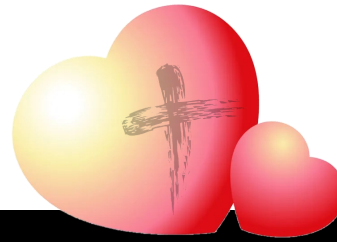


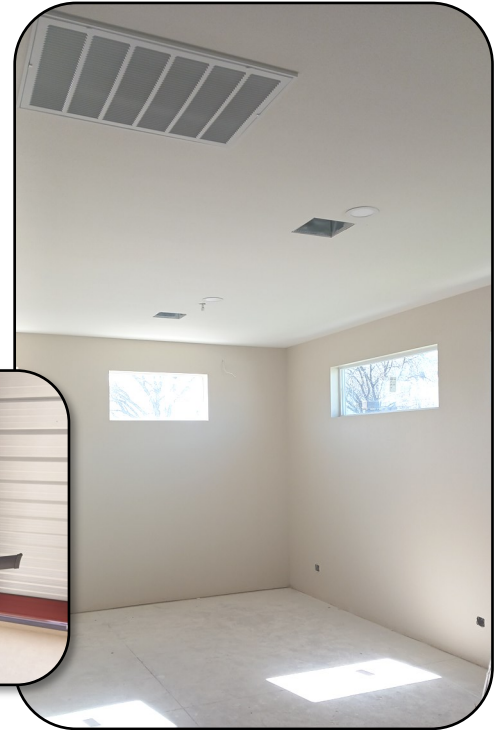
Monthly Newsletter



February 2024

Dining Hall/Kitchen Update

We are excited to see progress on the dining hall/kitchen building. The walls in the dining room have been painted and they are installing the PVC wall panels in the kitchen area. These panels are easy to clean and sanitize and are moisture and water resistant. They are hoping the building will be completed by the middle of April. It will be great to be able to have groups and families come in to cook in the kitchen again and everything will be on the same side of the street.



Shelter Statistics

Since re-opening July 17, 2023 through February 15, 2024 the emergency shelter program has served 244 unduplicated homeless men of which 17 are veterans and 143 have stated they are disabled. Our occupied bed count in that time frame is 8,582. We are providing shelter for a number of men who are in wheelchairs.

Following is the number in each age range:

Age Range	Count	Age Range	Count
18 - 30	104	18 - 30	38
51 - 61	68	62 & over	34

After the closing of the Navigation Center, we are excited to announce that we moved one of our case managers, Corey, to 221 S. Broadway. She has been entering the HMIS data for the Shelter. She is now also our new Rapid Re-Housing case manager. We have also hired a new Permanent Supportive Housing case manager, Michelle, who had been volunteering at the Navigation Center. The mental health specialist/drug and alcohol counsellor, Bobby, that La Familia had placed at the Navigation Center has also moved into our main offices. In the short time here, he has been able to place two people into treatment programs. We are excited to welcome all these new people to our organization.

Wish List

Bottled Water
Paper towels
Disposable divided plates
Plastic forks and spoons
Drinking cups (hot & cold)
Zip lock baggies
Q-Tips
Bars of Soap
Combs
Razors
Deodorant
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes

The Navigation Center

We regret to inform you that the Navigation Center, which has been providing daytime navigation center services to unsheltered homeless since June 2023, was closed on January 31, 2024. This was due to the decision of the Turlock City Council to not extend the six-month pilot program as requested by us.

The Navigation Center has been a safe place for the homeless population to go during the day. It has also offered immediate access to case management, mental health services, and drug/alcohol services. Community Health Centers of America provided free medical services on a monthly basis. The Navigation Center served an average of 25 clients per day, and helped 15 clients secure permanent housing.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this valuable resource for our community, and we are grateful for your support and generosity throughout the pilot program. We hope you will join us in advocating for more funding and resources for the homeless population in Turlock in the future.



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