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NEW FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY
Building To Fit Mayor Chuck Reed's Green Vision For San Jose
San Jose Transit Village Partners, LLC Donates Land For The Development

SAN JOSE -- Family Supportive Housing Inc. (FSH), working with the City of San Jose, and in partnership with Charities Housing and San Jose Transit Village Partners, LLC, is launching a multi-million dollar effort to construct a state-of-the-art, green, short-term housing complex exclusively for families with children. Once completed, the building will be one of a kind, combining the short term housing program with a larger affordable housing development. It will create a seamless program aimed at moving families from temporary housing into permanent, affordable rental housing.

“I am delighted that Family Supportive Housing is building a new shelter that will provide quality short-term housing and services to families in need,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “This innovative building will be located near a major transit hub helping San Jose meet two of its Green Vision goals for green building and sustainable development.”

The City of San Jose Code Enforcement Division determined the size of the rooms at the current San Jose Family Shelter to be unsuitable for families. Therefore Family Supportive Housing was mandated to move its facility.

The new 35,000 square foot building will triple the size of residents' rooms, provide private bathrooms and allow FSH to house on-site the services and programs that guide residents to independent living. In keeping with Mayor Reed's Green Vision for San Jose, the building will incorporate energy efficient appliances, solar panels, a vegetative roof and environmentally sensitive building materials.

“We believe people who are working hard to regain self-sufficiency should have the support they need to be successful. This new building, in a brand new residential neighborhood, will contribute to their success in many ways” said Trish Crowder, Executive Director of Family Supportive Housing, Inc., which operates the San Jose Family Shelter and two long-term housing programs.

After searching for more than 10 years, FSH was able, with the assistance of San Jose Transit Village Partners, to identify a suitable site for the Family Program relocation as part of the master planned community near the future Berryessa BART station in San Jose (near Mabury and King Roads). San Jose Transit Village Partners, LLC has generously donated the land on which the new building will be constructed.

“Our partners are proud to be a part of such a unique project providing much needed affordable and entry level housing to a mix of San Jose residents and we look forward to continuing our innovative collaboration with Family Supportive Housing and the City of San Jose,” said Chris Neale, a principle with San Jose Transit Village Partners, LLC.

FSH already has \$11 million committed to the \$16 million project and has launched a capital campaign to obtain the remainder of construction funds.

“We're in the business of taking care of people and we believe that taking care of the environment goes hand in hand with that”, said Crowder.

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