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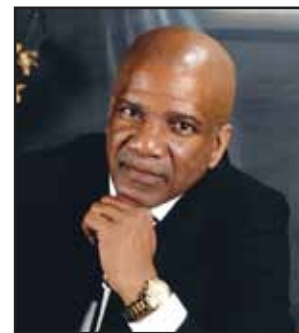


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# It's been a pleasure serving you

It seems like just yesterday I was on the stage at the Buzz Awards. I was being introduced as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors, which was a great honor. It's very hard to believe that it's been almost a year. I have learned a lot while being the Chairman, while leading this group of my peers.

There are a few people that I would like to thank for this amazing year:

First our Chamber Ambassadors. The Ambassadors are a very hard-working and dedicated group of people. Our Chief Ambassador, Tempe Hoover, and Chief Elect, Stephanie Knight, did a great job of keeping our Ambassadors on the right track. The Ambassadors continue to represent the chamber at ribbon cuttings, grand openings and member retention. Thank you for being the right arm of the chamber.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for helping me lead the chamber over the past year. I'd also like to thank Monte Hoover for agreeing to return to the Board of Directors after one of our board members had to resign. A huge thank you to Darelyn Pazdel for representing our chamber at TRAFIC, and Andrea Garcia for chairing the Advocacy Committee. I'd also like to thank Terrence Strong for being our Treasurer this year.

I also would like to thank our amazing chamber staff. Under the direction of our President/CEO, Debi Tavey, we had some very successful events this year. We had an amazing Wine, Food and Brew event, thanks to the hard

work of Tonya Dretzka and her committee. Our Black and White Ball exceeded last year's outcome and it can only go up from here thanks to Melissa Manry and the committee. All of your hard work did not go unnoticed. We now have a new website thanks to the hard work of the newest member of our chamber staff, John Moore. John has been a great addition to our chamber staff.

I would like to thank Debi for her great leadership. She has made sure that the chamber stayed involved in programs such as the Work Ready Certification and Inspire: Dreams Start Now programs with Fairfield-Suisun, Travis and Vacaville Unified School Districts. Debi has been instrumental with maintaining our partnership with North Texas Business Association, school districts, TRAFIC, City of Fairfield and Suisun City, and Solano County, to name a few.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Chairs that came before me for their wisdom, which made this path easier to follow. I am sad to have to give up my gavel, but I know I will be leaving the Board of Directors in good hands with incoming Chairperson Andrea Garcia. I hope that over the past year, we followed the mission statement of the chamber: "To improve the local economy base through active advocacy and programs to assist our members."

It's been a pleasure serving you for this past year. Goodbye for now and see you around the community!

**Charles E. McCullar Jr.**

Chairman, Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce

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7  
TUE

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE MEETING

8 to 9 a.m., Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

15  
WED

### CHAMBER LUNCH MOB

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., check website for details. All are welcome, no RSVP required.

21  
TUE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

27  
TUE

### MEMORIAL DAY

Chamber closed.

## JUNE

4  
TUE

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE MEETING

8 to 9 a.m., Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

12  
WED

### CHAMBER LUNCH MOB

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., check website for details. All are welcome, no RSVP required.

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THU

### CHAMBER MIXER

5:30 to 7 p.m., check website for details.

25  
TUE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

## JULY

2  
TUE

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE MEETING

8 to 9 a.m., Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

10  
WED

### CHAMBER LUNCH MOB

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Check website for details. All are welcome, no RSVP required.

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THU

### JOINT MIXER WITH VACAVILLE CHAMBER

5:30 to 7 p.m., hosted by Vezer Family Vineyard at Blue Victorian, 5071 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield

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TUE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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DAILY REPUBLIC FILE (2014)

Caltrans crews work on Highway 12 near Jameson Canyon in 2014.

# ON THE **Road** IN SOLANO COUNTY

*The Solano  
Transportation  
Authority  
oversees area  
transportation  
projects*

**F**or decades, Jameson Canyon Road, a stretch of Highway 12 just miles outside of Fairfield, was infamously known as “Blood Alley” because of the high number of collisions and traffic fatalities on the two-lane road.

But a \$126 million Caltrans project to widen that stretch of highway, started in 2012 and completed in 2014, has changed that. Today, Jameson Canyon Road is a divided, four-lane highway and a much safer stretch of road for motorists and their passengers.

Here is some information about this important transportation project many likely do not know – the widening of Jameson Canyon Road, which undoubtedly has saved countless lives over the past five



By  
Brianna  
Boyd





Dignitaries break ground at on Highway 12 for the Jameson Canyon Road widening project in 2012.



The Solano Transportation Authority board includes all seven Solano County mayors and a representative from the board of supervisors.

years, was accomplished in large part because of the work done by the Solano Transportation Authority.

The Solano Transportation Authority, or STA as it is commonly called, is the Congestion Management Agency for Solano and oversees area transportation projects.

“(Jameson Canyon Road) was a project we as a county had been working on for over 20 years,” said Solano County Supervisor Jim Sperring, who has served on the STA board since its formation in 1990, when he was mayor of Suisun City. “It really took the STA to package the whole project. It was a very high priority for us, because of the horrific fatalities on that road.”

The STA board, which includes all seven Solano County mayors and a representative from the board of supervisors, spent years lobbying for state and national funding to widen Jameson Canyon Road. STA staff



designed the project concurrently for Caltrans, so once funding was secure, the project was shovel-ready.

“When you have a project that is ready to go, that is very appealing to those who are able to deliver funding,” Sperring said. “The STA positions projects so all you have to do is put a shovel in the ground. It makes us that much more competitive when we go after state and federal dollars.”

The Solano Transportation Authority is responsible for countywide transportation planning, managing and providing transportation programs and services, delivering transportation projects, and setting transportation priorities.

The board also partners with transportation and planning agencies, such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Caltrans District 4. Sperring, Fairfield Mayor Harry Price and Vacaville Mayor Ron Rowlett serve on the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority. Board members and STA staff also visit Washington, D.C., every spring to meet with local congressional leadership and committee staff to lobby for funding opportunities.

When STA first formed in the 1990s, its primary emphasis was on planning and allocating funding for county transportation projects. By the early and mid 2000s, in an effort to be more proactive, the board began to focus on project delivery. The STA expanded its staff as they worked more on environmental reviews, design and ultimately, construction. The widening of Jameson Canyon was one of the first major projects.

Once that project was complete, the STA board turned its attention to its next priority – Phase One of the seven-phase

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– FAIRFIELD MAYOR  
HARRY PRICE

reconstruction and widening of the I-80/680 interchange. Just as they did before, the STA board began lobbying for funding for the first phase years before construction was set to begin. STA is now designing the second phase of the multi-year project, which, thanks to the efforts of the board, is already fully funded.

“That is a main focus of the STA – to have one board set priorities and then go after state, regional and federal funds, because this money is very competitive,” said Executive Director Daryl Halls. “We’re not the biggest county, we’re not Los Angeles or San Francisco, so it’s important that we have a core set of priorities and we focus on those priorities until we get it done. That’s what we did with Jameson Canyon and the I-80 truck scales. It takes the support of the whole board to make it happen.”

And just how much has STA grown over the past 20 years? Consider this – in 1999, the organization had four funding sources for its projects. Today, there are more than 30 with both multi-year and one-time grants.

“STA has always been well noted for its efficiency and excellent staff, which has resulted in significant improvements to our infrastructure,” said Price, who has served on the STA board for 14 years and is the current chair. “Whether it is with the legislature in Sacramento or the U.S. Congress, all of these efforts have made a significant difference for our residents as well as our business community. I am so privileged to serve as the chair for the second time knowing that STA’s progress continues to make our streets and highways much safer and much more efficient.”

One thing that has not changed in 30 years is the make-up of the STA board. Every city in the county, no matter its size, always has a voice within the Solano Transportation Authority.

“From the very beginning, we wanted to make sure that the smaller cities and the bigger cities all had an equal voice,” Sperring explained. “The transportation system, we always saw as a countywide system, and not just for one city. You don’t travel to Fairfield from Vacaville on just Fairfield roads. There was a lot of thinking at that time as to what the make-up of that board would be and from my perspective, it has been extremely successful.”

Over the years, STA has been instrumental in the delivery and construction of a number of projects in Solano County, including:

- The widening of Jameson Canyon Road
- I-80 eastbound truck scales
- I-80 HOV lanes in Fairfield



The Fairfield Vacaville Train Station on Peabody Road opened in 2018.



Solano County Supervisor Jim Springs speaks at the grand opening of the Fairfield Vacaville Train Station on Peabody Road, April 19, 2018.

- Phase One of the I-80/680 interchange
- Construction of the Fairfield/Vacaville train station and improvements to the Suisun City station
- Vacaville Transit Center
- Vallejo's ferry building
- Dixon's A Street pedestrian underpass
- I-80 HOV lanes from Fairfield to Vacaville (in progress, fully funded)
- Phase Two of the I-80/680 interchange (in progress, fully funded)

"A typical project could take 10 years or longer to complete," Halls said. "Our board is very proactive and wants to get it ready. They will invest in a project early, perhaps five years or even more down the road."

The STA organization includes 21 full-time staff members and nine part-time, who operate an array of services and programs that support clean air and transportation within Solano County, including Safe Routes to School, Solano Mobility and Solano Express. STA also manages Rio Vista's city bus system, the Delta Breeze, and provides staffing assistance for projects in the county's smaller cities, such as Rio Vista, Dixon and Suisun City.

"I'm really impressed with STA's ability to not only work with the education community with Safe Routes to School, but also providing public transportation options for seniors and those with mobility



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Rolling Hills Elementary School students and parents walk along Hillborn Road as part of the Solano Transportation Authority's Safe Routes To Schools program in 2013.

**'Safe Routes to School is the most successful outreach program that STA has. It's a program that crosses all demographics, and people relate to it and want to be a part of it. It really hits to the heart of our community, which is our children.'**

— SOLANO COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
JIM SPERING

issues," Price said, adding that STA has many, many community partners, including Travis Air Force Base and health care providers throughout Solano County. "As a result, all of this is reducing our overall carbon footprint."

Out of all of its programs, Safe Routes to School has been especially successful and is the most recognizable in the local communities. It was launched about 10 years ago, following an increase in traffic incidents around schools. Local school districts have

created task forces that work with police departments and other community partners to identify key safety issues on school routes. STA, in turn, looks into various funding sources that can help them deliver on those projects.

Funded projects through Safe Routes to School have included crosswalks, signage, added enforcement at intersections, a bike repair program, walking "audits" for each school site and a musical theater show that makes safety tips interactive and fun for children.

"Safe Routes to School is the most successful outreach program that STA has," Spering said. "It's a program that crosses all demographics, and people relate to it and want to be a part of it. It really hits to the heart of our community, which is our children."

To learn more about the Solano Transportation Authority, visit the website at <https://sta.ca.gov>. ♦



DAILY REPUBLIC FILE (2013)

California Highway Patrol officers raise the flag at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Interstate 80 eastbound Cordelia truck scales in 2013.

# Road safety a priority for Frazier

By Assemblyman Jim Frazier

**T**he safety of our streets and highways is a critical focus of mine as Chairman of the Transportation Committee in the California State Assembly. Personal tragedy first led me to public office, and I continue to fight for common-sense issues, such as properly maintaining our existing system and making sure we have the public safety personnel necessary to keep our roads safe.

I have authored a number of bills related to distracted driving, and this year is no different. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, a 2016 survey revealed that more than 56 percent of California drivers said they had been hit or nearly hit by a driver who was talking or texting on a cellphone. In addition, the survey indicated that 40 percent of drivers admitted to making a mistake while talking on a cellphone.

Driving while texting can be deadly. Looking away from the road for five seconds to text while traveling 55 miles per hour is enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. While not limited to cellphone use, distracted driving has resulted in the death of 3,477 people and an additional 391,000 were injured in 2015 alone. Distracted driving accounts for 10 percent of fatal crashes. The largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of a fatal crash were between the ages of 15 to 19.

The dangers of distracted driving is why I am joint authoring AB 47, with my colleague Tom Daly, which allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to assess a point on a driver's license if they are convicted of a violation of operating a handheld wireless or communication device while



driving. We must reduce the instances of people texting or surfing the web while driving in order to save lives.

Unfortunately, the case has been made too close to home. On August 10, 2018, CHP Officer Kirk Griess was killed while conducting a traffic stop on westbound I-80 east of the Manuel Campos off-ramp when he was struck by a vehicle. The driver that Officer Griess had pulled over, Jaime Manuel of Vallejo, was also killed. The CHP has determined the man who struck Griess and Manuel was using his phone and was distracted when he caused the

accident. This tragedy should not have happened; we need to make it stop.

The Assembly has approved my resolution, ACR 4, honoring Officer Griess and naming a portion of Interstate 505 in Vacaville in his memory. I hope that this sign will help remind drivers who pass it every day to put down their cellphones and pay attention to the people around them. Together we can all help save lives.

*Assemblyman Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) has represented the 11th Assembly District since 2012. He is chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The 11th Assembly District encompasses a large cross-section of the Delta in Central Solano, Eastern Contra Costa and Southern Sacramento counties, and includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis Air Force Base, Vacaville and Walnut Grove. His website is at <https://a11.asmdc.org>. He is on Facebook @AsmJimFrazier. ♦*



Assemblyman Jim Frazier, second from right, was one of the dignitaries at the grand opening of the Fairfield Vacaville Train Station on Peabody Road, April 19, 2018.



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# Advocacy Council works to strengthen economic vitality of area businesses

By **Andrea Garcia**  
ADVOCACY COUNCIL CHAIR

This is an exciting time for the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce as leadership continues to bolster outreach efforts to the community for the betterment of our local businesses.

From creating a collaborative environment among the diverse businesses surrounding North Texas Street in Fairfield, to forming partnership with Travis Air Force Base, and to improving the local economic base through active programs, the Chamber advocates for our business members.

Adding to a robust palette of benefits is the Advocacy Council. Formed in 2016 and comprising of business leaders to



assist the Chamber, it is a strong and strategic promoter of its members. The Council works to strengthen the economic vitality of area businesses and enhance the quality of life in the community.

Its goal is to serve as the voice of business in Fairfield-Suisun by promoting good policy and smart funding on behalf of its members to local, state and federal government officials.

Since its inception, the Council has worked collaboratively with government leaders on key issues affecting our city, such as endorsing

Proposition 69 on the 2018 June ballot, a measure to ensure California tax revenue was not diverted from much-needed transportation projects. We supported the measure, recognizing that businesses rely on our streets and highways to move

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We also joined with local health systems, physicians and our colleagues at the California Chamber of Commerce in opposing AB 3087, which would have established an appointed commission to impose price controls on health care providers and insurers and determine the amount of an individual's copays and deductibles. We believed that AB 3087 may have resulted in less access to health care and would have accelerated cost increases in the long term.

To align our goals with the needs of chamber members, the Council sent out a survey asking the key issues faced by their local businesses. Education for our youth ranked at the top.

The Chamber's President, Debi Tavey, has worked closely and collaboratively with the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) to ensure today's students become our future leaders.

The Inspire: Dreams Start Now program, for example, was developed by the chamber in partnership with the FSUSD and The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center to tackle the task of uniting Solano County's workforce initiative in K-12 public school districts. This program connects Solano County's workforce pipeline with the dreams and aspirations of sophomore students in the local area. The 2018 program inspired more than 800 high school students, engaged nearly 30 local companies, and partnered with seven community organizations to explore future career paths.

To augment the Inspire program, the Solano County Work Ready Certification was created by the chamber, Solano County Office of Education, Travis Credit Union and FSUSD after a survey was sent to chamber members asking the entry-level skill sets needed in their industries. As a result, a series of workshops for students was created featuring topics in resume writing, attire, financial literacy and other skills. Certifications are awarded to students who complete the required steps.

The Council continues to meet with myriad organizations and leaders in the community, such as State Senator Bill Dodd, Solano County Sheriff Tom Ferrara and Suisun City Mayor Lori Wilson, to collaborate and assist in building a stronger business community.

Becoming a member of the Fairfield Suisun Chamber of Commerce has many benefits... this is just one more! ♦



From left, Demetrio Rubio, Lizbeth Corona, Ambar Woods and Maria Teresa Morales of OLE Health.

# NorthBay and OLE Health – Success Story

Alicia Hardy, chief executive officer of OLE Health, speaks during the open house.



By NorthBay Healthcare

**W**hen NorthBay Healthcare and OLE Health launched a rare partnership in December 2018, aiming to make it easier to get medical care to those falling through the cracks, there was an expectation of patient demand. But that demand was underestimated.

Since opening a center in November in NorthBay Health Plaza – located across the street from NorthBay Medical Center – OLE Health has helped a steady stream of those who are among the most vulnerable when it comes to finding health care – those with low or modest incomes and those without an employer health plan.



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Carolina Torres, MA, of OLE Health.

“It’s been phenomenal to see the rapid growth and overall community satisfaction. I attribute the overwhelming success of this partnership to the fact that it addresses the ‘triple aim’ of health care: improved patient experience, improved community health and reducing overall cost of care,” reported Wayne Gietz, vice president of outpatient operations, whose brainchild it was to bring together two health systems.

“The goal of the new center was simple: Reach more patients who need better access to care,” said t. “All of us who provide health care in Solano County are always looking at innovative ways to improve the overall health of the community. It’s been rewarding to partner with NorthBay and further expand our services in East Fairfield.

The 2,000-square-foot health center ensures local residents have access to convenient, seamless and comprehensive health services. OLE Health’s integrated model of care which puts the patient at the center of their own healthcare team is complemented by NorthBay Healthcare’s wide-ranging advanced medical services.

The venture, a 30-hour part-time facility with a modest clinical staff, is poised to grow. One registered nurse and a care coordinator already were added. Recruitment of an additional provider is under way to expand from 30 to 40 hours of operation per week.

“We are seeing patients who have seen not seen a primary care physician in years,” observed Racquel Beltran, director of operations for the center. “They have finally been able to establish a home for their health care.”

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She added, "Patients are very happy with the central location on B. Gale Wilson Boulevard and they are connecting well with our care providers."

"As one of the few providers in this region to continually accept Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal patients, OLE Health is able to offer quality services and programs, including adult health, pediatrics and dental care," said Dr. David Gorchoff, chief medical officer for OLE Health. "OLE Health also helps patients enroll in health insurance."

Unlike NorthBay's hospitals, OLE Health is a federally qualified health center and it receives enhanced federal reimbursement for taking care of indigent patients.

NorthBay President and CEO B. Konard Jones concurred, adding, "As we grow this partnership, we'll have a healthier community that doesn't need to come to the emergency room for basic needs. And that means our emergency room staff members will be able to more efficiently and effectively focus on the most serious injuries and illnesses." ♦



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# CHAMBER MEMBER Testimonials



As the communications team for Touro University California, we have been thrilled to have the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce as a pathway into the community. The website is very easy to use. We simply upload our content onto the pre-determined form and are done! And as an added bonus, we've seen that our press releases and updates are often included in the weekly chamber newsletter. As a university that is committed to social justice, we have a strong desire not only to increase the health of our community through free services like the Student-Run Free Clinic or the Mobile Diabetes Education Center, but we are looking to engage the community as well with free lectures and open forums on important topics like Richard Rothstein's presentation on his book "The Color of Law," Defining A Woman's Agenda for Vallejo, and the upcoming Autism Awareness Lunch. Of late, our events have been reaching maximum attendance, and the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber has no doubt been a key part of extending our reach in Solano County.

**NICHOLAS CRAWFORD**  
PUBLICATION AND PROJECT  
COORDINATOR, TOURO UNIVERSITY  
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Vezer Family Vineyard has been a member of the Fairfield-Suisun City Chamber of Commerce for over 6 years. I can't say enough about their true professionalism, excitement and growth they have brought to all of the businesses in the valley. We have had the pleasure of hosting a variety of events at our winery that has allowed us to meet with local business owners and members of the community. Posting our events on the Chamber event calendar and their weekly email has allowed us to expand our business throughout

Solano County. The Chamber team's energy glows out into the community. I would highly recommend any local small start-up companies all the way up to large corporate businesses to join the Chamber of Commerce. You will see your business grow in the community.

**LAURA LIVADAS**  
VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, VEZER FAMILY VINEYARD



The Fairfield-Suisun Chamber is simply the best! Alkar Human Resources has been members with the Chamber for 24 years. Working with the Chamber over those years we have found many ways to reach potential clients from networking events to advertising. Every year it seems to get easier and easier to get our information out to the public. We have found that the Chamber "lobby advertisement" works well for us, and we love the exposure that it gives Alkar. Not many people know but the Chamber is also a landlord, where they have several businesses

that rent office space. Our advertisement is not only seen by other Chamber members and their customers but can also be seen by the other business' customers as well. We heard that the Chamber will soon be expanding their lobby advertisements with a more prominent display, which we will definitely be taking advantage of that because advertising with the Chamber has helped us grow so much!

**LAURI LAW LEIFKER**  
SALES AND OPERATION MANAGER, ALKAR HUMAN RESOURCES



Hi! My name is Mary Reyff and I am a Realtor/ Consultant with Coldwell Banker Kappel Gateway Realty. I service all of Solano County, with offices in Fairfield, Vacaville and Dixon. To say that I am truly fortunate to be a member of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce is an

understatement. Tonya Dretzka recruited me as a member several years ago and I am so blessed that she did. The entire staff at the Chamber is so wonderful, and since joining my business has not only prospered, but I have also met so many wonderful business owners and made new friends. The Chamber offers many ways to reach potential clients and I use all of them. Advertising in the Chamber lobby, utilizing the Chamber website and attending various networking events, just to name a few. I'm not always able to attend all of them, but that's when I reach out to potential clients through the Chamber website, which offers me the ability to post my events, hot deals and news releases. All of which can be used to populate onto the Chamber's Facebook page with a simple email request sent over to John. He is always there to help with any questions I have in getting my information out to the community. As an Investor in the Chamber, I receive the website enhanced package, which allows me to show up first in online web directory searches and display my logo on the Chamber's site, which I feel is very important! I am able to upload YouTube videos to my business page and again, the Chamber is always readily available to share that information and more on social media for me. I feel I am very fortunate to be involved with this organization that truly cares about its members and goes above and beyond to help me succeed in making my business successful in our community!

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# SHELTER Solano Receives Funding

By SHELTER Solano

**S**HELTER Solano has been awarded more than \$5 million from the State of California, CAP Solano JPA and Solano County’s Health and Social Services, with additional support from Solano County and its cities and along with Kaiser Permanente, NorthBay Healthcare, Partnership HealthPlan and Sutter Health.

“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 on Feb. 1, 2019. 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 significantly increase in the coming months as the shelter fully ramps up. 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.

*SHELTER Solano, Inc., 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.*

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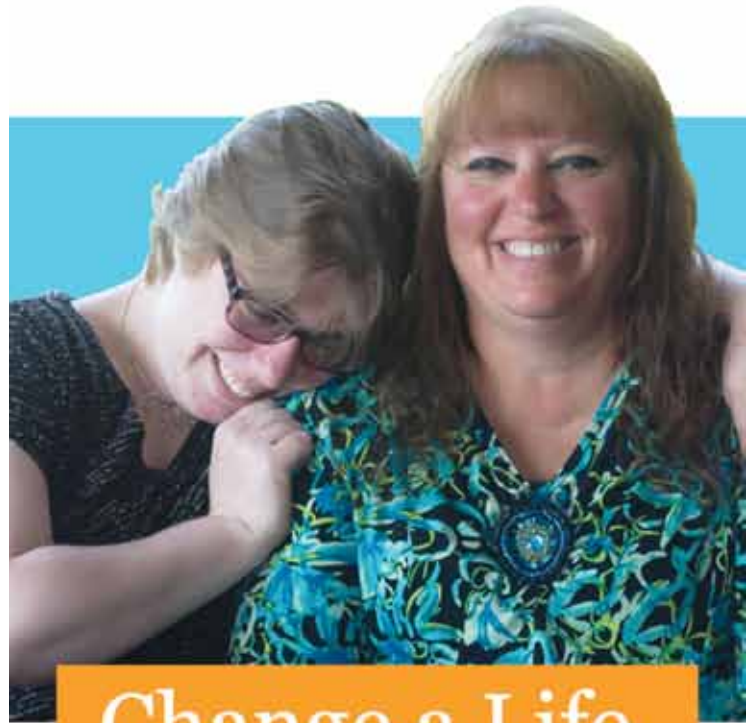
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