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**SHELTER, Inc. Partners with City of Vallejo**

***Affordable Housing for the New Millennium***

CONCORD, CA (May 1, 2022)— SHELTER, Inc. is proud to announce their partnership with the City of Vallejo and the Firm Foundation, to manage The Broadway Project, made up of 47, long-term affordable housing units for chronically homeless families and individuals, expected to be open this summer.

“Our credentials for the project are 36 years of providing solutions to both the homeless and those at risk of homelessness,” said SHELTER, Inc. CEO John Eckstrom. “We also provided support for Project Roomkey, managing the process of getting homeless individuals off streets and into safe housing to mitigate the spread of COVID. Recently, we have partnered with the City of Vallejo on a Project Homekey, a venture to transition low-income chronically homeless Vallejo individuals into permanent supportive housing.”

California has a critical shortage of affordable housing. Getting to affordability requires lowering overall construction costs—from design and materials to building.

“The two program areas of our agency that are experiencing a post-pandemic surge are eviction prevention and housing to keep families together and sheltered,” continued Eckstrom. “The reality is, there simply aren’t enough lower-income units to accommodate the needs in the community.”

A huge contributing factor in making the Broadway Project affordable is contracting with Factory OS for solutions. Their formula for lowering costs includes their location on an industrial section of Vallejo’s Mare Island, material suppliers priced for economies of scale, and a laser focus on uniformity in engineering measurements and factory-style assembly.

They create prefabricated studio housing units, assembled onsite, and transported to the desired location. Their relatively new construction concept reduces construction costs through building design and engineering that meets permitting requirements in a uniform manner. The material qualities are the same as ‘stick-built’ construction, but through assembly-line construction, costs are reduced nearly 45%, with a time savings of 40-50% faster than traditional construction.

Factory OS will provide the studio modules for the Vallejo partnership. The design for the Broadway Project collaboration is expected to come together in summer of 2023. It captures all the elements that make these micro units feel like home.

As the service provider for this project, SHELTER, Inc. will provide 24-hour staffing and wrap-around services to help those who qualify to live in the units be able to stabilize their lives and remain housed.

SHELTER, Inc. is proud to partner with the City of Vallejo, the Firm Foundation, and Factory OS in ending homelessness.

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One of the foremost housing and homeless services providers in the Bay Area, SHELTER, Inc. also operates Solano County’s largest homeless shelter in Fairfield, and offers shelters, housing, and homeless services in Contra Costa and Sacramento counties.

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About SHELTER, Inc:

Since 1986, SHELTER, Inc. has provided critical housing assistance, case management, and wrap-around services to help families and individuals facing eviction, living on the streets or struggling to obtain affordable rental housing. SHELTER, Inc., works to prevent homelessness, end homelessness and provide affordable housing. Last year, more than 3,200 children, women and men participated in SHELTER, Inc. programs in Contra Costa, Solano, and Sacramento counties.