



# HOST House 2.0 News Flash

Serving the *WEST SIDE  
COMMUNITIES* of  
*Stanislaus County*

A PROGRAM OF



405 S. 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, PATTERSON, CA

HELPING OTHERS SLEEP TONIGHT

## HOST 2.0 First Year Update

by Geni Boyer, Executive Director, Cambridge Academies

It has been a year since Cambridge Academies took over the operations of HOST House and we are **THANKFUL** to the City of Patterson, to our donors and to the community at large for the support given to our program during this past year.

**HOST** offers **Enterprise RESTART**, a residential 6-8 month **life transformation** program with capacity for 15 homeless men and also **night hospitality** for 10 men.

Beside developing work ethic, personal responsibility and success mindset, students participate in employment-based classes: computers, high school equivalency, college guidance, resumes development, and job applications.

### FIRST GRADUATION

Our first class of formerly homeless students received their graduation certification in July and we could not be more proud of their accomplishments.

They have already taken great steps toward starting their new lives. **Gene** and **Gerald** have opened a successful recycling business and have saved enough money to move into a house. Gerald is also taking business classes at MJC and Gene is learning how to keep the books of the business on the computer. What a joy to see these men reconnecting with their families and turning a new leaf in life!

**Walter** is working full-time. **Marlon** is also renting a room and working as an intern at HOST. **Jose** got a full-time job, reconnected with his family and they are all living together in a home not far from HOST House. **Geronimo** has grown in his leadership skills and has joined our staff as a shift supervisor. **Gino** is working hard to save enough to rent his own place. **Chris** is joining the military.

**We are grateful for the opportunity to impact these men's lives.**



## Men at Work

Developing **WORK ETHIC** is a key element of the **Enterprise RESTART** program. Thus, our students are expected to complete daily house



chores, plant and tend to a vegetable garden and also be of service to the community.

Our men have volunteered to help with furniture moves, learned warehousing skills



by helping at a non-profit agency, helped at fundraising and other city events, and the street and park cleaning crews have helped keep Patterson's parks cleaner.



This experience is paying off because our graduates are now *former* homeless who are employed today and have started a new chapter in their lives.

We are excited about the **new class that has started serving a second group of homeless men**. We have opened the class to homeless women and one lady has joined the group.

**FAMILIES:** Another important element of our program is family reunification. Many of our men have children and spouses who have been left behind and in order to be "whole again," those

relationships need to be restored.... **And they have!**

**DOUG HAS RECONNECTED WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL KIDS,** who now have a loving dad in their lives.



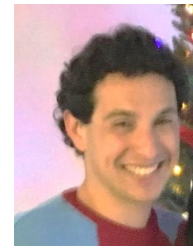
Gene has developed a **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PARENTS AND HIS KIDS.**



**JOSE REJOINED HIS FAMILY** and now, to his kids' joy, they spend quality time together.



**WALTER HAS MADE PEACE WITH HIS PAST** and is a happy advocate for the **Enterprise RESTART** program – when he is not at work!



**ANDREW** re-established communication with his **FAMILY IN THE MID-WEST** and after 2 months in the program, he

**RETURNED HOME.**

“I have stopped looking for excuses and shortcuts and in doing so, I found my freedom. The freedom to shape my future and reach my dreams.”

**WALTER**

It gives us great joy to help those who want a new start in life. It is not easy because new habits need to be developed and for some, a new way of life has to be learned and practiced. Our graduates have done so and continue to work on their daily transformation.

**Cambridge Academies needs your support to continue providing this year-round program that is changing lives and getting homeless people off the streets. This is real investment in real lives and in families!**

We are excited for the hard work, joy, determination and hope we see in our students!

**Please consider supporting this community effort.**

**Your monthly support transforms lives!**

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## OUR VISION for 2019

### HOST House

On November 13, 2018 we celebrated one year since we opened HOST House 2.0 and it is also the first year in the history of the facility that HOST House was open for a full year without temporary breaks.

**Our VISION** is to expand the scope of the programs offered to homeless individuals residing in the West Side communities of Stanislaus County by providing on-site drug counseling.

### Women’s Shelter and Transformation Program

There are no shelters for homeless women and children on the West Side.

It is heartbreaking to see where 22 homeless women in Patterson “live.” Other smaller communities can share similar heartbreaking stories as well.

The “Cages” in Patterson, the alleys by Highway 33, and the alleys in every town are the place where many homeless women in our communities call home. These are no places for any human being to reside. Women are especially vulnerable!

### NAOMI’s HOUSE

We invite churches, service organizations and the community at large to join us in developing and establishing a transitional living facility for women that offers the Enterprise RESTART Program and which helps women get back on their feet.

**Our VISION** is to make the plans for NAOMI’S HOUSE a reality ... and soon!

Homeless women need to be out of the elements and off the streets and be in a safe and nurturing environment conducive to a better life for themselves and for their children.



Architectural renderings of Naomi’s House.

Designed to be built using cargo containers.



### Meet Jennifer Zambrano

This special lady joined the Enterprise RESTART class at HOST HOUSE and helps out during the day.

Even though she sleeps in her car, still struggles with addiction, and is recovering from cancer surgery, Jennifer is committed to changing her life and her future.

Naomi’s House will be the perfect place for homeless women like Jennifer who want to change their circumstances but don’t know how and have no place to go until they get can back on their feet.

**Will you partner with us to make NAOMI’S HOUSE a reality for homeless women on the West Side of Stanislaus County?**

# Cambridge Academies Partnerships

Serving the Communities on the West Side of Stanislaus County

## HOST House for Men

The year-round Enterprise RESTART *residential* program for homeless men and *night shelter* is the result of a partnership between Cambridge Academies, HOST House and the City of Patterson supported by the local churches, community and benefactors.

## Future Naomi's House for Women

Cambridge Academies is partnering with the City of Patterson, Stanislaus County PLUS churches, civic organizations, businesses and the community at large to open a *night shelter* and *residential life transformation* program for homeless women on the West Side.

Your financial support is needed to continue providing this service to those men and women in desperate need of night shelter and a RESTART in their lives.

## Naomi's House UPDATE

On Saturday, December 1 2018 approximately 40 women and men representing Gustine, Newman, Crows Landing, Patterson and Westley met to discuss the launching of a community-wide effort to make Naomi's House a reality ... and soon!

*WOMEN helping WOMEN Campaign: Many ladies stepped up and volunteered to participate in Action Teams to support this West Side Community effort.*

Updates will be posted on the Cambridge Academies website: [www.CambridgeAcademies.org](http://www.CambridgeAcademies.org)

Please make your generous tax-deductible donation to: Cambridge Academies, Memo:  
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