



## Davis United Methodist Church

An inclusive community committed to living and teaching the love of Jesus Christ

*If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns...do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NRSV)*

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Dear Friends,

As you know, from the Pathway process we determined that being “service and justice oriented” is part of Davis United Methodist Church’s DNA. Further, based on interviews with about 80 church members in 2018, our Service and Justice Ministry found that we are a congregation that cares deeply about issues of homelessness and affordable housing.

We are writing to you today to ask your support for a community-based project called Paul’s Place. This project, which is being led by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) and the interfaith group Davis Opportunity Village (DOVe), will give services, shelter and assistance to the homeless in Davis. We believe that Paul’s Place is the kind of project that a church with our DNA would want to embrace, and so we hope you will consider contributing to it.

Paul’s Place will be a multifunctional facility at 1111 H Street that will replace and enhance the current DCMH resource center. It is designed to “consolidate critical services in a central location, providing expanded shelter and enhanced programming to meet the highly diverse and complicated needs of people living without shelter.” As you can see from the enclosed flyer, the design of Paul’s Place includes 18 micro-units of permanent housing, 10 bedrooms for transitional housing, 4 emergency shelter beds, as well as a resource center with showers, laundry facilities, and food. It will also have staff who will provide referrals to programs and care such as housing, mental health, primary health care, and substance use disorder services.

Paul’s Place is being built without government money. The \$7 million campaign to raise funds for construction and ongoing support of Paul’s Place includes a \$2.5 million matching gift from the Sutter Davis Hospital Foundation – part of Sutter Health’s Getting to Zero initiative. The campaign is over halfway to its goal and has entered the community fundraising phase.

Now it is our opportunity to help those in greatest need by donating to Paul’s Place. The campaign has determined that individual pledges are the most effective way to reach their goal, so we hope you will join others in our community in making a pledge to help sustain Paul’s Place.

Note that DUMC is not handling gifts to Paul’s Place, so please follow the instructions on the enclosed gift form. For more information about Paul’s Place, contact Helen Roland (hroland2@gmail.com). You can also learn more and donate online at their [website—Paulsplacedavis.org](http://Paulsplacedavis.org).

We are grateful to be a part of such a kind and generous church. Thank you.

Blessings,

Brandon Austin  
Pastor

Susan Padgett and Marge Matoba  
Co-Chairs, Service and Justice Ministry

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## *Working Together to Help People Help Themselves*

An inventive, local opportunity is underway to teach people how to help themselves end their cycles of hopelessness. Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) joined forces with the nonprofit Davis Opportunity Village (DOVe) which began in 2014 as a grassroots interfaith group of Davis citizens with a mission to explore micro-housing village solutions to rapidly house those living homeless in Davis. Soon after, area civic, business, community, nonprofit, and faith-based leaders united to address this growing crisis with dignity, compassion, efficiency, and a large dose of creativity.

The community-wide collaboration resulted in plans for **Paul's Place**. This multifunctional facility is designed to consolidate critical services in a central location, providing expanded shelter and enhanced programming to meet the highly diverse and complicated needs of people living without shelter.

This innovative vertical micro-housing project is the first of its kind in Davis and one of only a few in the United States. Based on the nationally-recognized "Housing First" model, **Paul's Place** is designed to be a low barrier entry to housing. The model, effectively used by nonprofit organizations throughout the country, offers housing as quickly as possible for individuals experiencing homelessness, and then provides customized wraparound supportive services to meet their needs – whether for mental health support, addiction recovery and/or other social services. Through individual case management, this approach provides stability for homeless individuals while promoting accountability and self-sufficiency, which increases their success. When those experiencing homelessness do not have to face the fear of getting kicked out of a program or pressure of an arbitrary deadline to meet a provider's expectations, they are, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, more likely to discontinue substance abuse, participate in job training, attend school, and spend fewer days hospitalized than those not participating in Housing First-style programs.



**Existing Site**



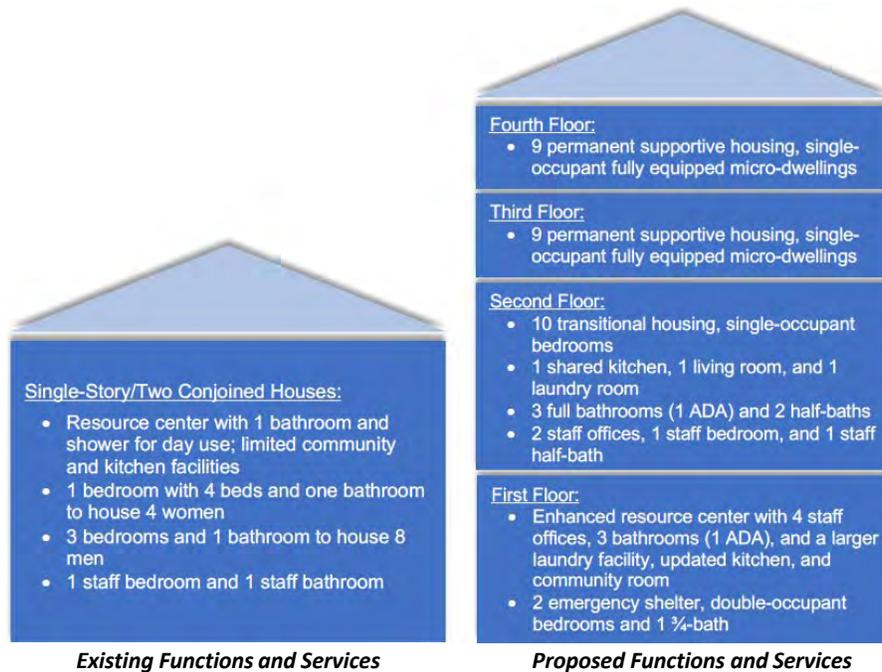
**Proposed Site**

**Paul's Place** will enhance and improve existing DCMH housing facilities and programs by replacing the tired, outdated DCMH Resource and Referral Center located on the site. Currently, the DCMH-owned Resource Center consists of a double lot with two former single-family homes joined together. The original residential structures are estimated to have been built in the 1930s. Every day, on average, 75 people living homeless are served through this center, but the building is woefully inadequate and has outlived its useful life. Given the intensive use and age of the buildings, the entire complex is in significant need of remodeling and repair – and is threatening the mission to help men and women get off the streets and transform their lives.

Transitional housing at the current site, for example, has four people to a room, making it difficult to house individuals with serious mental health and active substance abuse issues. Furthermore, only a single bathroom and shower are available for the 30 to 75 people per day who currently visit the Resource Center. Unfortunately, the need to provide critical services has outgrown the center’s capacity; and the aging facility – that was never designed for this purpose in the first place – cannot be cost-effectively reconfigured to meet that need.

Designed as a gift to the region by noted Davis architect and DOVe board member Maria Ogrydziak, AIA, the four-story structure will replace the current deteriorating resource center buildings with a modern facility created to fit seamlessly into the neighborhood and look like a residential apartment complex.

**Comparison of Existing vs. Proposed Functions and Services**



To bring this vision to reality, DCMH is embarking on a campaign to build the new facility, increase program capacity, and seed an endowment to provide maintenance, operations and program support in perpetuity. The innovative approach of Paul’s Place has led to Sutter Health awarding the Davis community a *Getting to Zero* grant where **Sutter will match up to \$2.5 million in private donations – in essence doubling the impact of every dollar donated to the construction of Paul’s Place.**

**Overview of Minimum Need**

- \$5 million: Construction of Paul’s Place (\$2.5 million matching grant from Sutter Health)
  - \$500,000: Relocation of H Street programs for 12-14 months
  - \$1.5 million: Protect community’s investment by seeding a fund and an endowment for long-term sustainability, including maintenance, operations and program capacity building
- \$7 million: Total Need**

Because of the Sutter Health grant, your support will be recognized at twice the amount. Gifts and pledges to Paul’s Place will be directed to Sutter Davis Hospital Foundation (SDHF) to be able to facilitate the Sutter Health matching process that is already in place at Sutter for philanthropic efforts. Once received, SDHF will provide your gift plus the equivalent match to DCMH, who is managing finances for the Paul’s Place project.

Questions? Please contact Bill Pride at (530) 756-4008 or [billpride@dcmah.org](mailto:billpride@dcmah.org).

### THIRD, FOURTH FLOORS:

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: 18 MICRO DWELLINGS

- for 18 adults who are homeless: 300 square foot, private micro units of permanent, affordable housing, with on-site staff providing support and assistance to help maintain their housing, provide assistance and referrals

### SECOND FLOOR:

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: 10 BEDROOMS

- for 10 adults who are homeless: a bedroom in a 'house'-like, safe and stable environment for up to 18 months, while receiving case management services and referrals to other resources including substance use disorder, counseling/services, mental health counseling/services, employment assistance, life skills training, public benefit counseling and assistance, and help finding permanent housing

### FIRST FLOOR:

RESOURCE CENTER

- for adults and families who are homeless or low-income: Services include activities of daily living such as taking a shower, using a bathroom, and getting food, staff will provide referrals to housing, mental health, substance use disorder services, primary health care, and other programs  
EMERGENCY SHELTER  
- for four adults who are homeless and in need of emergency shelter

### OUTDOOR SPACE

- a planted, shaded oasis to relax and feel safe  
- a fenced front yard welcomes weary travelers, providing benches for seating  
- edible landscaping [olive trees]  
- columnar trees at the site perimeter create a green screen around the property, for neighbors maintain their privacy, as well as create a sense of a sheltered place within  
- street-front porch at each level supports sense of community



### KEY:

- 1 - Entry to transitional housing
- 2 - Olive trees
- 3 - Entry to the resource center
- 4 - Bike parking
- 5 - Entry to permanent supportive micro dwellings

MARIA OGRYDZIAK ARCHITECTURE

## PAUL'S PLACE

1111 H Street, Davis, California

A village consisting of a resource center, transitional housing and permanent supportive micro-dwellings offering a safe and stable environment for individuals experiencing homelessness and those in need

## Gift Form

If you would like to make a donation, please complete the information below. Your gift will be processed by our Office of Philanthropy and an acknowledgement will be sent to the address you provide.

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### 1. Donor Information *(as it should appear for recognition purposes)*

Name

Address/City/Zip

Phone

E-Mail

*Check here if you would like your gift to be anonymous.*

### 2. One Time Gift Information (cash or charge)

My check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (Please make your check payable to Sutter Davis Hospital Foundation)

Please charge my credit card in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa    MasterCard    Amex

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Pledge Information (to be paid over a period of time)

The total amount of this pledge is \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in installments as follows:

Annually    Semi-Annually    Monthly beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(month)    (year)    (# years) \*

Enclosed is my first pledge payment of \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

### 4. Recurring Gift Information (regularly occurring payment-no pledge commitment)

Please charge my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly    quarterly    annually through December 2023.

MasterCard    Visa    Amex

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Gift Designation

I would like to designate my gift to the partnership between Sutter Health and Davis Community Meals and Housing.

My gift is made    In memory of    In honor of

Signature *(authorizing charge or pledge commitment)*

Date

Please complete, sign and return this form to: Office of Philanthropy, Gift Processing  
P.O. Box 160045  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
Fax to 916-286-6671

\* Pledges for matching grants have limited terms. Pledge periods may not exceed five years. I/We understand this gift will be used as I/we have designated for those projects and expenses. I/We agree to the above sum with the understanding Sutter Davis Hospital Foundation may make commitments in reliance of this pledge.