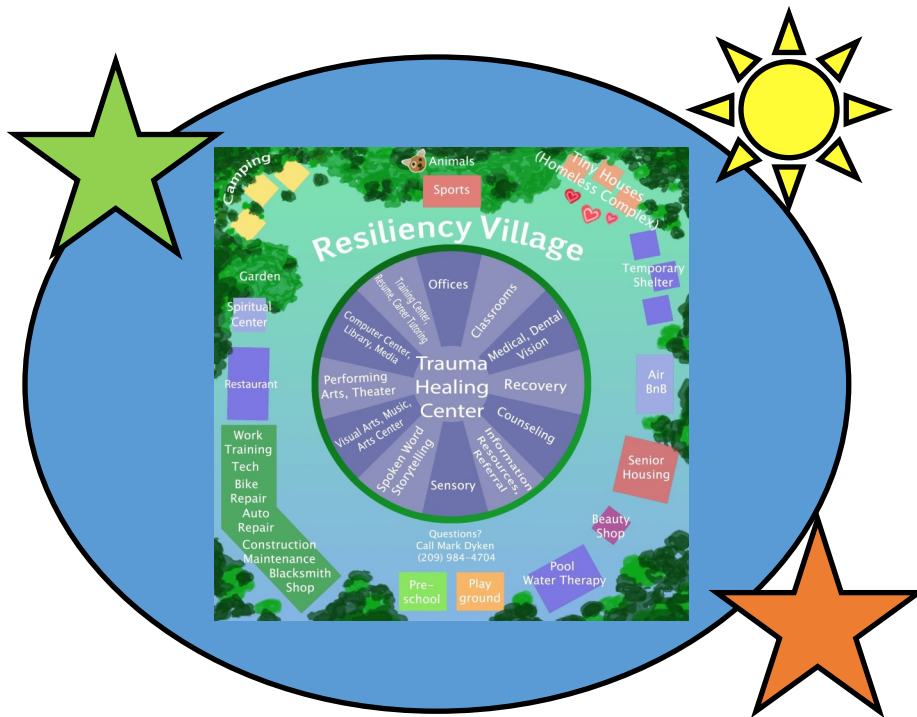


# Resiliency Village Newsletter

June 2019



## Our Mission:

Resiliency Village provides housing, healing, and hope for unsheltered and otherwise traumatized citizens. Fundamental on-site services, creative art therapies, skill-building, and the model of a healthy lifestyle support the opportunity for a self-sustaining future.

## Director's Note:

Why are people homeless? It's an often asked question with layers of answers. There are different circumstances that lead all kinds of people into poverty and out of housing, but for the vast majority of folks there is a common underlying cause—trauma. Being abused, neglected, exposed to violence, living in poverty or having a mental illness can lead to a life of struggle. We understand this and that's why healing is the heart and center of the Resiliency Village approach to ending homelessness. We have to get to the root of the problem if we really want to make changes.

We can all be part of the healing by showing compassion for everyone we meet. Using more questions and less judgement, remembering we are all in this together and there will be no peace until we all feel the safety of love and acceptance. By supporting Resiliency Village you are helping our community build the capacity to respond with understanding and healing to the wounds of trauma and the scars of poverty and homelessness. In this way we can restore the dignity and promise of a productive life to those who've lost it along the way.

Plato said, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."

Thank you for following our progress and contributing in whatever way feels right to you. We're already making a difference.

—Mark Dyken

## RV Contact Information:

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

Hours: vary at this point

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Stuff the Bus  
for our  
unsheltered  
neighbors.  
Great fun and  
very successful!



Hello, RV friends and family:

Please welcome our new Board of Directors and Director of Maintenance and Repair:

Board of Directors: Brenda Chapman, Mark Dyken, Shelley Muniz, Erin O'Hare, and Robert Gelman.

Director of Maintenance and Repair: Perry Trumball

We have been very busy this past month—meetings with various county agencies and with perspective partners, brain-storming sessions, and more. The paperwork is endless, but we're moving forward in that effort. We continue to research plans for our tiny house prototype and are 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.

Thanks for your continued support!



A Note From Brenda: and Shelley

Have you seen *Rocketman*, the new film biography of Elton John? It is a dramatic illustration of the impact of trauma on someone's life. The film lays bare the emotional abuse the young "Elton" suffered from his parents and how that abuse shaped his thoughts and led to the self-destructive behavior that nearly killed him. Who would have thought that this incredibly talented, brilliant, and outwardly successful man could be so tormented? The only reason we are thrilled, 28 years later, by the electrifying music of this mega-superstar, is that caring people supported him through the hard work of recovery.

Verbal abuse does not end with the words as they are spoken. It sticks and manifests into behaviors that continue the cycle set in motion by the abuser. Self-esteem, drug and alcohol addiction, sex-addiction, an inability to maintain a healthy relationship, anger management—are all issues touched upon in *Rocketman*. Elton John, as talented as he is, was not immune to the pain his parents caused him. As educators, parents, neighbors, and friends, we see the results of childhood abuse all too often. We watch the physical and emotional changes it causes in the children we care about and love. Elton's experience is not singular. Sadly, if it is severe or ongoing, childhood trauma manifests throughout the teenage years and into adulthood. That is why a Trauma Center is at the heart of Resiliency Village. Resiliency Village will provide the mental health support and caring relationships that are necessary to help our unsheltered neighbors regain their dignity and become their own unique version of *Rocketman*.

If you are interested in investing in our Resiliency Village Project, please contact us directly or send a check directly to Resiliency Village P.O. Box 523 Soulsbyville CA 95372 (209) 770-4374

Mark Dyken, Brenda Chapman, and Shelley Muniz

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