



**PLEASE ATTEND
EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

Thursday September 12, 2019

5:30 PM- Reception

6:00-8:00 PM-Program

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Rd. Ventura, CA 93003

ON

**Development and Ongoing Operation
of**

**Ventura's First Permanent Shelter
for the Homeless**

Scheduled to Open Late December, 2019

- Learn how the shelter will operate to maximize effectiveness in transitioning individuals from unhoused to housed.
- Discover ways for the community to insure the success of the shelter
- Hear about the necessity of creating more affordable housing.

**Please RSVP to partnersforchangeventura@gmail.com
we need to plan for seating**

Partners for Change: Together We Can End Homelessness



Evening Agenda

Reception- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Enjoy the Music of Michael Blues and Visit Agency Tables

Program 6-:00-8:00

Rev. Dana Worsnop -Welcome and Opening Devotions

Meredith Hart- Director City of Ventura, Safe and Clean Program

Continuum of Care, County of Ventura-Facts about Homelessness in the City of Ventura

Mercy House, Operators of City of Ventura Permanent Shelter-Description of Shelter Program and the transitional path from shelter to housing.

Break-Visit Agency Tables, Enjoy light refreshments

Personal Stories- Descriptions of life on the streets and a success story-the path from homelessness to shelter to a new home.

Meredith Hart-How you can help by donating time, goods and money.

Judy Alexandre , PHD, LCSW, Co-Chair VSSTF- Documentation of need for very affordable housing in the city of Ventura to ensure a path from homelessness to housed.

Mayor Matt La Vere-The city of Ventura's plans and goals for facilitating an increase in very affordable housing.

Rev. Dana Worsnop-Closing Remarks and Prayer

During the Reception period, music to be provided by Michael Blues, professional musician, who is currently unhoused and living in his car with his disabled partner.

The Reception and Break periods offer workshop attendees time to visit the following agencies offering services to the homeless; with opportunities for volunteer, donations and program information:

Downtown Ventura Organization
Project Understanding
Buddy Nation
County Homeless Services
One Stop
City Center
Tenderlife
Census 2020
Lift Up Your Voice To End Homelessness
Continuum of Care, County of Ventura
Homeless Prevention Fund
Cabrillo Economic Development
Interface Youth Outreach and Shelter

Ventura Housing Authority
Family to Family...
Community Action
City of Ventura/Mercy House
The Salvation Army
Step Up Ventura
Assist/Rise
Many Mansions
People Self Help Housing
Independent Living Resource Center
Turning Point Foundation

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