Responding to COVID-19

At the start of March’s stay-at-home order, we leapt into action to safeguard our unhoused neighbors. As essential services, PATH and PATH Ventures remained active on the front lines and have housed 1,490 Californians since March. Our staff worked day and night to undertake new COVID-19 response efforts (e.g., emergency motels) while continuing to provide outreach, interim housing, case management, landlord recruitment, and support tasks (e.g., finance, human resources) needed to keep our programs running.

Our commitment to our community’s safety and health:

• Assembled a PATH Cares Emergency Staff Task Force to make critical organizational decisions in real time.
• In four months, launched six COVID-19 emergency housing sites (i.e., three Project Roomkey motels in LA/SB, three isolation/quarantine sites in LA) and are now opening four Project Homekey supportive housing sites in LA/SD.
• Began tele-case management, offering interested clients and staff a safe alternative to in-person services.
• Continue to provide critical services to our most vulnerable neighbors with quick and nimble solutions.
• Continue to promote the highest safety measures with our staff, served population, and wider community.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Structural barriers and racism have caused generational poverty and homelessness for BIPOC. We are dedicated to advancing opportunity for our staff and unhoused neighbors through the following:

• In 2019, created a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee with staff from all programs and staffing levels.
• Launched Listen, Learn, and Lead in June, with staff and board listening sessions and conversations.
• Transforming our agency culture through board and staff dialogue. Responsively created the PATH Academy, board-funded staff development via a cohort for frontline staff with training and mentors.
• Hiring experienced DEI experts to guide the DEI committee and will soon recruit for a newly created DEI staff role.
Los Angeles/Long Beach
- Partnering with the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, opened three A Bridge Home interim housing sites in Venice (154 beds), Los Feliz (100 beds) and Mid City (54 beds).
- Provided support services at three isolation and quarantine sites with 600+ rooms and two emergency motels with 200+ rooms.
- Opened PATH Metro Villas, Phase Two, which provides 122 units for formerly homeless individuals. Tenants also began moving into the renovated PATH Villas Montclair-Gramercy (16 studios).
- Began construction on PATH Villas South Gate, with 60 units for formerly homeless tenants and Veterans.

Orange County
- Opened PATH OC's Placentia Navigation Center, in partnership with the City of Placentia, which provides 100 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness in North Orange County.
- Working with Orange County to open PATH OC's Yale Navigation Center (425 beds).

Sacramento County
- We launched PATH Sacramento during the pandemic in May, providing intensive case management for individuals with chronic physical and behavioral health needs.

San Diego County
- Expanded supportive housing, opening The LINK, a 72-unit community developed by Affirmed Housing, in August and Mission Valley PSH, a 192-unit site, in November.
- Expanded our Mid-City outreach pilot. Partnering with the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) and the City of La Mesa to serve the City of San Diego and East County.
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- Launched PATH Cooks Mobile, meal delivery helping high-risk individuals shelter in place in motels or scattered site homes.

San Jose/Santa Clara County
- Celebrated the grand opening of Villas on the Park, an 84-unit permanent supportive housing community.
- Opening Evans Lane, San Jose's first tiny home site for 50 families. This three-phase initiative will begin as COVID-19 emergency shelter, shift to post-pandemic interim housing, and ultimately become permanent supportive housing.
- Nearly doubled our street outreach efforts in San Jose and added clinical outreach specialists to meet our clients’ complex needs.

Santa Barbara/Central Coast
- Helped the County open a 68-room, COVID-19 emergency motel for our unhoused neighbors in fragile physical health.
- Began the first of a two-phase renovation project in our interim housing site, which will create a more welcoming, trauma-informed environment to support our residents' healing process.
- Launching the County's first initiative to place 25 of the community's highest need individuals into scattered site housing and provide supportive services to promote stability.

PATH’s 2020 Highlights

Making It Home
By the Numbers

11,800+
PEOPLE HOUSED
SINCE 2013

150
CITIES SERVED IN
CALIFORNIA

PATH surveyed 1,000 clients and nine out of 10 said they were satisfied with their experience and the services they receive.

Affordable Housing Development

Completed
15 COMMUNITIES
941 UNITS

In Construction
2 COMMUNITIES
123 UNITS

Coming Soon
12 COMMUNITIES
816 UNITS

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