

# PROGRESS



THE HOUSING TRUST OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2011

## Affordable Homes for Silicon Valley Families

Our Progress through July 1, 2011

TOTAL INVESTMENT:

\$41.8

MILLION

TOTAL LEVERAGE:

\$1.88

BILLION

TOTAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES:

9,206

## Santa Clara County Joins National Program to End Chronic Homelessness

This month, the Housing Trust wants to recognize and spotlight the work of partner agencies who are on the frontline tackling homelessness issues in Santa Clara County. **Housing 1000**, a partnership between **Destination: Home**, the **Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues** and **Community Technology Alliance**, lead local volunteers last month in a massive effort to survey the homeless on the streets of Santa Clara County. The focus of the survey was to identify the most vulnerable and long-term homeless individuals with the goal of permanent housing placement combined with services to support that placement. **Housing 1000** is part of the national program, **100,000 Homes Campaign** whose mission is to house 100,000 of the most vulnerable homeless nationwide by 2013.

"We have roughly 7000 homeless in Santa Clara County, with 2000 chronically homeless, meaning they've been living on the streets for over a year," says **Jennifer Loving**, Executive Director of Destination: Home. "San Jose is the county's epicenter, with 68% of the homeless population residing here."

From June 26 - July 1st, more than 40 teams made up of 350 community volunteers covered the streets and shelters of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. These teams used the 100,000 Homes Campaign's *Vulnerability Index* to complete the survey, and create a by-name list of individuals experiencing homelessness who are most at risk of premature death. On July 20th and 21st, this effort will be repeated in southern Santa Clara County, including the cities of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy.

### Partner of the Month: Destination: Home

Destination: Home is a public-private partnership dedicated to ending chronic homelessness in Santa Clara County by working together with other organizations to house chronically homeless men and women in our community. Using the Housing-First model, Destination Home refocusing resources on permanently housing homeless individuals and providing the support services they need to stay housed. **Don Gage**, a former Housing Trust board President and Santa Clara County elected official and San Jose **Mayor Chuck Reed** were instrumental in creating Destination: Home.

"I have been extremely impressed by the efforts of Destination: Home and the Housing 1000 partnership to rally support and awareness around ending chronic homelessness" noted **Kevin Zwick**, Executive Director of the Housing Trust. "I especially appreciate that they are dedicated to finding new systems and solutions to solve this problem, and not sticking with the status quo. Our next round of Emergency Homelessness Prevention Grants (EHPG) will be structured to forward the goals identified by Destination: Home and this survey."

For more information on the survey visit: <http://housing1000sv.org/> click on "Registry Week Fact Sheet" on the left column to download a PDF of current survey results. For more information about the national campaign, visit: <http://100khomes.org/> to see results from around the country.



San Jose City Councilmember Sam Liccardo gathers information for the Housing 1000 Survey.



Volunteers find homeless encampment



The mission of the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County is to make Silicon Valley a more affordable place to live. The Housing Trust makes loans and grants to increase the supply of affordable housing, assist first-time homebuyers, prevent homelessness and stabilize neighborhoods.

## Housing Trust's Commitment to End Homelessness

### Emergency Homelessness Prevention Grants: Helping Local Children and Families

From 2000 to 2010 the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County has made over 87 Emergency Homelessness Prevention (EHPG) grants to agencies serving homeless families, seniors, youth and the disabled, those at risk of becoming homeless. These funds provide one-time rental assistance intended to prevent eviction, provide deposit assistance and to move families into stable housing. This year the Housing Trust has allocated a total of \$150,000 in awards and anticipates helping over 400 individuals throughout Santa Clara County.

With many families, all that is needed to halt the slide into homelessness could be a temporary one-time grant like the EHPG. "Many families have experienced a temporary lapse in employment causing them to fall behind on their bills," comments **Christine Burroughs**, President and CEO of InnVision, an EHPG grant recipient. "When these families receive a one-time grant to bridge the gap in their finances, they are able to maintain their housing and avoid homelessness"

### Safety Net Capital Improvement Grants: Solar Panels For HomeSafe Santa Clara

Housing Trust's Safety Net Capital Improvement (SNCI) program made funds available on a one-time basis to qualifying nonprofit agencies serving families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Grants of up to \$200,000 per provider were used for capital needs at existing safety net housing facilities. HomeSafe Santa Clara was the first to complete the upgrades and deferred maintenance. A big thank you to **Bank of America** for their recent contribution of \$100,000 to establish this program!

**HomeSafe Santa Clara/Charities Housing**, a permanent housing shelter for women and children in Santa Clara who have been victims of domestic violence, recently unveiled their new solar panel array. This solar panel project was funded in part by the Housing Trust, and will save money for the facility that can be redirected to critical areas such as after school programs for the children living at this site.

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First-time Homebuyer Workshops			
Tuesday	July 12th	6 - 8 pm	Learn more about our homebuyer assistance programs that can help you buy a home in Santa Clara County. Location: Mountain View Library Community Room 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041
Tuesday	July 19th	6 - 8 pm	Edenvale Branch Library, 101 Branham Lane East, San Jose, CA 95111 NSP - PAL and Dream Home Program Workshop

First-Time Homebuyers	Rental Housing Units	Homelessness Prevention Grants
<b>INVESTMENT</b> <b>\$18</b> MILLION	<b>INVESTMENT</b> <b>\$22.1</b> MILLION	<b>INVESTMENT</b> <b>\$1.7</b> MILLION
<b>HOMES</b> <b>2180</b> PURCHASED	<b>UNITS</b> <b>3499</b> CREATED	<b>PEOPLE</b> <b>3527</b> HELPED