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**Former Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Legacy Project Comes to Fruition as Final Check is Delivered to Fund Tiny Home Village**

Livermore, CA, March 22nd, 2021 — Leaving a legacy of compassion and community impact, the work of former Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's legacy project came to fruition on March 11, 2021 with the delivery of the final financial installment of \$1.25M. Delivered by the current Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, this check fulfills the support and pledge Scott Haggerty made in his final months in office to support the construction and infrastructure of a Tiny Home Village for the homeless in Livermore.

The total investment by the County of \$3 million dollars went to the building of 28 Tiny Home units, each complete with kitchenettes and full bathrooms as well as the infrastructure required to support the housing. The construction of the homes is being led by HomeAid Northern California, FIRM Foundation Community Housing, Wood Rodgers, Trumark Homes, and Teichert Construction, along with work and contributions from other contributing partners, namely Tennyson Electric, McCall Landscaping, Coastal Lumber, WC Maloney, R&B, RC Readymix, Mag Trucking, and KTG Y Group. These construction partners leveraged their excellence in craft and also generously donated or discounted materials, labor, and their expertise in order to turn \$3M into 28 homes. These costs are in line with similar successful programs around the country of Tiny Home villages for the homeless, including the flagship model program of Community First! located in Austin, Texas.

While construction of the village took the majority of the county funding, the remaining funds will go towards supporting the operational cost of service-provision to the residents. Additional funding and support is being raised to furnish the homes, as well as provide further operational services funding.

The funds were delivered in three installments that bridged the transition of power from Haggerty to Haubert, with the first check arriving to the City of Livermore — who is the fiduciary agent for the funding — on August 19, 2020 for \$1M. The second installment of \$750K was delivered to the city from the Board of Supervisors on October 21st, 2020. While the full amount was set to be delivered before January 2021, the remaining \$1.25M was administered by Supervisor Haubert.

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The distinctive difference of Goodness Village is the evidence-based implementation of a 'Community First' homelessness mitigation strategy. Goodness Village strives to create a safe, stable, and sustainable environment for adults leaving chronic homelessness. Each resident placed at the village pays rent for their tiny homes and has the expectation of participation in the community and the vocation program which is designed to help residents learn how to invest back into the community through work such as food service, construction, gardening, maintenance, and more. Alan Graham, the founder of Community First! Village speaks about the Community First difference being threefold: permanent, supportive, communal. These homes offer a long-term solution, a form of palliative care for those most vulnerable within our community, and the intentional design of the Village, both the space and the programming, focuses residents on being a part of a neighborhood, a community of support and kinship.

Kim Curtis, the Executive Director of Goodness Village, shares that her vision for the community is that "it all comes down to family. A majority of folks experiencing homelessness have also experienced trauma, especially that of loss or lack of family support". The Village hopes to be a stable, safe environment for individuals to experience the transformative power of being seen and supported. Curtis, a clinical licensed social worker with over 16 years of experience working with the marginalized and misunderstood, will be leading a team of 15 staff as they provide services and 24-hour on-site support for residents.

As the construction of the homes wraps up and the final financial support from Alameda County has been received, Curtis expressed that she is "so very grateful to all the dedicated community partners that made this village possible, the City of Livermore and Council Member Trish Munro and Bob Carling from the Subcommittee on Homelessness for being instrumental in this project being approved, and especially to Supervisor Haggerty for leaving such a compassionate legacy here in the Tri-Valley."

The village is set to begin welcoming residents, who have been referred to the village through local homeless service providers, in May 2021. It is the vision of Goodness Village to have on-site laundry facilities as well as an open-air pavilion for community gathering and meals, but the scope of these projects was outside of the County funding. Goodness Village aims to raise an additional \$1.5M within its first year in order to fully furnish all the homes, build a laundry facility and pavilion, and sustain operation and program expenses.

**About Goodness Village:** Established in 2020, Goodness Village is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Livermore, CA and located on property owned by Crosswinds Church. Goodness Village is a non-religious organization that provides wraparound services, resident support, and property management of a 28-unit Tiny Home Village. The Village offers permanent, affordable, supportive housing for homeless adults, as well as vocational training programs and community-oriented programming. For more information or to get involved or support the mission, please go to [gvlivermore.org](http://gvlivermore.org).

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