

BUILDING FOR RECOVERY

Ask most people in the recovery community what their most-heartbreaking stories are and often, 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, neighborhood, and habits 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 individuals and families 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.

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 space for recovery groups. 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 and women a year in the sober living transitional housing apartments. 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 Environments (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 peer specialists. When they are ready to graduate, the Recovery Center will allow them the transition they need and deserve.

We are excited to have broken ground on the site in March of 2024! To date, we have raised \$4,526,640 of our \$5,388,498 goal. The County of Monterey, Louis and Roberta Huntington, Harden Foundation, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Sally Hughes Church Foundation, and many other foundations, businesses, and individuals, have donated to this cause and we are focused on raising the roughly \$850,000 left to reach our goal.

Sun Street Centers has 56 years of proven success in the field of addiction treatment and recovery. We have multiple sites in Monterey, San Luis Obispo 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.