



# JULY UPDATE



[Smart Solutions to Homelessness- Become an Ally!](#)

## Take Action: Community Assessment Project: Nominate a Community Hero

The Community Assessment Project (CAP) is a collaborative effort of the United Way of Santa Cruz County and local leaders in public and private health, education, human service and civic organizations to measure and improve the quality of life in Santa Cruz County.

Nominations for the 2016 CAP Community Heroes are currently being accepted by the United Way until August 12th

[CAP Nomination Form](#)

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## Update on the "No Place Like Home" Petition



A big thank you to everyone who invested in real change on the issue of homelessness by participating in our petition.

In four weeks we were able to gather 318 signatures, a significant amount compared to other petitions on this issue.

The legislation package re-purposes bond money from Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, and creatively leverages billions of additional dollars from other local, state, and federal agencies to achieve goals on housing, income support, and outreach.

Read more details in [this](#) article.

# In The News: South County Shelter

## What Are Smart Solutions?

1. Evidence-based
2. Produce measurable results
3. Cost effective
4. Benefit the entire community
5. Take a step toward ending homelessness
6. Support the dignity of each individual

Our VISION is a Santa Cruz County in which every community member has some form of safe shelter, and where homelessness is a rare occurrence.

Our MISSION is to build the community will to reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Santa Cruz County through education and collaborative action.



Our 2015 Santa Cruz County report "All In: Toward a Home for Every County Resident" identified a daytime drop-in center as the No. 1 need in South County.

Now the Salvation Army has launched a campaign to raise \$5 million for a new, three-story shelter to provide services to those in South County experiencing homelessness. These plans include a daytime drop-in center, complete with lockers, laundry and showers, plus internet-capable classrooms, counseling space, community rooms and offices.

The Salvation Army has successful partnerships with Teen Challenge Monterey Bay and Pajaro Rescue Mission, which have stepped in to run shelter services.

If you are interested in having a voice on this project all are invited to attend a community meeting taking place **Thursday, August 11 from 9am-11am. This meeting will take place at 214 Union St., in Watsonville.**

If you would like to donate:

[http://www.tsagoldenstate.org/goldenstate/Watsonville\\_Corps](http://www.tsagoldenstate.org/goldenstate/Watsonville_Corps)

Read the full article [here](#).

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