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\$6 MILLION AWARDED TO GOODNESS VILLAGE

LIVERMORE— Goodness Village’s ability to house unhoused people has received a major boost with funding secured by U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell, D-CA and State Senator Steve Glazer, D-Contra Costa.

Goodness Village was awarded \$1 million dollars from funds that Congressman Swalwell secured from the Federal Community Project Funds, and \$5 million from Senator Glazer’s efforts to secure state funds through the Department of Social Services.

The federal funds are for Goodness Village’s operating budget. The state funds will go toward building the second phase of Goodness Village, which will include the long awaited Community Center. This Community Center is planned to include a classroom, a laundry room, a large cooking space for micro-business opportunities, and a storage pantry. The funds will also cover the construction costs of new tiny homes, as well as a tiny house medical clinic where nurses will have access to a private space and the medical equipment they need to improve the wellness checks offered at the Village.

“This money will provide us with the opportunity to increase our reach at a time when the need is at an all-time high,” said Kim Curtis, Founder and Executive Director of Goodness Village. “It will have an untold impact on peoples’ lives. We are grateful for the support and compassion that Congressman Swalwell and Senator Glazer have shown to people in need.”

Goodness Village is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has 28 tiny homes on CrossWinds Church’s 35-acre plot alongside the 580 corridor in Livermore. The Village is designed to provide permanent and supportive housing for individuals who meet the HUD criteria of “chronically homeless,” which can be defined as having no home for at least 12 months.

The majority of current Goodness Village neighbors were without a home for between 5 to 17 years. All of the neighbors pay a monthly program fee based on a percentage of their current income.

There are vocational opportunities for neighbors to enroll in, where they are supported by a 24-hour on-site staff that has experience and training with the needs of this vulnerable population. Goodness Village currently has a waitlist of about 80 people.

Curtis, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has worked passionately to end homelessness for over 17 years. Her greatest joy, she said, is, “bearing witness to someone moving from surviving to thriving.”

If you want to learn more about Goodness Village, visit www.gvlivermore.org.