

BUILDING FOR RECOVERY

Ask most people in the recovery community what their most-heartbreaking stories are and more often than not, they involve someone who did great in residential treatment and was ready to start a new way of life only to exit the program with nowhere to go. Far too often homelessness or even going back to your old friends and neighborhood results in months of hard work and a truly brighter path being erased in an instant. Sun Street Centers is here to change the narrative for people who are homeless and suffer from alcoholism or drug addiction by providing 40 men a year with sober living services.

The Recovery Center has been a dream of ours for over 20 years. The two Salinas lots, at 284 and 286 Calle Cebu, are adjacent to our current residential treatment program and DUI education classes. We purchased the land as soon as it became available, and our vision is to continue to transform this neighborhood into a beacon of good for those in need. We are prepared to break ground in fiscal year 2022.

The Center will address unmet and urgent needs to help men, women, teens, and families suffering with chronic addiction and mental illness in Salinas and Monterey County. The additional space is necessary to remove accessibility barriers caused by current space limitations. It will provide intensive, daily outpatient treatment sites, as well as recovery groups and additional administrative space. We will work with local agencies including Monterey County Behavioral Health and Probation, YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, Housing Resource Center, and Turning Point.

These programs are projected to serve 300 individuals a year at the community center and 40 men a year in the sober living program. Our sustainability plan for the project includes local foundations and private donor support for start-up costs, and State matching Medi-Cal fees for ongoing program services, as well as self-paid shared rent for the Sober Living Environment (SLE).

With the Recovery Center, we will be able to offer a full range of treatment services to those in need. We envision clients first coming to us through our DUI or Outpatient substance abuse programs. When they are ready to enter a residential treatment program we will be there for them with a state-licensed recovery program in a supportive environment featuring certified counselors. And when they are ready to exit the Recovery Center will allow them the transition they need and deserve.

Sun Street Centers has 53 years of proven success in the field of addiction treatment and recovery. We have multiple sites in Monterey and San Benito Counties and certified and licensed programs for detoxification, residential and outpatient treatment, dual-diagnosed treatment, DUI and recovery services. Last year alone we served over 10,000 individuals – approximately 5,000 youth and parents through Prevention in 24 school districts, 2,500 in Driving Under the Influence education, and 2,500 in Treatment and Recovery programs.