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SHELTER Solano Launches Operations of Solano County's Largest Homeless Emergency Shelter

FAIRFIELD, CA – February 1, 2019 - SHELTER Solano is excited to announce that it has officially begun operations at SHELTER Solano, the former Bridge to Life Center that was operated by Mission Solano. SHELTER Solano is grateful for the collaborative partnerships it is developing with Solano cities, county, and other homeless service providers.

"We are excited that SHELTER Solano has opened its doors in Solano County," stated Jerry Huber, Director of Health and Social Services.

"And we are thrilled to have an agency with experience in providing a continuum of services to populations that experience homelessness."

SHELTER Solano is committed to supporting the local community and, in that effort, all of Mission Solano's current staff were hired today. Additionally, all received a salary increase due to our commitment to a living wage. The staff, who previously did not have benefits, now also receive full benefits. SHELTER Solano is committed to hiring locally to fill current and future positions.

SHELTER Solano adheres to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Housing First" model of low-barrier entrance. SHELTER Solano's program based model ensures that all those receiving shelter and services will be entered into a program that provides intensive wrap-around services. This best-practices model prepares the guest for success in reaching their goals and permanent housing.

"We are honored to be serving the community in its efforts to prevent and end homelessness in Solano County," exclaimed John Eckstrom, SHELTER Solano, Inc.'s CEO. "We are confident that our best practices model will assist individuals from returning to the streets."

SHELTER Solano is serving 50 previously homeless persons at the shelter today and is expecting that number to increase in the coming months. SHELTER Solano advises organizations wishing to place someone at the emergency shelter to call Resource Connect Solano (Solano County's Coordinated Entry provider) at 707.652.7311 for referral information.

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About SHELTER Solano, Inc.

SHELTER Solano, Inc. is an affiliate of SHELTER, Inc. whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness. SHELTER, Inc. was founded in 1986 to address the growing homeless crisis and has expanded its critical work to serve Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda counties.