBY and KCOY TV. *We believe there is greater focus today on local homelessness in part due to our efforts.*
- * Organized two public events on permanent housing for unhoused people led by Mark Lakeman, architect/activist and co-founder of Dignity Village in Portland, Oregon. We’ve done extensive research on tiny home living and successful villages in the U.S. for people who are homeless.
- * Arranged a meeting between Sheriff Parkinson & 10 local homeless veterans to share information, and for him to get experience on how they are forced to live in SLO. He is very supportive of our efforts.
- * Perform outreach in SLO County to many locals who are homeless and ineligible for (or are underserved by) other homeless services. Prado refers unhoused people to us who they cannot assist.
- * Formed an alliance with the Cal Poly “Beyond Shelter” students; presented at their annual Homeless Awareness Week where we showcased our “Cabin on Wheels;” spoke at a student forum on homelessness; spoke to political science class on the politics of poverty and homelessness in 2015 and 2016; presented to a Cal Poly construction management class who may have their students build HV a Cabin on Wheels *each quarter.*

We have a great group of people involved in Hope’s Village ~ and are all in this for the long haul!