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Episcopal Community Services

# The Spotlight

## Pathways to Housing Stability



At Episcopal Community Services (ECS), we look toward this new year with optimism and hope. In 2021, we are deeply dedicated to expanding the essential services we provide to our neighbors in San Francisco experiencing homelessness, extreme poverty, and food insecurity. Central to this is our commitment to achieving housing stability for everyone in our community.

ECS is a leader in San Francisco's efforts to preserve and acquire additional units of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic

homelessness. Permanent supportive housing, which pairs housing with supportive services and case management, is a proven solution to ending chronic homelessness.

Providing high-quality, low-barrier permanent supportive housing for the most vulnerable residents of our community is at the center of our mission. Over the course of a year, ECS anticipates **doubling our portfolio of permanent supportive housing** ([ecs-sf.org/supportive-housing](https://ecs-sf.org/supportive-housing)) to over 2,300 homes in nineteen buildings in San Francisco. Amongst this expansion includes the acquisition and preservation of The Granada Hotel and Hotel Diva and the development of 1064 Mission Street.

In partnership with the City and County of San Francisco, ECS was awarded Project Homekey funding from the State of California to purchase the Granada Hotel and the Hotel Diva, which add 362 units of permanent supportive housing to the city's homelessness response system. With our co-development partners Mercy Housing California, we are building **1064 Mission Street** ([ecs-sf.org/1064-1068-mission-street](https://ecs-sf.org/1064-1068-mission-street)). When completed, 1064 Mission Street will provide 256 studio apartments for single adults, with 103 of these new homes dedicated to seniors. To learn more about this initiative, go to: **Supportive Housing Expansion** ([ecs-sf.org/supportive-housing-expansion](https://ecs-sf.org/supportive-housing-expansion)).

Our comprehensive wraparound services, including individualized case management services dedicated to supporting each person and family's own unique path, workforce development and employment stabilization programs, adult education opportunities, and healthy aging services result in economic security and housing stability for formerly homeless residents of permanent supportive housing. Your support of ECS makes this happen for members of our community.

We greatly appreciate your valuable partnership.

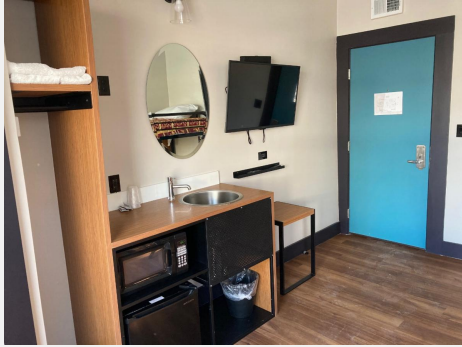
With gratitude,



Beth Stokes  
Executive Director

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## Residential Reentry Program Launched



This month, Episcopal Community Services (ECS) launched a new initiative to prevent homelessness for individuals exiting the criminal justice system.

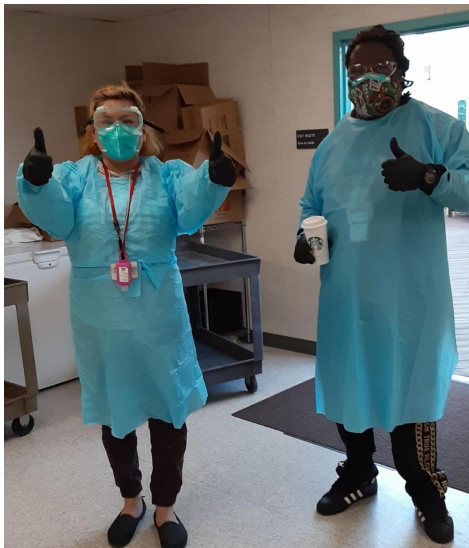
The Residential Reentry Program (RRP) is affiliated with the *Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming* ([cdcr.ca.gov/rehabilitation/stop](http://cdcr.ca.gov/rehabilitation/stop)) services established by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to connect individuals on parole with

valuable housing and/or treatment services to support successful community reintegration. Some participants in the RRP program are on early release due to the high rate of COVID-19 infection in the prison system.

ECS can serve up to 46 individuals in this program at a time, providing each participant with a furnished room, individualized coordinated services, and three meals per day. The meals are being prepared by ECS's CHEFS team. Program participants may stay in the housing for 3-12 months, depending on each person's situation. The goal of the initiative is to provide a safe and supportive place for people exiting incarceration to help them stabilize in the community and begin the critical next steps to permanent housing, employment, and stability.

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## ECS Operates COVID-Positive Surge Site



In December, in partnership with the City of San Francisco's COVID Command Center, ECS opened a COVID-positive surge site to provide appropriate care in a safe location for vulnerable members in our community who have tested positive for the coronavirus and do not have a place to safely recover. This is the first such site in San Francisco.

In addition to serving individuals experiencing homelessness, the site also provides a warm bed, meals, medical services, and emotional care for anyone who needs to be isolated due to a positive COVID-19 test. The site can serve up to 44 individuals. ECS is working closely with the Department of Public Health (DPH)

to ensure that the guests receive quality medical care and the staff remain safe while providing that care. The ECS CHEFS team is providing the meals.

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