

EXCITING UPDATE

We are excited to share with you some wonderful news that will enhance and expand the services we provide to our guests at St. Mary's Dining Room.

Homeless services are changing. To address the growing crisis of homelessness, the State of California is significantly investing in additional shelters and expanding its Medi-Cal benefits to include housing transition and behavioral health services. In addition, the City of Stockton is partnering with St. Mary's Dining Room to expand our service model.

The board, administration and staff are excited to share that we will be adding modular bedroom units to our campus within the next two years.

We have secured \$6M in funding to launch the project, which will provide an additional 150 beds for those currently living in nearby encampments or in their cars. Along with our campus partner, Stockton Shelter for the Homeless (SSH), we will be able to personalize shelter options based on individual needs. 2023 will be an exciting year as the SSH Navigation Center and our modular project will both break ground!

We look forward to sharing more in upcoming newsletters and at the celebration dinner on October 20—tickets are still available.

It is the strong community support and partnerships that enable us to pursue new possibilities. We look forward to celebrating this expanded model of service with you.

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Homeless Services Are Changing

- ▶ **California is investing in homeless service expansion**
 - ▶ Cities are creating more shelters
 - ▶ Stockton has funding for interim and permanent housing
- ▶ **Medi-Cal is expanding**
 - ▶ More people can now get Medi-Cal
 - ▶ Medi-Cal now pays for social services through CalAIM

These changes present exciting possibilities for St. Mary's Dining Room and those we serve as they will enable us to create pathways out of homelessness and poverty.

To accomplish this, we need to expand our services...



We have secured \$6 million to begin a modular bedroom unit project that will provide more than 150 bedrooms. These units will accommodate guests with special needs, including those recovering from injury or illness, as well as those who have health issues that can be prevented if their needs are addressed proactively. These individual units will also overcome the main barriers for people to access shelter: pets, property, partners and privacy. Guests will have a key to their own room, an interim stay for people to get stable while we help them transition to permanent housing that meets their needs.