PATH’S STORY
On July 1, 2015, PATH merged with Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter to become PATH Santa Barbara. In Santa Barbara, PATH provides a variety of life-saving services for our neighbors experiencing homelessness that include street outreach, housing navigation, interim housing, inclement weather shelter, rapid re-housing, intensive case management services, landlord engagement, and permanent housing solutions. Our facility also serves as an access point for the county’s coordinated entry system (CES), which allows PATH to help unhoused Santa Barbarians navigate the resources and services they need to move into and retain their own homes.

KEY PROGRAMS

Street Outreach
Outreach staff engage and build trusting relationships with unsheltered individuals, help them enroll in programs that seek to stabilize their wellness and housing, and collaborate with other service providers to coordinate and optimize our community’s efforts. Our staff conduct assessments, identify needs and challenges, and make referrals to services that will help people move off the streets and into their own homes.

Housing Search & Navigation
PATH’s housing specialists work closely with clients to identify needs and address barriers to quickly connect clients with sustainable housing opportunities.

Interim Housing
Partnering with county and city agencies, PATH has interim beds where individuals can find respite from the streets while working towards securing permanent homes and achieving self-sufficiency. We also open our doors during inclement weather and provide temporary beds to unsheltered individuals.

Making It Home
By The Numbers

534*
PEOPLE SERVED

119*
PEOPLE HOUSED

539
PEOPLE HOUSED SINCE 2015

*DATA REPRESENTS APPROXIMATE TOTALS FROM JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023
Health and Wellness
PATH offers colocated medical and behavioral health services in collaboration with the County Departments of Public Health and Behavioral Health to ensure our clients can access stabilizing resources. We also partner with Cottage Health to provide recuperative and post-emergency room transitional care to individuals with complex medical needs.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
Our RRH staff help individuals quickly exit homelessness and move into their own homes through housing placement assistance, security deposit and short-term rental assistance, and stabilizing case management. The program offers landlord management, rental, and financial assistance for up to two years and intensive case management and retention.

Permanent Support Housing
PATH’s scattered site and permanent supportive housing program aims to help the county’s highest-acuity residents experiencing homelessness achieve housing, health, and financial stability. In order to qualify for this program, individuals must be chronically homeless and have at least one disabling condition. We provide housing navigation, landlord engagement, subsidized rental assistance, and case management, also offering assistance with utilities, food, life skills training, benefits enrollment, retention services, and more.

Coordinated Entry System Physical Access Point
PATH serves the county as one of the CES physical access points, assessing our unhoused neighbors’ needs and enrolling them into Santa Barbara’s homeless services system. Once engaged, individuals can access stabilizing services from PATH and other providers.

Community Food Program
PATH partners with the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Whole Foods Market, and Trader Joe’s to receive and process generous food donations that fuel our kitchen and nourish our residents with three meals daily. We also have a food pantry for our clients and are able to redistribute food donations to other service providers in the community.

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