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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) and my hopes that the support of Measure Z will continue. For some reference I have worked at Humboldt County Behavioral Health for 10 years as a Mental Health Clinician and the last 5 years have been a Supervising Behavioral Health Clinician.

Having a dedicated team within the Eureka Police Department has proven to be invaluable to HCBH as we are able to coordinate care and support for a vulnerable population. The CSET utilizes their presence to help to reduce recidivism by addressing the problems at the root of the manner often which are substance abuse, mental health, and/or related to poverty. This team helps utilize leverage that EPD has which a social worker or mental health worker does not. I cannot imagine our community without the CSET presence and support.

As a Supervising Behavioral Clinician, I have interacted with the CSET team on a weekly basis through the various programs I have supervised (Same Day Services, Mobile Response team and HCCF Mental Health Care), and they have always been professional, caring and willing to support. They are a crucial part of my work and a resource that I very thankful for. Prior to the inception of CSET each interaction with EPD was difficult, because I would be starting from scratch with a new officer every time. As opposed to now with CSET we can continually communicate with CSET officers to engage clients, and they have the historical knowledge to help provide support. An addition of a Licensed Clinician will strengthen their knowledge, expand their frame of reference, and assist with their advocacy for clients within our community.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Mental Health Clinician employed by Humboldt County Behavioral Health Branch for the past 13 years. For many years my primary role was as a street outreach clinician. My current position is supervisor Same Day Services. Same Day Services is a walk-in crisis clinic and telephone crisis hotline. In this role I have frequent contact with the officers of the CSET team.

It is impossible to overstate the amazing work that these officers do. In my opinion, they are the most caring, compassionate, kind and thoughtful police officers I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with. We have come to count on (and admire) their consistent excellence and devotion to a very difficult segment of our communities population.

Uplift is an important adjunct to the work CSET does. Many calls for service related to homeless and/or mentally ill citizens either do not require a sworn peace officer, or respond better to Homeless Outreach Workers. Many (but not all) hardcore street savvy people are so biased against law enforcement that it takes a civilian with lived experience to establish sufficient rapport to elicit meaningful change. The Uplift outreach staff do a tremendous job of forming these connections.

The combined work of the officers of CSET and the Uplift staff represent one of finest examples of pro-social, progressive community policing that I am aware of. That the City of Eureka should prioritize their exceptional work makes me so proud of our community.

Thank you CSET and Uplift for your unflinching willingness to support our team here at Same Day Services. Thank you for all that you do. You are the best.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Nash LCSW
Supervising MH Clinician Same Day Services/Access



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January 26, 2022

Eureka Police Department
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Re: Measure Z

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to voice my continued support of the Eureka Police Department's application for Measure Z funding. The Eureka Community Safety Enhancement Team (CSET) and the Uplift program provides an invaluable service in addressing issues surrounding the homeless population as well as those with behavioral health needs. Not only has CSET /Uplift helped to reduce the negative impacts of the homeless on the community, but they have also strived to address the underlying causes of homelessness and to improve lives.

Many of us involved in human services consider CSET/Uplift to be an invaluable partner working toward the common goal of making Eureka a safer and better place. I am both excited and encouraged to see that the current request for funding to establish an Alternate Response Team Model is included with the current request.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Kelli Schwartz
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January 24, 2022

To Whom it May Concern;

As a homeless services provider working throughout Humboldt County, we rely heavily on our partners to work with us to provide services and support that we don't. The work that the CSET team provides is invaluable to us. It is a comfort knowing that they are available to provide support or back up when we need them.

The sheer numbers of services that they provide are impressive alone. Add to that the support and partnership that they provide to agencies like Arcata House Partnership and others like us makes them a valuable member of the team and an integral part of the Continuum of Care's commitment to serving our homeless population.

I want to encourage you to support the CSET application through the Measure Z funding.

Thank you,

Darlene Spoor

Darlene Spoor
Executive Director



January 25, 2022

Humboldt County Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures
c/o County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street, Suite 112
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce to express our support of the Eureka Police Department's Measure Z funding application.

The homelessness crisis negatively impacts Humboldt County on every level, from families and individuals to businesses, tourism, and the regional economy. EPD's Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET)/Mobile Intervention Service Team (MIST) and Eureka's UPLIFT program have proven to be effective means to address the problem.

By engaging individuals in crisis, treating them with compassion, and executing "warm hand offs" into counseling, substance abuse programs, housing, and employment programs, CSET and UPLIFT are making a difference in our community. Additionally, these programs are very collaborative, engaging local stakeholders and building buy-in. We have found CSET to be very responsive to questions, concerns, and feedback from the Chamber and its membership.

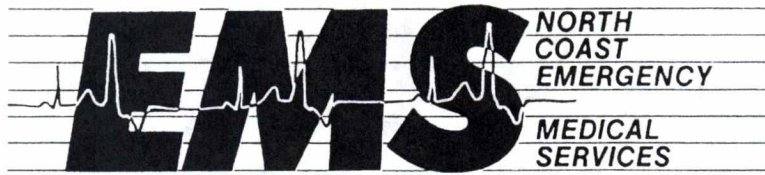
With the assistance of Measure Z funding, CSET and UPLIFT have been able to continually expand their programs to meet the needs of the community and to fill in the many gaps existing in the social service and mental health systems. The 2022 application for Measure Z Funding includes a new position of Supervising Licensed Clinician. With the foundation and framework already established by CSET and UPLIFT, this position will be essential as the City aggressively moves toward implementing an alternate response team model. This balanced, dynamic, and integrated team of mental health professionals, physical health professionals, homeless outreach and specialized law enforcement, will further enhance the City's ability to address issues of homelessness, mental health, addiction and chronic physical health issues that overwhelm our local systems of care.

As local residents and members of the business community, we ask you to grant the funds needed to ensure that CSET and UPLIFT can continue to do their important work.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Wright".

Donna Wright
President/CEO



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January 27, 2022

c/o Chief Brian Stephens
Eureka Police Department
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Re: Support of Measure Z

Dear Citizens' Advisory Committee Members/Measure Z Committee,

As the Executive Director of North Coast EMS, I am writing in support of the continuation of Eureka Police Department's Measure Z funds.

The positive impact of Measure Z funds in our county on public safety and essential services is significant. Two of CSET's five police officer positions, the MIST Officer and Parks/Waterfront Ranger, are currently funded through Measure Z. Along with CSET, Measure Z also funds the Homeless Outreach Workers (HOW) and other vital positions within UPLIFT Eureka, CSET's sibling unit. These highly specialized collaborative teams funded by Measure Z are one of the key components to the health, welfare, safety and security to those facing behavioral health and substance use issues in Humboldt County. Their impact can be felt on the ground, in the hospitals, behavioral health facilities and their positive influence ripples through many other programs and people in Humboldt.

Below are just some of the accomplishments measure Z funds have created in 2021 through CSET:

- Were the primary responders to approximately 43% of Eureka Police Department's mental health related calls-for-service.
- Placed 82 individuals on WI 5150/mental health holds. This made up approximately 35% of all Eureka Police Department's WI 5150/mental health holds.
- Was requested by and assisted various branches of DHHS more than 50 times. This includes assisting Behavioral Health with 20 of their own WI 5150/mental health holds.
- Was requested by and assisted St. Joseph Hospital more than 30 times, mostly with individuals in crisis and/or on WI 5150/mental holds.
- Connected 63 individuals to substance abuse treatment facilities – more than 200 since 2018.
- Connected individuals with medical and mental health services, housing, employment, clothing, food, and various other needs. Several individuals were also connected back home to their families.

North Coast Emergency Medical Services offers its support of Eureka Police Department. I hope that you will give their application consideration for this much needed Measure Z funding.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Karsteadt", written in a cursive style.

Larry Karsteadt
Executive Director
North Coast EMS



Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation

Citizen's Advisory Committee for Measure Z
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office
County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Members,

This letter is in support of continuing funding for the City of Eureka's Measure Z funded positions. Since the 2014 passing of Measure Z, the City of Eureka has expanded its ability to proactively engage members of Eureka's homeless community, many of whom suffer from mental illness, addiction, and trauma. The Eureka Police Department's (EPD) Community Safety and Engagement Team (CSET) and the City of Eureka's Uplift Eureka program, much of which is funded by Measure Z, works daily towards long-term solutions to improve the lives of individuals and the overall health of the community.

On a daily basis, CSET and UPLIFT collaborate and coordinate services with the Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation. Not only does this include addressing issues arising at the Day Center and the Blue Angel Village, but also larger programs such as Pathway to Pay Day. Working together, people's lives are being changed and the overall health of the community is being improved.

This program has proven to be vital for the City of Eureka and Humboldt County as a whole. I strongly support the City of Eureka's Measure Z application.

Betty Chinn

Founder and Director,
Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation
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"Betty Chinn found both her voice and her mission: aiding those without shelter on our own shores. Every day, starting before dawn, she loads up a truck and provides meals to the homeless as an expression of gratitude to the Nation that welcomed her. The United States honors Betty Kwan Chinn for renewing America's promise by serving those in need."

- President Barack Obama

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February 9, 2022

RE: Eureka Police Department Mobile Intervention Services Team - Letter of Support

Dear Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee:

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (Cal Poly Humboldt) would like to express its support for the City of Eureka, Eureka Police Department's Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) proposal seeking Measure Z funding. With previous funding, MIST has been able to work to better meet the needs of the community and to fill in the many gaps existing in the social service and mental health systems. We believe this Eureka-based project can serve as a pilot for expansion to other jurisdictions and appreciate the work that's been accomplished to this point.

The proposal from the City of Eureka requests \$483,000 of Measure Z funding to support continued participation in MIST, a multi-agency integrated project to reduce chronic homelessness among people with serious mental illness. This past year MIST has: been the primary responders for approximately 43% of Eureka Police Department's mental health related calls for service, assisted branches of DHHS more than 50 times, connected 63 individuals to substance abuse treatment, and collected over 63,300 pounds of trash from along the bay and greenbelts.

If funded, the City of Eureka would plan to have two police officers work closely with the city's Community Development Department and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services to:

- Assist the Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health staff with assessing the homeless population and individual clients,
- Track calls for service and reports from mentally ill homeless individuals generating law enforcement, fire and/or emergency service calls, and
- Facilitate partner agencies' contact with these clients in the community and help ensure everyone's safety.

The MIST program is helping to preserve valuable emergency resources and help fill the gaps in our local social service and mental health systems. We urge you to vote in favor of the City of Eureka's proposal to continue participation in MIST. Thank you for considering this funding request.

Sincerely,



Connie Stewart,
Executive Director
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Food for People

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February 10, 2021

Captain Stephens
Eureka Police Department

Re: Measure Z Letter of Support

Dear Captain Stephens,

Food for People would like to express its wholehearted support for EPD's request for Measure Z funding to continue the excellent work done by the Community Safety Enhancement Team and Uplift Eureka. Their compassionate outreach to members of the homeless community and their work with individuals struggling with a history of mental health and/or severe addiction issues and trauma is solution-oriented, and represents an investment in the long term health and stability of the community at large.

Our organization has had an opportunity to partner with members of the CSET team and Uplift Eureka on multiple occasions over the past two years as we've sponsored drive through food distributions to serve households impacted by the pandemic, and we've appreciated their guidance and support with traffic flow as part of our partnership with the Bayshore Mall and at the one-time drive through at the old K-Mart which is now occupied by Papa & Barkley. They've also been instrumental in helping us deal with an entrenched group of homeless individuals at our 2112 Broadway site, which has been the home for our Eureka Choice Pantry since we had to move out of our main facility on 14th St. Their engagement with the individuals there to help engage them in services and the offer of de-escalation training for our staff are deeply appreciated.

As communities around the country grapple with how to balance public safety in the face of immense social and economic issues that are often more effectively addressed outside of law enforcement, I would hope that they explore models that incorporate the values of CSET, MIST and Uplift which provide options for more positive outcomes. These steps are incredibly important in helping to prevent endless cycles of trauma and addiction. In the majority of cases, the individuals they are interacting with are known to them and the steps they take to help them connect with essential support services are essential in helping them achieve stability.

We truly appreciate this forward-thinking approach and hope that Measure Z funds will be designated to support their efforts, which ultimately benefit us all as a community.

Sincerely,

Anne Holcomb, Executive Director



CLARKE MUSEUM

1/25/2022

To whom it may concern,

The Clarke Museum, located at 240 E Street in Old Town Eureka, voices its support for Measure Z funding to go to CSET and Uplift Eureka. These groups work hard to make Eureka a better place visually and community-wise by providing proactive support to some of our area's most vulnerable populations. COVID-19 has complicated everything for these organizations and others that do similar work and now more than ever support is needed to continue and expand this valuable work for our community. CSET and Uplift Eureka's work is shown to make a difference by rerouting people in crisis and at risk out of local jails and hospitals which are greatly strained as COVID continues on.

As a museum situated in Old Town, we benefit from the services that CSET and Uplift Eureka provide. Their work to proactively help people in crisis reduces the likelihood of crime, defacement of property, and other issues that push visitors away from the waterfront and Old Town areas. Preventing crime and the general degradation of the appearance of Old Town increases foot traffic, supporting the small businesses populating Old Town who have also been negatively impacted by COVID due to extended closures and uncertainty. Increased foot traffic is better for the businesses, and increased accessibility to waterfront areas is a positive for fitness, recreation, and exploration by locals and visitors alike. Funding and expanding funding for preemptive measures through CSET and Uplift Eureka to help people get out of difficult situations is good for business, tourism, and local morale.

Funding this program is a win for Eureka, Old Town, the Clarke Museum, tourists, locals, and the people who are supported with services that CSET and Uplift Eureka provide. We encourage you to fund these programs via Measure Z.

Katie Buesch
Executive Director
Clarke Historical Museum



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February 7, 2022

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Measure Z
c/o Humboldt County Administrative Office
825 Fifth Street
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Dear Citizens' Advisory Committee Members:

The City of Eureka Housing Authority and County of Humboldt Housing Authority is thankful for the relationship we've developed with the Eureka Police Department's CSET and UPLIFT teams to support our mission of bringing housing assistance to as many households and individuals as possible in our community. I'm proud to provide this letter of support for their continued efforts to assist our community's most vulnerable population and goal of expanding the services these teams provide.

Our Housing Advocate has worked regularly with members of both the CSET and UPLIFT teams. Owing largely to work done by the CSET team, which provided a thorough analysis and needs report with recommendations to improve safety at several of our low-income affordable housing properties, we were able to secure a quarter-million-dollar grant for security improvements. With UPLIFT, we have consistently worked with their team members to help houseless individuals complete application paperwork, navigate the housing process, and even transition from temporary housing assistance to long-term assistance via HUD's Housing Choice Voucher program. Without the individual attention and assistance provided by UPLIFT, these individuals would likely not have made their way to our agency for stable housing assistance. Additionally, we frequently see UPLIFT members doing outreach around town, serving food at the local free-meal site, and collaborating with other agencies to help assist people in a way that acknowledges them as a whole person, addressing mental and physical health with an honest intent to help better their lives, instead of just seeing them as another "case".

We will continue to work closely with EPD's UPLIFT and CSET teams and are excited about the prospect of them being able to expand their programs and related services. Their ability to continue addressing homelessness, mental health, and addiction issues in our community is key to reducing health and housing disparities in Eureka, and I urge the review committee to approve their request.

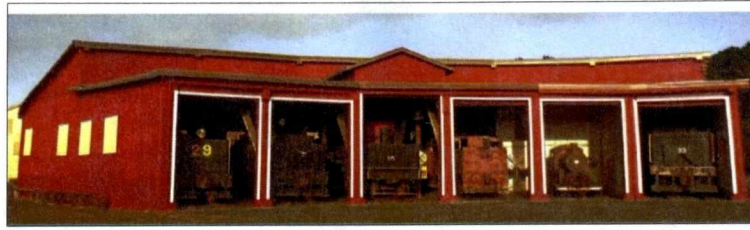
Sincerely,

Cheryl Churchill
Executive Director
City of Eureka Housing Authority
County of Humboldt Housing Authority
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The Housing Authorities are Equal Housing Opportunity Organizations





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Dear Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z,

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As the Timber Heritage Association (THA) Community Outreach Liaison, it once again gives me great pleasure to write supporting the Eureka Police Department's Community Safety Engagement Team's (CSET) request for Measure Z Funds. As THA Past-President and one that walks as often as possible, I can assure that I am aware of the good work that CSET has been doing to improve the Humboldt Bay cultural and physical environment for residents and tourists alike. Their clean-up (literally tons of trash each month) and enforcement work along the waterfront trail, in Cooper Gulch, next to the railroad right-of-way (ROW), in Oldtown, and other Eureka locales, helps keep our community trails and marine environment safe. THA works side by side with them each year on trash clean up (including drug paraphernalia and human waste) and find their "can do" attitude encouraging. They also assist the homeless population by helping them find housing solutions and mental health resources. Within their grant request are support funds to add a Supervising Licensed Clinician as part of the response team for homeless outreach services along with monies for a MIST officer and Parks/Waterfront Ranger. These individuals and services are needed to continue CSET's good work.

When THA is able to have speeder rides CSET members often assist simply by doing their jobs, including interacting with the public and cleaning up trash, resulting in an enhanced rider experience. In return, when CSET has needed a little extra assistance with trash removal along the ROW, THA volunteers join them and offer the THA Hyrailer (a pick-up that drives on the tracks) to load extra debris. CSET is an essential and unique addition to the Humboldt Bay locale and one that deserves the Citizens' Advisor Committee on Measure Z support. I encourage you to send the CSET grant request along to the Humboldt Board of Supervisors with your stamp of approval. Thank you.

Cheers, *Bruce*

Bruce L. Seivertson, PhD

THA Community Outreach Liaison

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February 7, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my strong support for the Eureka Police Department CSET team as well as the City's UPLIFT and HOW homeless outreach programs. My business is located in an area of Old Town close to the Library where there are many homeless people and these two programs have been critical in providing both support to this population as well as those who live and work in the area. Measure Z funding for these programs is greatly needed in our area where a homelessness continues to slowly increase. The reasons for this are a complex mix of economic, drug, and mental illness factors, requiring the multi-pronged approach that is offered through these diverse programs that Measure Z makes possible.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Lewis

February 3, 2022

From: Allison L. Tans

2348 Cochran Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519

To: Brian Stephens

Captain, Eureka, Police Department, 604 C Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Captain Stephens,

I am writing today to offer my support of the Eureka Police Department's (EPD's) request (to the County of Humboldt) for Measure Z funding. It is my understanding these funds will support at least two CSET police officer positions, the MIST Officer, the Parks/Waterfront Ranger, Homeless Outreach workers and other vital positions within UPLIFT Eureka, CSET's sibling unit.

The work that the EPD has performed with these funds is impressive, and it must continue. Last year, I was especially impressed with the more than 2,400 self-initiated contacts and the close to 1,200 calls-for service. EPD is doing a great job at assisting both the homeless community and/or individuals in crisis. With this funding, 82 individuals were placed on a 5150 hold because they were a danger to themselves, a danger to others or gravely disabled. Their collaboration with both the Department of Health and Human Services and St. Joseph's Hospital has not gone unnoticed. The fact that they have assisted with placements of more than 200 individuals at substance use disorder treatment centers is helping to clean up the streets and protect the entire community.

I hope that this letter helps you to realize how much our community appreciates the work that EPD is performing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at: passtans@suddenlink.net or 707-496-3498. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Allison L. Tans

Regional Support and Program Implementation Manager, California Workforce
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January 27, 2022

Measure Z Committee
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA, 95501

It is a pleasure to write a message of support for UPLIFT Eureka to benefit from Measure Z funds. I have been a volunteer with the program since 2018 and have served as a mentor in the Co-Pilot Program and assisted with the Pathway to Payday workshops. The UPLIFT Programs are unique as homeless resource programs in that they seek to not only address immediate needs but to help individuals develop the skills necessary for independent living. UPLIFT succeeds due to its consistency, practicality and effectiveness.

The services offered by UPLIFT are not just short term crisis management but a consistent effort to address the needs of clients. For example, there was one individual that Homeless services Coordinator, Brandey Wheeler met with on a daily basis for weeks until enough trust was established to get that person needed services. Co-pilots, who meet with their participants once a week at the same time and place, also make a long term commitment, with a focus on empowerment of their participants. Once an individual is housed with the assistance of the program, they continue to work with staff to assure that the housing is successful.

The programs also demonstrate a level of practicality that leads to their success. Participants are supported with working toward achieving milestones which build upon each other to increase life skills and future opportunities. Uplift outreach workers meet with community members where they are and facilitate scheduling appointments, transportation, and a warm hand off to service providers. In the Job Skills Training Program, individuals succeed by demonstrating their ability to consistently attend and also learn practical skills such as power equipment use and maintaining a safe work environment. Participants in the Pathway to Payday workshops finish with a completed resume and interview skills. Co-pilots and outreach workers help individuals get the documentation necessary to access stable housing and employment. Once housed, supportive services specialists provide advocacy and act as a liaison between UPLIFT Eureka Housing Assistance Program Participants and resources in the community to assist with maintaining stable housing.

The benefits of the Program are also evident in its effectiveness. Consistently nearly all of the participants in Pathway to Payday receive job offers at the end of the program. Since 2019, the Uplift program has successfully housed over 80 community members. UPLIFT is a perfect example of the collaboration of sectors public, private and voluntary sectors coming together to address community issues and in the process strengthen the ties across those sectors.

Measure Z funds will not only allow UPLIFT to continue its work but will help expand it, particularly in the area of mental health services, which is an acute need. I do hope that the Committee will provide support for this vital service to our community.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Lee R.N., M.A.

January 26, 2022

Captain Brian Stephens
Eureka Police Department – Service Area 1
604 C Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Captain Stephens:

Eureka Police Department's *CSET Unit* and the *Uplift Community Outreach* have continued to work closely with our St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Dining Facility in 2021 and prior. Their ongoing presence has dramatically improved the relationships with many of our daily luncheon clientele, which are largely individuals living a "*homeless*" existence that suffer from various issues of "*mental health, substance abuse, and / or a dysfunctional family history*". The atmosphere during our daily luncheon service and in our surrounding neighborhood has become more harmonious through the efforts of *Sargent Leonard LaFrance, MIST Officer Ryan Swanson, Ranger Dennis Gagnon, Officer Brian Ross, Homeless Outreach Worker Larry Alexander, Homeless Outreach Worker Robert Williams, Homeless Outreach Worker Sarah Cooper, Homeless Outreach Worker Stacey Wilkinson, and Homeless Services Coordinator Brandey Wheeler!*

In March 2020, the City of Eureka provided our Dining facility a "*street blocking permit*", so luncheon guests could sit on folding chairs placed "*socially distanced apart*" on the street in front of our building. City administrators also secured a "*handicap-access outdoor toilet*" and two "*handwash stations*" for luncheon guests sanitary needs while on our Dining Facility property.

As the COVID-19 health emergency continued through 2021, the SVDP Dining facility was assisted by Uplift Outreach in keeping their daily free luncheon service available to the locally displaced community! In April of 2020, the CSET Unit quickly helped our kitchen staff design an outdoor lunch service model, which included social distancing markings on the sidewalk in front of our building. CSET also put together an information board, which they updated daily with various COVID-related information. And before each outdoor lunch service, they would announce by megaphone the daily COVID news and instruct luncheon guests about sanitary compliance (*handwashing, wearing face masks, and maintaining 6-foot separation in the serving line*). Those measures helped clearly inform our lunch service clientele the importance of the health safety protocols!

When the "*shelter-in-place*" directives were issued in March 2020, 80% of SVDP's regular Volunteers opted to stay home, as many were retirees with existing health concerns. With only three full time staff, our Dining Facility was faced with closing operations due to lack of manpower. Fortuitously, *Uplift Outreach* quickly offered their staff to help with the morning

luncheon prep! Each day, 2-3 Uplift staff would arrive at our Dining Facility by 8:30 AM and assist with various kitchen prep duties until the lunch service began at 11:00 AM. During lunch service, Uplift staff would hand out *Face Masks* to lunch clientele, direct *Social Distancing* in the serving line as needed, and also conduct some of their outreach services with the luncheon guests seeking assistance. From early March to September 2020, our Dining Facility had served lunch for 195-consecutive days! The service help from *Uplift Outreach* continued throughout 2021. The SVDP Dining Facility has been blessed by generous community support throughout these challenging times!

CSET has continued to be very responsive in 2021 whenever issues have arisen near our Dining Facility. This was even more remarkable with the Eureka Police Department losing roughly 20% of their staff during that timeframe!

Our SVDP kitchen staff, volunteers, business neighbors, and citizens walking through our neighborhood need to feel safe. The *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach* have maintained a secure environment around our facility! SVDP's kitchen staff and volunteers care greatly about the clientele that are provided a daily nutritious meal. Our facility also offers additional services from various collaborative agencies – *Betty Chinn* (showers), *SJH Community Resource Center* (community outreach), *Open Door Mobile Medical* (primary healthcare), *HACHR Mobile Exchange* (needle exchange, drug abuse mitigation), and other community support initiatives. The ongoing efforts to ensure a safe and harmonious environment is of paramount concern to many individuals affiliated with the daily on goings at the SVDP Dining Facility! Everyone involved appreciates the presence of the *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach* staff!

Speaking for all that have been mentioned above, we hope the necessary funding will be made available to continue the ongoing support from the *CSET Unit* and *Uplift Outreach*! If you require further information in this matter, please contact me.

Regards,

Robert Santilli

Robert Santilli
SVDP Board Secretary and Volunteer Executive Director
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"Rebuilding broken lives.....One life at a time"

Homeless Guest Services - New Life Recovery Program
Women's and Children's Shelter - Thrift Store

January 25, 2022

Measure Z Committee,

This is a letter in support of Eureka Police Department's CSET funding request.

I am the Executive Director of the Eureka Rescue Mission and over the years I have realized the importance of community involvement to alleviate the burden of issues regarding the homeless community. The CSET team is a vital partner with the Eureka Rescue Mission in this endeavor. We work extremely close with all of the officers on the team and without them our community, especially Old Town, would be a travesty. The CSET team members have been trained to exercise compassion toward the most vulnerable of our community which enables them to effectively resolve difficult situations with positive long lasting solutions.

It is my understanding that CSET is requesting funding to expand their services by adding a Supervising Licensed Clinician to their team. This addition would be monumental and essential as the City moves toward implementing an alternate response team model over the next year. This balanced and integrated team of mental and physical health professionals, homeless outreach and specialized law enforcement will further enhance the City's ability to address issues of homelessness, mental health, addiction and chronic physical health problems which overwhelm our local systems of care.

Please consider granting this request for funding, it is extremely important for those who find themselves on the lowest rung of the economic ladder in our community.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hall Sr.
Executive Director
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director@eurekarescuemission.org



January 28, 2022

To: Measure Z Committee
Cc: Captain Brian Stephens, Sergeant Leonard La France
From: Michael Kraft, Papa & Barkley
Subject: Measure Z Funding of CSET

Papa & Barkley operates 3 facilities, collectively employing several dozen people, in Old Town/downtown Eureka. We rely heavily on the Eureka Police Department, including officers and staff associated with CSET, to keep our people and property safe. We run multiple shifts and therefore have employees who arrive in the dark, or leave work in the dark.

Our Facility Intelligence Coordinators (security staff) contact EPD to deal with situations such as people in mental health crises, dealers selling scary hard drugs on the street, and the like. I would estimate that we contact EPD with 3-5 non-emergency calls per month, and 1-2 that are legitimate emergencies. Our interactions with the Department on these calls have been consistently professional and positive. David Salas, one of our senior Facility Intelligence Coordinators wrote this to me: "The CSET Team is great with their coverage in our area--it's been a big improvement."

The enhanced EPD presence and associated services such as homeless services enabled by Measure Z funds clearly makes a difference to the quality of life in these areas.

I will add that, if this is true of our company, with our own security and cameras covering every door, it must be doubly true of businesses that do not have this level of security infrastructure.

For these reasons, we strongly support the ongoing allocation of Measure Z funds to the Eureka Police Department.

Please feel free to contact me at michael.kraft@papaandbarkley.com if I can offer additional information or support.

Brian Stephens

From: Lew-Smith, Shao-Lan <slew-smith@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:18 PM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Measure Z Letter of Support

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In my opinion it is imperative that CSET and Uplift continue to receive Measure Z funds. I have seen first hand the impact that CSET/Uplift have in the community. CSET has been extremely helpful to my clients. Being able to call CSET officers for assistance has literally been a lifesaver for my clients. Having officers who are mental health trained and who are able to spend the time building rapport with clients is extremely valuable. I have utilized CSET officers countless times, to assist with evaluating my clients for 5150 criteria, verifying chronic homelessness so that clients can qualify for low income housing, assisting with de-escalation of clients in crisis. CSET has shown the community the compassionate side of law enforcement, it is imperative that funding for CSET and Uplift continue.



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Brian Stephens

From: Torres, Raul <RTorres@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Letter of support for Measure Z



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Measure Z funders,

As someone who runs a program that directly interacts with homeless people in our community I cannot tell you how much of an impact CSET and UPLIFT have made to the City of Eureka. While the stats support keeping these programs alive they may not convey how appreciative many of us are for having another group of caring people out there trying to help people. No one approach works for everyone. UPLIFT and CSET need to continue to be supported as they are vital to not only helping people in the streets but, in showing the city and the police department believe in multi-faceted approaches to dealing with today's issues. They are a vital community partner that this city cannot afford to lose. They are committed to making a difference and helping deal with situations that help avoid traditional police responses and use of time. Please support them and give them more if possible.

Thank you,

Raul Torres
Senior Program Manager
HOME Program
Department of Health & Human Services
707-268-2794 Desk
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Per Jack Hughes - " Avoid the Appearance of Hypocrisy "

January 24, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of CSET, a program run by City of Eureka, Eureka Police Department. This team consists of officers skilled in assisting those with mental health related illnesses, addiction issues and sometimes medical conditions that put themselves and others at risk.

As you know, Eureka is the County seat where most of the Social Services are located along with the only Psychiatric facility and the County Jail. People from all over the County come to Eureka to access services or wind up on the streets of Eureka when they have no way to get back to their own communities.

The officers and staff in this program have worked hard to build bridges with all community partners that assist homeless and those in need. During the past several years the officers have become some of the best Social Workers I have ever known. Many times people in the community, businesses or even other service providers call these officers/team directly instead of other service providers to resolve issues on the streets. These officers go the extra mile to provide support to requests for services.

Long gone are the days that the homeless in Eureka are afraid of the Police. Now the homeless will seek officers and specifically the CSET team out and ask for help to get into drug or alcohol treatment or other programs. Many of the homeless who have chronic mental illnesses have been able to keep appointments for medication, housing, or counseling thanks to the relationships they have built with the officers.

The CSET officers/ team are sometimes the first people to see when an individual out on the streets is decompensating. The officer contacts County Behavioral Health Department to request services, but if they (Behavioral Health) don't respond, the officer is left trying to sort out what the person needs. The officer/team activates a meeting between service providers (Multi-Disciplinary Team) and updates the MDT team about what is going on with the individual. The service providers (Public Health, Public Guardian, Behavioral Health) only see a person when they go into an appointment. The officer sees the person as they live on the street.

The officer may be the first one to find a person who needs to go to the ER for services or administer Narcan if they have overdosed and are found unresponsive on the street under a bush. They talk with the folks every time they see them about the recovery and resources in the community that the person could use to change their lives.

With a licensed Social Worker as part of the team it provides a full wrap around resource for both the officers and the people they work with on the streets.

Homeless individuals do get arrested and go to jail. But even on the way to jail this team takes the time to talk to the person about other options and offers to support and assist. Many of the folks who were on the streets are now clean and sober thanks to the CSET Team.

The Officers in the CSET program are some of the best social workers Humboldt County has to offer. With a licensed clinician as part of the team, the team will be able to navigate many systems that are now closed to the officers. A substance abuse counselor could assist with setting up treatment options for individuals who keep using.

One of the major differences between Eureka Police Departments CSET team and other providers is that the team is fully mobile and goes wherever the problem is. This team also has the ability to respond in any hostage situation or to be part of a Crisis Response Team that assists when someone is suicidal or homicidal.

I also wanted to mention that St. Joe's, Humboldt County Mental Health, Department of Health and Services, Public Health and every other service provider in Eureka call Eureka PD for services when someone who's out of control or experiencing a mental health crisis is beyond their ability to handle. Our Nation has been facing a crisis where our Officers are being shot and killed daily. Many Officers are afraid to do the job they were hired to do for fear of winding up in Prison or even worse, being killed. There is a shortage of Officers in our Nation because of these issues. Yet at EPD Officers continue to do the impossible with fewer staff. This team is pro-active and addresses issues as they arise. They talk folks into treatment and build hope by reducing fear and negativity. The CSET team is part of the solution and if every Police Department in the Nation had a team like CSET there would be far fewer Officer deaths and Officer involved shootings.

Please consider refunding this worthwhile program.


Pamlyn Millsap

(707) 599-7593

2/4/2022

To Measure Z Committee,

I am writing this letter of support for Eureka Police Department's Community Service Engagement Team (CSET).

As a documentary filmmaker, I encountered the CSET team in 2019 while working on a project for PBS about ACEs and Addiction in Humboldt County. The group consisted of 5 officers and one Homeless Liaison. I interviewed over 50 people for this project and the CSET members were the most surprising to me. Their outlook and way they handled people on the street with challenges was nothing short of 'inspiring'. They were constantly compassionate, yet also held people accountable - lovingly. They were wonderful to work with, unwittingly competent in knowing how to work around some of our counties' broken systems, that I decided to volunteer for them.

This team has ideas on how to work even more efficiently to bring creative solutions to the population that is most in need in our County. Please support the amazing work they do. I am.

The City of Eureka should be extremely proud of their Law Enforcement. They are exemplary and the CSET team is an example of the innovative programs that are supported. Sgt. LaFrance, Officer Swanson and Ross are a credit to their community.

Thank you.

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February 7, 2022

Sgt. Leonard La France
Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET)
Eureka Police Department
604 C Street
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Dear Sgt. La France

The Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET) has accomplished much good in the Eureka Community. As a Volunteer Trail Stewart and a trail user, I very much appreciate all the hours CSET members put into making our community better. They have made the community safer for me as a Volunteer Trail Stewart by helping abate illegal camping along the trail. They have joined in with other volunteers to pick up trash along the Waterfront trail, along the Bay and in greenbelts. I also hike out on Elk River Spit. The presence of regular patrols by CSET in that area has made that a great place to hike and discouraged illegal camping. As a hiker and trail user, I appreciate having a beautiful place to hike and bicycle where I feel safe and secure. More CSET officers would be even better!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Popham". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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Brian Stephens

From: Tina Garsen <tina62696@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Measure Z funding

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To whom it may concern:

I have witnessed CSET in action on numerous occasions. Their resourcefulness, compassion, and tenacity is without parallel. Monies spent here will prove to be a wise investment. This is truly a cost efficient organization. The buck has often stopped with CSET. Their officers follow through when other agencies cannot. Please help our community by providing funding for this worthy program.

Respectfully
Betina Garsen, LCSW
Eureka

Sent from my iPhone

Brian Stephens

From: Hi <queenrb2001@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Measure Z funding to add a Supervising Licensed Clinician.

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To Captain Stephens, Eureka Police Department, and To All Persons To Whom This Concerns;

I am writing in support of CSET's request to expand their Measure Z application to add a Supervising Licensed Clinician. In September 2020, the Bridge District Neighborhood Watch met with former Chief Watson and 4th District Council Member, Steve Bauer. Among many topics on the agenda, we discussed our city's mental health crisis, and asked how we could be a part of a solution, and be supportive. This addition to the CSET Team is a good pathway to finding that answer. As a Co-Captain of our Watch, I put the request for letters of support on our private Facebook page. It is my hope you receive many.

The Bridge District sees a lot of people passing through, and now it is an area for weekly services under the Samoa Bridge. Because of our location, we are witness to the value of the CSET Team in our neighborhood. During a PacOut Green Team clean up in January, Officer Swanson was instrumental in deescalating a potentially volatile situation by calmly removing a man with mental/drug issues who did not want us there so we could safely clean the camp. Sargent LaFrance was a part of getting a round table discussion together when Arcata House was moving new residents into our neighborhood last year. He assured us that he would be there to help navigate the process of becoming neighbors, and he has continued to do so. With patience and communication, it is working out. He is also a member of our Watch page, and responds to any issues that he can, or relays it to someone who can at the time.

Adding a Supervising Clinician will be a valuable asset to what we see is an overwhelming situation at times. It would also relieve some stress and workload. I appreciate all that this funding has provided so far, and our beautiful city is much better for it. Let's keep on this track and see what else we can do. A vote YES from me!

Kindest regards,

Denise L. Ryles, Co-Captain, Bridge District Neighborhood Watch (4th District)

Brian Stephens

From: FStöver <komponist53@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: Letter of Support for Measure Z funding

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Dear Officer Stevens -

I am writing a letter of support to help continue Measure Z funding at Officer Leonard La France's suggestion and because I've seen up close the good things CSET and UPLIFT have accomplished for the marginalized community. I stand behind your efforts to assist the community in providing social services to area homeless people and would like to see a continuation of Measure Z funding. Thanks for all the good things you're doing for the community.

Franklin Stover

Campton Road

Eureka, CA 95503

Guy Blau

1875 Buhne Drive #76

Eureka, CA 95503

Measure Z

County of Humboldt, CA

January 31, 2022

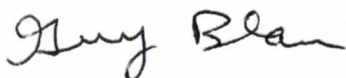
Re: Uplift Eureka

Dear Measure Z Committee:

I am very grateful for the services of Uplift's Job Skills Training Program. The experience has been positive, and literally uplifting! I have updated my resume, doing on line job searches, and submitting applications for employment in the Monday workshops.

Tuesdays and Thursdays I go out with staff, and we perform cleanups and beautification in Old Town, and the surrounding areas, including the Adorni, Boardwalk, and waterfront trail up towards the Wharfinger building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guy Blau".

Guy Blau

David Preciado
719 ninth street
Eureka California 95501

Measure Z Committee
County of Humboldt, California

January 31, 2022

RE: UPLIFT EUREKA

Dear Measure Z Committee:

Starting in the present reflecting past experiences Never thought I'd get here the way I did. From the Sierra Desert around San Francisco back up to Northern California here in Humboldt County circumstances would be a lot different if it were not for my health. I'm very grateful finding uplift Eureka Job Skills Training Program. I'm grateful for the help. Be it as tangled situation I put myself in!!! Maybe I shouldn't have left starting out the way I did, but I needed to get away from the insanity enveloping around me from other peoples lives. It was like I was the prey and hunted at the same time. Thought if I kept a safe distance everything would be OK. Guilt by association. If you go along with what's wrong then sooner or later destruction will seep into life, and it doesn't mater if you are not participating. I was not careful in who I chose to love. That's how got to the mission in eureka.

Never thought I would be used as an example to the community of eureka. The beginning of my adventure beautifying the City of Eureka almost every city street in the downtown district. I was really dismayed by it the first couple of weeks living in eureka, but I see now there are businesses whom have donated their time to the cause. The homeless out on the street are contributing to the effort. Who knows were all contributions could lead??? Again, thank you Uplift.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Preciado". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Thank You," text.

David Preciado

02/03/20

Board of Supervisors
Humboldt County
825 5th Street
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(707) 476-2396

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to you in support of the City of Eureka, Uplift program.

This program has helped me secure employment in the field of my dreams. When I first entered the Uplift program I started out as a volunteer in the job skills training program. My duties were trash clean up and graffiti removal in the Eureka Old Town area, and assisting in major cleanup projects with the Eureka Police Department. At this point, I had doubts that the program would be able to help me with my desire to enter the Security industry, but Jeff Davis told me to trust the system and he informed me about the Pathway to Payday program.

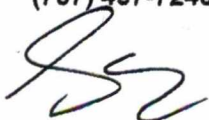
The Pathway to Payday is a program that is a collaborative partnership between the City of Eureka's Community Services Department and the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center. It's a four-session, intensive workshop, open to the public, designed to provide participants with the skills necessary to successfully seek employment.

The program built my self- confidence and self-esteem by having me search for jobs and teaching me the best way to navigate searching for a job. I completed job applications, participated in mock interviews and speed-round interviews with real businesses. At the end of the mock interviews, the interviewers would provide me with constructive feedback and ways to improve my presentation which really helped me with the speed-round interviews. I applied for a job with the City of Eureka, Uplift program, Crew Leader, interviewed for the position and was hired.

While working for the Uplift program, I sought employment in the Security industry. I used the skills that I gained through Uplift and secured a job with Loomis Armored Car Services. I'm so grateful that you, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, assist in making programs such as the Uplift program available. I'd also like to thank Jeff Davis, Uplift, for telling me to trust the system and Drake Goodale, EPD, for inspiring me. The Uplift program is a program that I believe in and a program that believed in me. I recommend the Uplift program to anyone.

Respectfully,

Shante Littlefeather Rivas
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 L. RIVAS

Brian Stephens

From: Pete Johnston <petej@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 7:13 PM
To: Brian Stephens
Subject: CSET support!

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To whom it may concern:

I wanted to voice my personal support, as well as the support of our Timber Heritage Association membership for continued funding of Eureka's Community Safety Enhancement Team. As we run our popular Speeder cars on the historic local rails, we often encounter many campers and houseless individuals. We have had the pleasure of interacting with different EPD and CSET individuals over the years, and continued to be impressed with their dedication to making Eureka a better place to live. They strive to develop a rapport with these challenging individuals, and have extreme patience in a very tough situation. We have enjoyed the times we have teamed up with our rail equipment to do trash pickups of camping areas along the rail corridor. Please consider further funding for this amazing group. Money well spent.

Pete Johnston
Lifetime Eureka resident
President, Timber Heritage Association

February 4, 2022

Dear Measure Z Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Eureka Uplift program and how they have been such an amazing benefit to me. They have been a benefit to me both physically and mentally.

On a physical level they have provided me with clothing and food when I didn't have other resources. They have also provided me with hot showers when I had no other way to be able to take care of such personal hygiene needs. They were also able to help me find housing with Betty Chin and get me off the streets. During my 4 months at Betty Chin they were also able to help me obtain permanent housing.

On a mental level having Outreach workers like Robert and Larry gave me hope. Knowing that they were working as hard as they were to get me off the streets and into housing relieved so much mental stress. Being able to have an open and honest communication line with them while I was on the street was a great relief as well. Knowing that while I was there having meals with them they were always willing to check on me and my well-being as well as keep me posted as to my housing status was immensely comforting.

The uplift program has walked me from being a person who has no means to becoming a person who has every means. Without the Uplift program I would not be the person that I am today. I am housed, I am happy, and I love myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Julia Smith
Housed Human

February 9, 2022

My name is David Boling and I am a participant in the UPLIFT Eureka Program. I was referred to UPLIFT by a friend while residing at the Eureka Men's Rescue Mission.

My participation in UPLIFT has been a blessing, as it has moved me from homeless to housed. The staff at UPLIFT are awesome and have been instrumental in helping me get back on my feet by assisting me with finding housing, providing rental assistance and providing ongoing supportive services.

I am also a pastor, who works with people currently housed at local Missions. UPLIFT Eureka is an invaluable resource providing vital services to community members in need and I am excited to have the opportunity to refer folks I am working with to the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Boling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "B".

David Boling

February 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel extremely lucky to have received the help my family and I did from the UPLIFT Eureka Program.

We were homeless for one week when an acquaintance introduced me to UPLIFT's Supervisor, Jeff Davis.

We'd found a place to live, but didn't have the income to provide the required first month's rent and deposit. We met with Jeff who determined that we qualified for the UPLIFT Housing Assistance Program. That same week, UPLIFT paid our deposit and our first month's rent. They were also able to help furnish our apartment with a bed for our toddler, cooking utensils, a couch and other necessities. Our apartment became a home.

Additionally, they were able to pay for the next three month's rent which allowed me to secure employment through UPLIFT's Pathway to Payday program. Pathway to Payday, a four-day workshop that focuses on enhancement of application, resume and interview skills, helped me to secure a job as a driver for Domino's Pizza. I love my job.

UPLIFT took us from homelessness and despair. We are now happily housed, employed and thriving. There aren't words to express how grateful my family and I are for the assistance we've received from UPLIFT and Jeff Davis.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kearney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Kearney", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

I want to publicly express my gratitude to UpLift Eureka to help me when I needed the most; having no place to live made me feel unwanted and insecure. With their help I had the opportunity to have my basic needs met again and continue my mission and path in life; thank you Lara and Up lift Eureka family.

Eduardo Vega Imperial 02/10/2022

To whom it may concern,

Uplift set us up with housing. They helped me get the medical treatment and support I need. They helped us get food when we didn't have food. They helped me with the situations I didn't know how to handle. They helped us get the things we needed for our house.

Billy Hersh

Billy Hersh

Feb 10. 2022

Hello my name is Bonnita Haight
I am very very happy getting in
touch with uplift they have helped
us in so many ways I was
homeless 4 about 5 years because
I had lived in RV parks for
about 20 years so I never
had to look 4 a place and
when I did I had got a
Newspaper and could not
find homes 4 rent in there
people said you find them
on your cell phone well
to this day I do not understand
cell phone's thank you
all 4 helping us we have
a home and there still
working with us they are
all wonderful.

Thank you all
Bonnita Haight

~~After~~

The Uplift Program

After years of waiting list, ^{missing openings} ~~and~~ daily searching, ^{and trying to make} ~~through~~ ^{A non-navigable} ~~and~~ ^{system} ~~and~~ ~~provisions~~ I had pretty much given up on the idea of an outside entity helping me find housing. Even though I ~~was~~ disabled and have an income it seemed impossible to get any help. Then I met Laura and got introduced to the Uplift Program and now my partner, myself, and my service KR are all housed. Game Changer. We now have a shower and place to exist, allowing us to focus on saving money and setting real goals. Rather than the ~~goal~~ daily goals being finding shower and shelter. So ~~that~~ I can't thank Laura enough and am so stoked that this program exist. I think Housing is a right and needs to be treated like one and Uplift does that.

Anonymous

To whom it may concern,

Uplift helped get us off the streets. We were homeless for 6½ years. Being in a home is much better for us, we're not cold at night anymore. The Uplift staff are always nice and helpful. Uplift has helped us find resources we need, like food and clothes.

John Benson