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Hayward Navigation Center moving nearly two-thirds of formerly homeless residents into permanent housing

HAYWARD, Calif., Nov. 18, 2021— The City of Hayward Housing Navigation Center celebrates its two-year anniversary today having moved nearly two-thirds of residents into permanent housing while weathering the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The Center, which opened on Nov. 18, 2019, at the intersection of Whitesell Street and Depot Road, provides immediate shelter, nutrition, intensive case management and housing navigation services to homeless adults.

Thus far, 153 individuals have exited the Navigation Center, with 98 people, or 64 percent, moving directly into permanent housing.

Under its original configuration, the Center provided short-term housing for 45 people at a time in dormitory settings with one meal a day, on-site restroom, shower, laundry and kitchen facilities, and intensive case management geared toward long-term housing placements.

Due to COVID-19, it was necessary to decrease operational capacity from 45 beds in two residential trailers to a total of 25 beds. In June 2021, capacity was increased to 33 beds through the addition of a third residential trailer.

The Center was developed and furnished through a combination of federal, state and local funding, and donations. To learn more, go to the [Navigation Center webpage](#) on the City of Hayward website. To make a donation to the Center, click [here](#).