



# ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP

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## Progress Update: The Grove

*An update on timeline, tenant selection processes and our Coordinated Entry Events*

On September 15<sup>th</sup> Arcata House Partnership (AHP) completed the purchase of the Days Inn on Valley West Blvd. The signs have come down and now the work begins. Our staff are working hard, putting in kitchenettes, new mattresses and more to create welcoming studio apartments for the tenants who will live there. The apartment complex, called The Grove, once complete will have 60 studio units of affordable housing. These studios can house single adults, couples or a parent and child. For the tenant selection, there will be no application process. Tenants will be chosen from the Coordinated Entry System, a database of those experiencing homelessness in our county that prioritizes the people with the highest vulnerability in our community.



The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place to where we  
can go as we are and not be questioned

Maya Angelou



AHP had two events to enroll community members currently experiencing homelessness to ensure that people were uploaded in the system and eligible for the new affordable housing projects in the community. There will be nearly 140 new units of affordable housing in Arcata by the end of the year, a vital step towards ending homelessness in our community. To qualify for these units a person needs to be currently homeless, extremely low or zero-income (for Humboldt County this means at or below \$16,350 per year for an individual or \$18,700 for a household of two) & enrolled in the Coordinated Entry System. AHP is aiming to be fully occupied by December 1<sup>st</sup> with 24hr staffing, onsite coin operated laundry rooms and a functional gate that will allow tenants to come and go as they please. AHP is overjoyed to have the opportunity to create housing in the community and provide space for members of our communities to create their home.



## Story of 'Jane'

*A snapshot of the work we do at Arcata House Partnership, we get to share a story of a client who came in for services and succeeded in finding housing. She allowed us to share her journey, her name has been changed to protect her privacy.*

Jane lived in shelters since she was 9 years old. She was 18 when her father went to prison and she began to live in her car. Moving from place to place, she settled in the Eureka/Arcata area living with an abusive partner. Pregnant and unsafe, she found the strength to leave. She came to Arcata House Partnership for services and lived in one of the family shelters for a short time, having to relocate once her abuser/stalker found her. She gave birth to her baby in the local hospital and was released back into an AHP shelter. Her abuser no longer in the area, the shelter was a safer space for her now. She resided in one of the shelters for many months, actively applying for housing while waiting for an apartment to become available.

Late August that opportunity was finally recognized when staff assisted her to move into her very own home, the first one she has had in years. The beaming smile and the tear in her eye as she thanked the staff said it all.

She was HOME.





## Socktober at Arcata Elementary!



Arcata Elementary School is participating in Socktober, the school has selected Arcata House Partnership to be a recipient for the socks that they collect.

### Donations of new & unused socks can be dropped at one of two bins located at 2400 Baldwin St. in Arcata.

The bins will be out from 8am-4pm by the front office and 4-5:30pm in front of the preschool.



### 2022 Legislative Session Overview from a Housing Perspective

Governor Newsom signed three bills on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that are in direct response to the housing crisis in California. It has been projected that to properly address the crisis, California will need 2.5 million more homes by 2030, these senate and assembly bills aim to reduce barriers for affordable housing production.

*AB 2011: fast track housing developments, by skipping the local review processes. Developers will be required to pay their workers union-level wages and offer benefits for larger projects. Apartments will be required to be 100% affordable or mixed use at market rate but affordable to at least 15% of lower income earners.*

*SB 6: Allows developers to bypass the first step of permitting housing on commercial real-estate while allowing other opportunities for local input. (Like CEQA) This bill unlocks empty stores, offices and parking lots for as many as 1.6million units in CA.*

*SB 886: excuses public college and university housing from regulations of the California Environmental Quality Act, meant to address the chronic student housing crisis. Housing is required to be on campus-owned land and has to check off a long list of environmental and labor-relations as well as not displace affordable housing.*

Other bills that passed that affect will directly affect the houseless population are SB 107 that protects transgender youth, SB 731 that expands criminal record relief for all felonies after time served, probationary period & two years have passed (excluding crimes requiring registration as a sex offender). AB 988 that raises funds to support call centers and mobile crisis teams associated with the three-digit mental health hotline (988) and SB 1338 that will compel court framework in each county to compel people with serious mental illness into housing and medical treatment.

<https://calmatters.org/explainers/california-legislature-bills-passed-2022/#509a9787-be99-412c-a5f9-b376d7a9fad9>

## Putting Care at the Center Conference

AHP was proud to attend this year's Putting Care at the Center Conference in Sacramento, CA. With CalAIM unfolding for the first time ever, California is paving the way for health care and community based organizations to collaborate and deliver the best care possible. In 2023 quality measurements for health care providers will include social determinants of health, (SDOH). This means providers must coordinate with community organizations such as homeless service providers, mental and behavioral health resources and housing to create solutions that address all factors of an individual's health. This partnership will be revolutionary for community health and provide better more complete care for the most vulnerable people in our state.



Total Meals Served in 2022

**38,502** meals

This work is possible because of the strength and unwavering support of the community. Thank you for being part of the solution.

Total Clients Served in 2022

**631** people

**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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