

LifeMoves provides interim housing and supportive services for unhoused families and individuals to rapidly return to stable housing and achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

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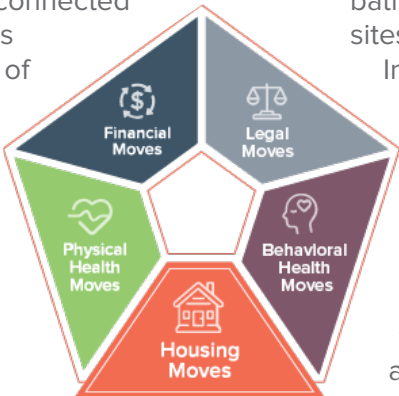
San Jose Bridge Emergency Interim Housing



Working Together to End Homelessness

LIFEMOVES HELPS our clients along pathways that move them out of homelessness by meeting them where they are and helping to rebuild their foundations for long-term stability.

When they arrive at LifeMoves, clients start their path with a safe and dignified place to rest, restore, and reimagine their future. They then receive individually tailored support services to address their different needs and goals. These services are based on five interconnected components. These components represent fundamental features of a secure life needed by each client given their individual circumstances.



Our core components provide people with support they need to achieve their goals in the different areas of their lives.

Everyone has some skills and abilities that they can use to advance their life. Our dedicated team collaborates with our clients to help them identify and leverage those abilities to address their challenges, build a plan, and secure the resources they need to permanently exit interim housing.

People throughout Silicon Valley who are experiencing homelessness can get help at ~25 sites including interim housing sites with private living spaces and bathrooms, motel conversions, safe RV parking sites, and a long-term supportive housing option. Individuals, couples, families, veterans, seniors and members of the LGBTQ+ community can all find tailored services at our sites.

Given the chance to calm their minds from the uncertainty of being unhoused, people can focus on starting a new chapter in life. With hard work and the unwavering support of our team, they can build their independence and a promising future.✓

Our Pursuit of Program Efficacy

I AM THRILLED TO INTRODUCE

Andrew Niklaus as our new Interim Chief Programs Officer, overseeing our Programs and Impact & Learning teams. Andrew has had a long association with LifeMoves, most recently re-vamping our Impact & Learning team and leading a deep overhaul of our data systems. Strengthening our metrics-driven model was one of our strategic plan pillars. Andrew's passion for this work and love for LifeMoves is infectious.



Outside of LifeMoves, Andrew has built a reputation as an experienced leader with a proven track record of success in the nonprofit sector. He has worked with philanthropists, governments, and direct service organizations to craft strategic plans, design programming, assess and coach talent, and promote the importance of performance management. He is also an advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace.

Prior to joining LifeMoves, Andrew founded Pivot Consulting and was the Director of Impact and Learning at Tipping Point. At other organizations, he spearheaded efforts to design and implement Theories of Change, replicate and scale services throughout California, and lead efforts to secure and maintain funding for innovative programming.

In his new role, Andrew has been working to strengthen our program structures, bring fidelity to program model efficacy, and prepare our service model for a more data-driven future. Andrew has immersed himself in our LifeMoves community through visiting our sites, meeting with staff, and experiencing the incredible work first-hand. Andrew is a wonderful thought partner and a high-value asset to LifeMoves, and I am excited to see that he is already driving curiosity and intentionality around impactful programming. I am excited about what he has and will continue to accomplish in this new leadership role and sharing that with you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Aubrey Merriman'.

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In observance of Veterans Day on November 11, we would like to honor the service and resilience of our clients who served by sharing their stories.

LAURA'S STORY

With Determination, a Veteran & Nurse Gets a Job & a Home

AFTER 10 YEARS as a U.S. Navy nurse, Laura Green earned a master's degree in nursing and worked at various hospitals across California. She settled in Palm Desert. The pandemic gave her the opportunity to become a stay-at-home mom for her four children, ages 11 to 14 years old.

When Laura's 20-year marriage suddenly dissolved, she was left with four children, no income, and no place to call home. She contacted the Veterans Case Manager at Haven Family House.

Laura brings the power of her lived experiences to inform our approach.



LifeMoves immediately offered a unit at Haven Family House. Laura drove overnight from Palm Desert to Menlo Park for an intake the next morning.

Without delay, she connected with the VA HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) team for a housing voucher and scheduled job interviews. She was quickly hired as a Supervisory Nurse at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, with a starting salary that gives her family financial stability. The VA HUD VASH team expedited her housing request. Two weeks later, Laura and her children moved into their new home in San Jose.

Laura leveraged a partnership with LifeMoves to amplify her gifts, talents, resilience, and determination along her path to secure full-time employment and a safe, permanent home. Not only is Laura housed, but she is also a newly appointed member of the LifeMoves Board, bringing the power of her lived experiences to inform our approach. ✓

CARLOS' STORY

From the Battlefields of Iraq to a Fight for Housing



Carlos was tenacious in securing the best opportunities for his child.

CARLOS WAS a battle-hardened Marine and his son had been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. But their journey is one of resilience and hope.

Carlos served two tours in Iraq, risking his life to serve his country. When he returned home, he found himself struggling with mental health issues.

With nowhere to turn, Carlos and his son became unhoused. When the VA referred him to LifeMoves The Villa, Carlos and his son received interim housing and wrap-around services that gave them much-needed stability and support as they navigated their way back to a life of self-sufficiency.

With this support, Carlos secured two jobs — working for the railroad and as a security guard. With his case manager's help,

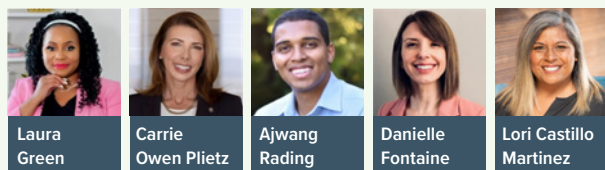
Carlos secured a VA Supportive Housing voucher and moved into a two-bedroom home. But more challenges lay ahead.

Carlos wanted to open a bank account and improve his credit score of 560. Carlos raised his credit score to 640 in just three months — a testament to his desire to rebuild his and his son's lives.

Carlos also worked closely with LifeMoves to ensure his son's special needs were met. From enrolling him in Head Start to accessing additional academic assistance, Carlos was tenacious in securing the best opportunities for his child.

Carlos and his son graduated from The Villa program. Their story is a reminder that even in the face of overwhelming challenges, help, hope, and hard work can light the path to a better future.✓

LifeMoves Announces New Board Members



WE ARE EXCITED to leverage the talents of new board members who bring extraordinary leadership, unique perspectives, and lived experiences, along with Lori Castillo Martinez, who joined us earlier in the year, to fortify our determination to do our part to end homelessness. **Ajwang Rading's** advocacy for civil rights and affordable housing; **Carrie Owen Plietz's** extensive healthcare leadership experience; **Danielle Fontaine's** corporate and public accounting acumen; **Laura Green's** personal journey overcoming homelessness; and, **Lori Castillo Martinez's** global equality efforts bring unique perspectives that reinforce our commitment to ending homelessness in Silicon Valley.✓



PNC FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT of the LifeMoves mission to end homelessness runs deep. As a key sponsor for the Ride to End Homelessness, PNC provided volunteers to cheer on the participating families and a stunning archway that served as an energizing guidepost. PNC deepened its commitment to LifeMoves through a grant supporting the LifeMoves Education Program. This program seeks to ensure that all families and their children are well supported for a successful educational journey and a positive relationship with learning. PNC demonstrates dedication to the success of its employees, customers, and the communities they serve, and PNC is delivering on that promise. Thank you, PNC, and welcome to the LifeMoves Family!✓

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