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This past summer, in a partnership between Homes 4 the Homeless, Boys & Girls Club Sonoma-Marin, Sonoma County Probation Department, Santa Rosa Police Community Outreach Officers, California Department of Rehabilitation, Seekhaven and Farrow Commercial Construction, local youth were identified for a summer job opportunity in construction building two portable ADA bathroom and shower units for those without shelter.

This 12-week vocational program was designed to inspire careers in construction and benefit those youth

most vulnerable in our community. Contractors taught the pilot curriculum including Cal/OSHA guidelines and multiple subtrades in the construction field.

Homes 4 the Homeless is working to expand this program to deliver modular showers to those living without shelter. Our modular design is forklift-ready to deliver showers wherever they are most needed. We are planning multiple solutions for permanent or temporary residential code compliance. The units require water, septic and electrical utility hookups, or they can be equipped with a hybrid solar generator for remote locations.

Along with the construction of showers, we are organizing a training program so those building the showers can re-



Summer 2021 vocational youth training program.

ceive mentorship in multiple subtrades of the construction industry from experienced contractors and instructors. We'd like to thank the 50+ community partners, businesses, restaurants, markets and individuals that joined in creating this unique program. H4H and the Probation Department are applying for funding to continue the program. Join us!



Panorama of finished modular shower/bathroom.

Del Christensen Appointed Executive Director

Homes 4 the Homeless is proud to announce the appointment of Del Christensen as Executive Director.

As Chief of Global Business Development for the Bay Area Council, overseeing the Council's trade, investment, and academic efforts between China and California, Del was instrumental in reopening the California

Trade Office in Shanghai. He oversaw the Global operations of the China-California Office of Trade and Investment for the State of California from 2013-2020 and continues to serve on multiple social impact boards.

Following his passion for social initiatives, Christensen



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is actively addressing two of the country's most challenging epidemics: homelessness and addiction. As Executive Director of Homes 4 the Homeless, Del is leading efforts to provide housing villages that shelter the nation's homeless population. In addition, he is helping to expand our program that provides vocational training for underserved youth and young adults building homes and shower/bathroom units for deployment to homeless encampments. He also serves as Chief of Policy and Channel Development for Seekhaven, a Silicon Valley start-

up that offers evidence-based outcomes of the opioid treatment continuum and homeless communities.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Del leading our team," said Homes 4 the Homeless CEO Steve Schneider. "Del's experience in glob-

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al strategy with the Bay Area Council will be vital in capitalizing on our recent opportunities as well as the scaling to meet the rapidly growing prob-

lem of citizens living on the streets."

Prior to joining the Bay Area Council, Del established a 20-year track record of extraordinary success in sales, business development, and team leadership working for several Fortune 500 companies.

"It's an exciting time to be a part of what is happening at Homes 4 the Homeless," said Christensen. "We have pivoted to focusing on making an impact in Sonoma County and are continually encouraged with the people, partnerships and local government. Everyone is extremely dedicated to working towards solving homelessness in this County."



Affordable Housing for Sonoma County

Homes 4 the Homeless is proposing an affordable housing project for 5-10 people in Sonoma County based on a design created for Newark.

The modular design is the creation of Think Wilder Architecture of West Orange, New Jersey, which is collaborating with Homes 4 the Homeless on future projects. The design would consist of four residential shipping containers, including one serving as a central common area with a kitchen and restrooms surrounded by three more containing five individual living apartments. These "clusters" could be duplicated throughout a site to house more people depending the size of the property.



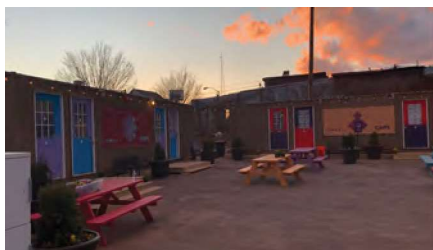
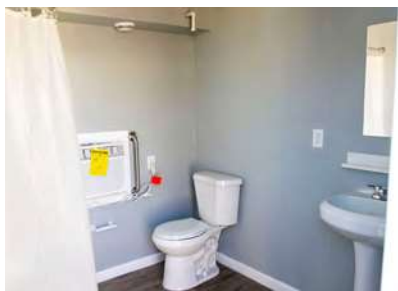
The site would serve as a showcase for modular construction for singles or couples with shared space for bathing, cooking, eating, and recreation. Our Community Transformation housing model takes clients through: 1) intake and stabilization; 2) focus on goals and future exit strategy; and 3) preparation to reintegrate into the greater community. The housing will be supported by our newly trained staff of case workers that will provide individual care for those in need of shelter.

We are actively recruiting volunteers and raising funds for this important project. Call us at 707-243-8022 to learn more and get involved.

*"We have been able to do what felt like the impossible in establishing a beautiful, dignified, safe-sleeping village, rooted in love, for our most vulnerable residents."
 - Sakinah Hoyte, Former Newark, NJ Homelessness Czar who led construction of Hope Village 1*



We're Going Back to Newark!



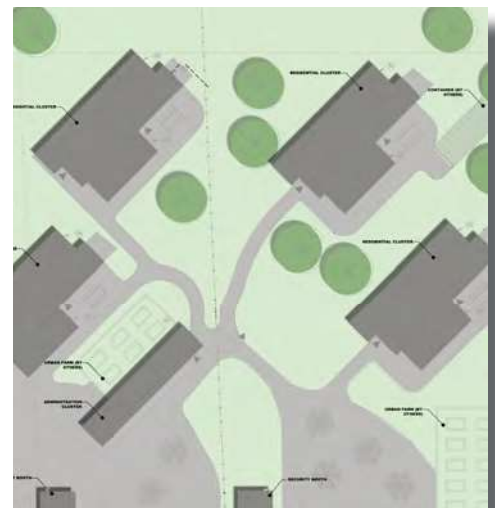
In late 2020 Homes 4 the Homeless was referred by Bloomberg Associates to the City of Newark, New Jersey under a Code Blue Emergency Declaration to find non-congregate shelter for people living inside and around Penn Station in the middle of winter.

We worked through the holidays, record winter storms and COVID-19 to design a shelter, contract manufacturing and deliver the village within 60 days. The Village is now housing 28 people and featured prominently in the local press. The results were remarkable: the affordability of the housing for under \$12,000 per person; the intermodal design for easy placement and removal; the near 100% occupancy and low turnover for shelter-averse populations; the welcoming, village-like community atmosphere; and the code compliance for long-term housing.

The resulting village comprises eight structures, including four 20-unit, 40-bed sleeping units, a 4-bathroom building with showers, an administrative unit and a storage unit. H4H served as the Project Lead in partnership with the City of Newark and Bloomberg Associates. United Community Corporation (UCC) served as service operator. Big thanks to Bloomberg Philanthropy, Newark

Artists Project Empty Space and Rorshach Art Collective. All structures were built to New Jersey ICC/NTA standards to be the same standards as permanent residential housing by manufacturing partner Custom Containers 915 of El Paso, TX. Thanks to a strong collaboration between the City of Newark's homelessness, engineering and housing departments, the project has become a model for several other projects.

Now, we are excited to share that Homes 4 the Homeless is returning to Newark, New Jersey on Hope Village 2 & 3. We want these to be a bigger success than the first! Also we would like to help the City of Newark in their Mission of Ending Homelessness within the city. Join us!



Partnership with Seekhaven Focuses On Data-Driven Outcomes, Recovery

As a provider of transitional shelter solutions, Homes 4 the Homeless gains an important technology tool in supportive case management through a new partnership with Seekhaven.

Seekhaven is a multi-tenant community platform that unifies, standardizes and legitimizes transitional housing by combining the ease of internet booking, mobile search, social media, geo-location and gamification to leverage evidence-based recovery modalities.

Seekhaven's recovery residences support ending homelessness and the destructive cycles of drug addiction. This partnership provides Homes 4 the Homeless with innovative building techniques to provide safe, comfortable and cost effective rapid-response housing that will



Jonathan Parkhurst

help those affected by homelessness transition to self-sufficiency.

Seekhaven's founder Jonathan Parkhurst is one of Homes 4 the Homeless' founding advisory board members and provides a lived experience having been a survivor of homelessness on the streets of San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

Most research shows that around 1/3 of people who are homeless have problems with alcohol and/or drugs, and around 2/3 of these people have lifetime histories of drug or alcohol use disorders. According to SAMHSA, 38% of homeless people abused alcohol while 26% abused other drugs. Homelessness is increasingly an aging population, with 23 percent, 324,512 people, over the age of 50,

according to the Homeless Research Institute. Meanwhile 84 percent of the unsheltered self report having some form of health challenge. Mental health affects 78 percent and substance abuse affects 74 percent of those without shelter. Surveys show 50 percent suffer from all three simultaneously.

Every night thousands of Americans are putting their lives at risk by sleeping on the street. No one thinks they will end up homeless and the experience can be traumatic when it does happen. An estimated 552,830 Americans are homeless and needlessly suffering tonight, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.



Philanthropist Jeffrey G. Banks Joins Advisory Board of Directors

Homes 4 the Homeless is proud to welcome philanthropist Jeffrey G. Banks to our Advisory Board of Directors. Mr. Banks comes from a long, successful career in business and now in retirement donates a great deal of his time to civic and business organizations as well as various causes, including helping foster children in Alameda County and more recently the unsheltered.

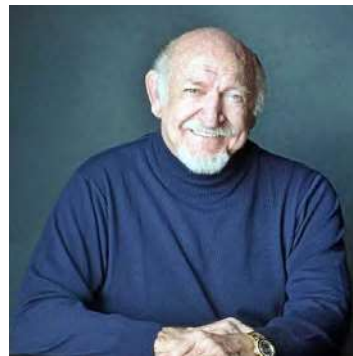
Early in life Mr. Banks made a name for himself playing football. He grew up in Ukiah, California and played lineman for Ukiah High School, graduating in 1963. Later in life, Mr. Banks established a football scholarship for Ukiah High graduates continuing their football career at Mendocino College, and in 2018 he was honored as a Distinguished Graduate by the High School. Mr. Banks continued with football, attending Utah State University

on a football scholarship, and attended, played football, and graduated from University of Pacific-Stockton. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1968, and signed by the New York Jets in 1969.

Injuries ended his sports career early, but Mr. Banks went on to become very successful in business. Among many business achievements, he was a venture capital investor. He obtained a BA in English at University of the Pacific and completed graduate work at Thunderbird Graduate School, now Arizona State University. He served on the Board of Regents for the University of Pacific for a number of years. He retired from

the Metropolitan Outdoor Advertising Company as their CEO. He stays active in business and venture capital through his involvement with YPO, an American-based worldwide leadership community of chief executives with approximately 29,000 members in more than 130 countries.

Later in his career, Mr. Banks and his wife and lifelong business partner Karen turned their attention to giving back to a multitude of causes in their community by forming the Banks Family Foundation, including assistance for pre through kindergarten children and especially foster children.



Thank You to the Kislak Family Foundation for its Generous Support

Homes 4 the Homeless CEO Steve Schneider expressed his gratitude for the support of the Kislak Family Foundation.

"The Kislak Family Foundation grant allows us to further our mission of Community Transformation. Our goal is to provide cost-effective modular housing solutions that meet the scale of the housing crisis

happening today across our nation."

The Kislak Family Foundation was founded by the late Jay I. Kislak. An innovative businessman, philanthropist, aviator, collector, history enthusiast, and patron of education and ideas, Mr. Kislak was born June 6, 1922, in Hoboken, New Jersey. We thank the family for recognizing our recent work in Newark, New Jersey.

The Kislak Family Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation based in Miami Lakes, Florida. The mission of the foundation is supporting leadership and innovation in the fields of education, arts and humanities, animal welfare and environmental preservation. The foundation provides grant funding to select non-profit organizations and institutions of higher learning. Learn more at <https://kislakfamilyfoundation.org/>



Jay I. Kislak



Homes 4 the Homeless Joins Sonoma County Coordinated Entry System

Homes 4 the Homeless is joining Sonoma County's Centralized Housing and Coordinated Entry System.

The move gives us the ability to enroll those without shelter into a system organized by the County to place people into housing. So far we have been able to place five people into housing and simultaneously we are training and recruiting staff in case management to help more people and other organizations.

Coordinated Entry is a streamlined system designed to efficiently match people experiencing homelessness to available housing programs. It prioritizes those who are most in need of assistance and provides crucial information that helps communities strategically allocate resources and identify gaps in service. Contact us to learn more.



Thank You, Cardinal Newman High School

Students from nearby Cardinal Newman High School helped us with some clean up at our outdoor workshop in Fulton. They learned about homelessness while exploring a partnership to expand our construction mentorship building modular showers for those suffering from homelessness.



VOLUNTEERS

See more at www.Homes4theHomeless.org.



(right to left) H4H CEO Steve Schneider, Rohnert Park Mayor Jackie Edward and actor/producer Archie Kao.

Archie Kao

Thank you to Archie Kao for attending our Vocational Youth Training Program this past summer. Kao is an internationally renowned actor, partic-

ularly in China, but he is best known in the USA for his roles as the Blue Power Ranger, as well as in Chicago PD and CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. He took time out of his busy schedule to support our youth training program with high school aged teens. Kao's family immigrated to the USA under very difficult conditions and he grew up in a foster program. He gives back in many ways including building shelter for those in need.

Ryan Cooper

One of our first volunteers, Ryan Cooper's acting career just happens to be taking off! Fans of the new "Sex and the City" reboot "And Just Like That" might recognize Cooper, who plays Carrie's physical therapist. He is also impressive on a recent episode of Bull on CBS.

An experienced builder and carpenter, Cooper volunteered when we helped install a modular village

to Newark, New Jersey in 2021.

Growing up in Papua New Guinea, Cooper joined his family business in construction and even built housing out of shipping containers, so he is a perfect fit with Homes 4 the Homeless.

Later Cooper moved to New York to pursue a career in modeling and acting. He is a loving father and a dear friend and we are all grateful to have Ryan Cooper supporting our cause.



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