

## *Hope Village*

**HOPE Village** (Housing, Opportunities, Programs, Employment) opened in early February 2026 with 30 single rooms and 2 double rooms for a total of 34 people who were unhoused and now have a place to live.

Being unhoused is very traumatizing. A traumatic experience usually caused them to be unhoused: eviction, job loss, fleeing domestic violence, divorce, sickness or a severe accident often accompanied by exorbitant healthcare bills, or the difficulties of mental illness. Then once they are unhoused the trauma continues in which they are often robbed or assaulted, raped, freezing, hungry, ostracized/outcast, lose their job, lack of means to keep clean so further ostracized, self-image takes a beating, exposed to lots of drug trafficking, unwanted and often removed from their place of sleeping, and sometimes arrested.

Rev. Hoffman met with some of the residents of Hope Village in February 2026. They were grateful and beaming with joy and gratitude. They shared how they are getting their lives back in order after the trauma of being unhoused. They were filled with hope.

Please pray for the residents so they can begin their lives again and move to more permanent housing in 6-12 months. Please pray for them as they get jobs or sign up for disability, receive counseling for various issues, apply for lost or stolen documentation, reunite with family and friends, and feel loved and welcomed by the Westview Family, feeling embraced by the God who adores them!

Westview has been able to support this project which was initiated, funded, and facilitated by Monterey & Santa Cruz Counties in partnership with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County!