



ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP

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Next Step Program receives the 2021 Challenge Award in the category of Administration of Justice

'California State Association of Counties'(CSAC) Annual Challenge Awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of our California Counties as they find new, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens.'



Humboldt County was announced the 2021 Challenge award recipient for their nomination of Arcata House Partnership's Next Step Program. The Next Step program is a cooperative program organized by Humboldt County Probation Department and Arcata House Partnership (AHP). The program provides an opportunity to support individuals transferring directly out of prison through addressing essential needs for food and shelter through a Housing First model. The primary goal is to assist people to prepare for and become permanently housed, while readjusting to community, developing important life skills and great tenant habits. AHP supports clients in achieving their housing goals through a variety of ways like researching and securing a place to rent, reunifying with family or applying for subsidized housing.

"We are honored to be recognized by CSAC as Humboldt County is fortunate to have such great partnerships with organizations like the Arcata House Partnership. They are truly dedicated to making our community a better place."

- Humboldt County Chief Probation Officer Shaun Brenneman



Out of the 29 program participants so far, 22 people have successfully stayed out of prison during their probation period, a success rate of 76%. While in the Next Step program there are a variety of opportunities and resources clients can utilize. For example, clients may open a Client Housing Account (CHA) where 30% of their income is saved towards future housing goals, set interim goals (such as learning to cook their favorite meals) and given opportunities to connect & contribute to their community. These program features allow clients to develop good tenancy practices, and a strong foundation for when they become permanently housed. AHP looks forward to continuing their partnership with the Probation Department, celebrating achievements and supporting people in reaching their housing goals.



Ke-mey-ek' Place will celebrate their One-Year Anniversary This August

Arcata House Partnership & the Yurok Indian Housing Authority celebrate the one-year anniversary of the joint affordable housing project

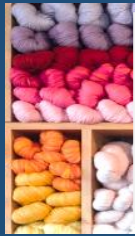
Ke-mey-ek' Place, meaning 'I am home,' currently provides a home to individuals in north Eureka. The affordable housing site has 18 units in total and onsite support for its tenants. The project is a collaboration between Arcata House Partnership and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority, applying together for Homekey 1 and securing grant funding to create affordable housing. The project has 4 units exclusively available to tribal members, providing equitable housing opportunities that reflect Humboldt County's current population of homeless people.

In August we will celebrate our success and talk about plans for the future as we continue to work hard to serve our most vulnerable community members, one unit at a time.

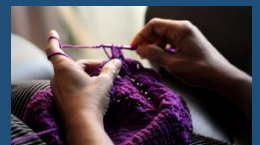


Call for Knitted Items

Share the warmth with our community members currently experiencing homelessness.



Arcata House Partnership is seeking knitted donations of **hats & scarves** to prepare for the colder months to come.



To schedule a donation call: (707) 822-8528 EXT # 106

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Here at Arcata House Partnership getting clients housed is just the beginning. Case Managers support our client's goals to remain secure, stable and self-sufficient. Some examples of this are; teach good tenant practices, encourage positive community connections and assist with referrals for long term support.

Case managers also assist clients in making their space a home. The pictures below show an initial move in to a client's new apartment, with fresh bath towels, kitchenware, cleaning supplies and basic household items that make a big difference in a move.



Keep an Eye out for...

Outreach & Engagement Lunch Truck

The Lunch Truck serves sack lunches that typically include a sandwich, a variety of snacks and a drink. The truck provides connection to services like case management, community resources and applications for a variety of assistance from rental support to food. The truck is equipped with supplies for health and hygiene handing out items such as Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, body wash, hand sanitizer etc.

Mon - Fri 12:00pm-12:50pm
Located at 14th & Union
(the Entrance to Redwood Park)



Food Pantry

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm

Located at 501 9th Street
(AHP Annex, by the Arcata bus stop)

Fridays 4:00-5:30pm

Located at 4677 Valley West Blvd
(parking lot) *July & August Only*

The food pantry provides a variety of grocery items. Everyone is welcome to take fresh food like eggs, milk, onions, potatoes and different vegetables as available.

Flowers in bloom at Arcata Bay Crossing

Arcata Bay Crossing is an independent living apartment complex built and managed by Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC). It is a 32 unit building, all furnished studio apartment with one apartment dedicated to an onsite staff member. All tenants were homeless at one point in time.



"I work with Arcata House clients in maintaining their housing. My other part is I provided fun activities for the tenants to do... everything from cooking classes to movie nights. Covid halted our group activities, so I moved more towards individual activities in the form of Activity Bags. With Covid restrictions lifting up, I am able to do activities outside. The garden is a good example of that."

-Sumer Lindsay
AHP Housing Support Specialist

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul" – Alfred Austin

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE ADVOCACY FOR AND SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS AND FOOD INSECURE WITH COMPASSION, DIGNITY AND EMPOWERMENT WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

About us: Arcata House Partnership (AHP) is a fast-growing non-profit organization in Humboldt County that offers a full continuum of services to individuals who are experiencing housing and/or food insecurity. We are a locally and federally funded agency that serves the homeless community with compassion, dignity and empowerment using a Housing First philosophy. Our services range from street outreach, providing access to food, temporary shelters, and permanent housing. When you enter Arcata House Partnership, you begin to actively work towards permanent housing. Becoming a client with AHP means collaborating with an assigned case manager to set goals for the future, saving income towards housing goals, and applying for different programs to cover diverse needs as well as connect with partner agencies as necessary to address whole person needs.

Our staff works with individuals and families from all walks of life to set and achieve their housing goals. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to live and will continue to work to make that possible.

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