

# MERCY HOUSE

## Ventura County Newsletter

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### MERCY HOUSE IMPACT:

#### STATS FOR 2023-2024

- In the last year Mercy House ended homelessness for **3,907 people**
- **1,052 people** exited emergency shelter for permanent or temporary housing
- **381** disabled and chronically homeless individuals were provided housing and services

### VENTURA COUNTY IMPACT:

#### STATS FOR 2023-2024

- **375** homeless individuals were provided emergency shelter and services
- **44 people** exited emergency shelter for permanent or temporary housing
- **15 households** secured housing through our Oxnard Rapid Rehousing Program
- **100%** of those served with Rapid Rehousing remained in permanent housing at exit

### Faith community members, you're invited!

We are reaching out to faith communities like yours because we recognize the power of collective action and the strength that emerges when diverse groups come together for a common cause.

We'd like to invite you to tour our shelter and talk with us over coffee.

Let us tell you all about our programs, and how your faith community can get involved.



### CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Farid, a long-time resident of Ventura County, faced unimaginable challenges during his 23 years of homelessness. After being released from prison and completing parole, Farid connected with Mercy House through the Whole Person Care (WPC) program.

Determined to change his life, Farid's independence and dedication were evident every step of the way. Whenever there was a requirement for his housing, Farid took immediate action, demonstrating his commitment to securing a stable home. Today, thanks to his perseverance and the support of Mercy House, Farid has his own place—something he once thought was impossible. His story is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact that hope can have.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR, CONTACT  
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### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

DONATE toward our seasonal needs:

- **Spring:** lightweight clothing (men and women), sunscreen and sunblock, shampoo, conditioner
- **Summer:** breathable clothes (men and women), sun protectant hats, deodorant, hair tie, comb
- **Fall:** jackets and sweaters, jeans, weather resistant pants, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- **Winter:** gloves, socks, coats, thermal underwear, lip balm and moisturizer

### OXNARD NAVIGATION CENTER

OXNC is our largest shelter in Ventura County, serving 110 clients! Our Housing Navigation team at OXNC has been hard at work collaborating with clients and community partners to get clients housed. In just the last month 6 clients have been housed with many more getting ready to be presented at the next Continuum of Care meeting!

### THE ARCH VENTURA

As of late July, we have 23 clients prioritized on the Pathways to Home List through the COC. 9 of our ARCH clients have been matched and are waiting for their units to be ready. 6 additional guests will be presented at the next Continuum of Care presentation meeting.

Thanks to the City of Ventura and San Buenaventura Housing Authority's efforts to expand low income and affordable housing, many of our clients will soon be on their way back home.

### CASA ALIENTO-OXNARD

Slowly but surely Casa Aliento Oxnard is making progress toward completion of construction. The Continuum of Care has begun matching people to units, beginning the leasing process. We anticipate 30 people to begin moving in mid-October.

We need your help collecting Welcome Home baskets!

Email Anna Varela to find out how you can get involved.

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