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Project Homekey (Good Nite Inn) Official Opening

Salinas, CA -- The City of Salinas (City) and its partners are thrilled to announce the official opening of [Project Homekey \(Good Nite Inn\), a \\$9.2 million initiative](#) that was a collaborative effort between the City, County of Monterey (County), Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (Coalition), Shangri-La Construction, LP (Shangri-La), and Step Up on Second Street, Inc. (Step Up).

The Good Nite Inn's official opening is Thursday, December 17, 2020, providing 30 individuals with a safe, warm, and socially distanced place to rest and access additional services. Over the next 4 to 5 months, 85 rooms will be occupied. When fully operational, the Good Nite Inn will provide 101 units of permanent supportive housing for those hardest to house and most in need of wrap-around services.

"Chronic homelessness was a challenge before COVID-19 and the need for shelter and services has increased during the pandemic. Transitioning from applying for funds to opening the doors within four months is a huge success for the community and would not have happened without our community partners collectively prioritizing this initiative," said Megan Hunter, City of Salinas Community Development Director.

Step Up will operate the Good Nite Inn using the "Housing First" model to minimize barriers to entry into permanent supportive housing. They shared, "We are excited to bring housing opportunities to the folks in need in the City of Salinas. As a Permanent Supportive Housing provider in California, Florida and Georgia, we bring experience in serving those most in-need and a commitment to the Housing First approach to keeping individuals housed while they improve their independent living skills. Step Up staff feel welcomed into the community and we are looking forward to creating new partnerships."

"Project Homekey is a shining example of what we can do as a community when we work together to address our homeless crisis. More than 10 service providers, the Housing Authority, the Continuum of Care (operated by the Coalition), the County of Monterey, and the City of Salinas aggressively pursued this project to ensure the continuity of services to the vulnerable community members in which we serve," said Roxanne V. Wilson, Executive Officer of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers.

County Housing Program Manager Anastacia Wyatt stated, "This is a game-changer for the community. This development will bring units within a matter of months rather than years at a fraction of the cost to construct these units new."

What: Good Nite Inn Official Opening
Location: 545 Work St., Salinas, CA

When: Thursday, December 17, 2020

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