

# Resiliency Village Newsletter

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Homeless Help Desk, Los Angeles, CA.

Photo by Mark Dyken

## Our Goal:

To create an inclusive micro-community through community partnerships that provide services, trauma resolution, and skill building that enables citizens to become self-sustaining, productive members of the community.

## Director's Note:

I've heard it said "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members."

What happens too often is our weakest members wind up homeless and feeling they don't belong. Life on the margins is hard – it's hard on the body, hard on the mind and hard on the soul. To be isolated without hope is one of the worst conditions a person can be in.

Resiliency Village is confronting the conditions of homelessness. We are building a place where everybody feels welcome and has the opportunity to restore hope through healing. We believe our community will rise to the challenge and unite behind the idea that everyone deserves a place to call home and we are all better off when healing is taking place.

One thing I've learned is we heal through relationships, we heal when we are connected and if the connection is right the illusion of separation between the healer and the one in need falls away. We are all in this together. Resiliency Village is being built on relationships and the belief in the power of community. Every person who joins strengthens the community and furthers the healing. Our time is now – we are the ones we've been waiting for.

—Mark Dyken

## RV Contact Information:

We love to talk about RV. Hit us up for info!

Hours: vary at this point

Address: 14888 Peaceful Valley Road Sonora, CA 95370

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Website: Coming soon!

Tiny House Plan—just one idea for RV!



Hello, RV friends and family:

Along with the rain, March brought positive growth and fresh perspectives to Resiliency Village. Day-by-day, we are delighted with the messages you send, the encouragement you give, and the services you offer. As we've said before, Resiliency Village is a community project. This dream could not happen without you.

Love and Peace,

Shelley



A Note From Brenda:

Across the country, communities are coming together to do what they can to solve the issues of homelessness. Micro-villages for homeless citizens are unique to the communities in which they are found. In Portland and Eugene, Oregon, micro-villages have been created by homeless citizens on small parcels of land donated by the city. In Nashville, Tennessee a 6-house village is located on church property. Villages range from 6 houses to 500! In Austin, Texas, developers have built a 51-acre village. In Dallas, Texas the city has donated \$3.5 million toward a \$6.8 million dollar project, although most funds for these projects are built through funds donated by the community. To see what is happening through the country, go to <https://www.curbed.com/maps/tiny-houses-for-the-homeless-villages>.

As we all know, there is no place as generous and caring as Tuolumne County. It will take our whole community coming together once more to build Resiliency Village. We are learning and taking the best from what communities across the country are doing as we plan for a village that is unique to Tuolumne County. Thank you for being part of this effort. We look forward to partnering with you as Resiliency Village develops, and, together, we create a village for our sheltered citizens.

What are we doing?.

- We are building a mini-prototype for our proposed tiny homes.
- A team of grant-writers/researchers are working on options for funding.
- We continue discussions with community members and elected officials regarding the RV project.
- Website and logo development continues.
- Our office is up and running, though hours vary. Contact us to schedule a meeting.
- We are working on our business plan, Bylaws, and other pertinent documents
- Fundraiser planning is in the works. A donation button has been added to our Facebook page, and we will notify you of other planned events.
- We are in the process of searching for local businesses/contractors/private citizens who might want to sponsor and/or build a tiny home. The benefactor's name will be mounted on the tiny home they sponsor. We have plans available, or the sponsor can get creative. Now's your chance to make a difference. We would love to sign you on as committed.