

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** Who are the partners developing the Bridge to Life Center?

**Answer:** The Bridge to Life Center is a partnership between the Mission Solano Rescue Mission, HomeAid (a national non-profit organization that builds and renovates shelters for America's temporarily homeless), the City of Fairfield, and Solano County partners

**Question:** Who is funding the acquisition and construction costs of the Bridge to Life Center?

**Answer:** The Bridge to Life Center is a county-wide effort. The total project cost is \$7.7 million. The funding for this is provided by private contributions from individuals, churches, businesses and foundations through a capital campaign.

**Question:** How many people will be served at the Bridge to Life Center?

**Answer:** Housing will be provided for a total population of 158 people including women and children and a day care center for 20+ children. The new facility will include 40 transitional living units for single men and two 4-plex family units housing 48 for intact families.

**Question:** How will the Bridge to Life Center maintain safety for the community?

**Answer:** The Bridge to Life Center has been designed with the safety of our clients and community as the top priority. There will be 24-hour on-site security, along with accountability for clients and visitors.

**Question:** Will the Bridge to Life Center become a magnet and attract street people to the City of Fairfield?

**Answer:** No, the Bridge to Life Center programs will attract those men and women who are serious about making the transition from homelessness to a self-sufficient lifestyle. Our goal is not to house the homeless, but to end homelessness

**Question:** How large will the Bridge to Life Center be?

**Answer:** The Bridge to Life Center will be made up of nearly 23,985 square feet of space situated on a 3-acre site. It will feature a fully computerized adult learning center, child development center, and a life-skills and parenting skills training center.

**Question:** Will the operations at the Bridge to Life Center be funded by the City of Fairfield and or County?

**Answer:** No, all funds are privately raised. The Rescue Mission does not use government funds for the operation of its residential programs.

**Question:** What are the ages of the children that will be living at the Bridge to Life Center?

**Answer:** It is anticipated that the Bridge to Life Center will house children anywhere from birth to the age of 12.

**Question:** Where will the school-age children attend school?

**Answer:** The children at the Bridge to Life Center will attend school at the nearest Elementary School in Fairfield. This school is located within miles from the facility.

**Question:** How long will clients reside at the facility?

**Answer:** The recovery program will be designed to facilitate full transition within a range of two to 24 months. The "First Step" program lasts for 60 days and the New Life Program is an 18-month residential program. It is anticipated that the average stay will be 12 months.

**Question:** Will there be any partnership with the neighboring community college?

**Answer:** The Bridge to Life Center is strategically located next to the Solano County Health and Social Services, Solano Business Park, and within miles of Solano Community College which will provide vocational training opportunities.

**Question:** How will single men/women be segregated at the co-ed facility?

**Answer:** The housing at the Bridge to Life Center will consist of 7 separate buildings. Each building will only be accessed by card key and monitored by video. Only the residents of each building will have access to their specific building.

**Question:** Will there be any cost to the participants?

**Answer:** The Mission Solano Rescue Mission does not charge for any of the services it provides.

**Question:** What type of programs and classes will be offered?

**Answer:** Participants will be evaluated during the beginning of their stay to determine an individualized plan based on their needs and level of education. Every resident will attend "core" classes before moving into more individualized "transitional" components. These core classes include: Bible Study, Education/GED prep, Recovery Groups, Independent Living Skills (such as Meal Planning, Budget Counseling and Personal Finance, Resume Writing, etc.), Career Direction, Parenting, and Personal Health/Fitness. Some of the transitional classes will include Vocational and Computer skills.

**Question:** What is the Mission Solano Rescue Missions policy on drug use?

**Answer:** The Rescue Mission has a zero tolerance stance on drug use. The Bridge to Life Center will rely on random testing to enforce this policy.

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