Interim Inc. is helping to end homelessness in Monterey County. Interim is building the new Sun Rose Apartments in Salinas, an 11-unit affordable supportive housing complex providing transitional and permanent housing for 17 homeless adults with serious mental illness. Our Big Idea is to provide furnishings for this new housing project.

Support services, including case management, mental health and peer support, will be provided on-site at Sun Rose by counselors, peer staff and the resident manager (for after-hours support). This project is under construction and completion is projected for Summer 2022.

Please donate to Interim through MCGives! to help furnish these new units!
Interim Inc. Names Eva Montes-Portis to Interim Board of Directors

Eva Montes-Portis may have just been named to the Interim Inc. Board of Directors in July 2021, but this isn’t her first experience with Interim.

Montes-Portis served a one-year stint as Intern Case Manager at Interim, from June 2012 to May 2013, as part of a graduate program in social work at California State University, Monterey Bay.

She graduated in May 2013 with a master’s degree in social work with an emphasis on behavioral health from CSUMB. She almost immediately became Regional Operations Director at Planned Parenthood of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, where she had been working as a Health Center Manager since 2010, in both Salinas and Greenfield.

She would go on to serve as Regional Operations Director for six years, until 2019, and is currently a Medical Social Worker at Satellite HealthCare in Watsonville, which specializes in dialysis care. She decided to work part-time so she could devote more time to her family — her husband (who is in the military) and two children, a daughter age 2 and son age 5.

Born in El Salvador, Montes-Portis grew up in Seaside, attending Seaside schools, then attended CSUMB, where she got a bachelor’s degree in collaborative health and human services in 2006.

She enjoyed her brief stint at Interim, so when Maureen Lavengood, who supervises interns, told her there was an opening on the board, she didn’t hesitate.

“I had a very, very positive experience at Interim, so I wanted to work with them again,” she says. “I really enjoyed the work there, and I wanted to give back.”

In her spare time she enjoys time with her family, taking long walks on the Rec Trail near her home and going to their second home in Florida and visiting family in Mississippi.

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The clients and staff of Interim, Inc. wish to gratefully acknowledge the bequest received from the estate of Dr. Donald and Janet Davison. Dr. Davidson was a local physician and former board member of Interim, Inc., and he and his wife Janet were staunch advocates for those with severe mental illness. The Davidsons structured their estate including Interim, Inc. as a beneficiary. After Mrs. Davidson passed away, a generous portion of the remaining trust was donated to Interim.

Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT) like this, allow you to support your favorite charity while first providing income for yourself or others. It works this way:

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   - Donor
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   - Anything left at Death
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Over several years, Interim has received approximately $1 million dollars that were designated to Interim as the remainder beneficiary in these trusts. These significant donations were used by Interim to help build more affordable housing, towards acquisition of property for our Wellness Center and to build an endowment to fund services. We hope that others who are designing trusts, will consider designating the remainder of the trusts to ensure the future viability of our services.

If you would like more information about Charitable Remainder Trusts, Special Needs Trusts or other ways to donate to Interim, Inc., please contact our Development Office at (831) 649-4522 x205.
Sharing a meal with someone can be a form of connection, a feel-good way to get to know someone, and in some cases even a momentary equalizer in a world of haves and have-nots. Being present with others, all sharing in the fundamental human experience of enjoying good food and earnest exchange of life’s stories, helps build a community.

Interim has been providing life experiences like this for Monterey County residents living with mental illness and homelessness for over 45 years. One of the many ways Interim creates community is to provide and share a meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Historically, the food has been donated, prepared, and served by Interim’s staff, family and friends who volunteer to be a part of this annual event. Due to the COVID shelter-in-place, Interim partnered with Coastal Roots Hospitality in 2020 to deliver more than 800 meals to community members on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Coastal Roots, owned by Ken Donkersloot and his wife Mona Calis, is the managing company of three beloved Monterey/Carmel restaurants: Tarpy’s Roadhouse, Montrio Bistro, and Rio Grill. Ken and Mona generously stepped up and prevented Interim from having to cancel these holiday meals that so many have come to look forward to each year.

With cash donations from friends of Interim and a delivery of fresh produce from Markon Coop, the staff of Tarpy’s, Montrio Bistro and the Rio Grill prepared and packaged (at cost) all of the individual meals for pick-up and delivery by Interim’s Board of Directors. Even Ken and Mona were out there helping to organize the delivery boxes full of meals for the volunteers to receive. That day, delicious meals with meat, vegetables, potatoes, rolls, dessert and all the fixings were lovingly hand delivered.

Even with the huge success of this 2020 event the goal for 2021 was to get back to sharing the sit-down meal if at all possible. Early this September, Coastal Roots committed to partnering with Interim once again for this community meal extravaganza. Only this time they have offered to cover all of the expenses! Markon Coop will once again provide top-quality produce, and volunteers will be picking up the food and serving it to Interim’s clients, but the chefs’ culinary expertise and creations are being donated by the generosity of the Coastal Roots owners.

In an attempt to bring people together, even if wearing a mask and only staying for a few minutes, Interim will be serving food to clients and community members at six different housing locations. Coastal Roots is supplying Interim with re-heatable to-go boxes that can be filled and taken. The food will be warm and ready to eat that day or can be saved for later. Some locations will serve dinner on-site for 20-30 guests. The meal planning is well underway and Interim’s Board members are already lining up to be volunteers for the event. COVID-19 may have changed our daily life as we knew it, but it hasn’t taken away our ability to reach out and connect with others. We may need to find new and different ways to do that but it’s clear that community was what has helped Interim continue to maintain this connection.

Special thanks to Ken Donkersloot and Mona Calis of Coastal Roots Hospitality, and Interim Board member, Mark Shaw, of Markon Cooperative, Inc.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, call (831) 649-4522 X 202.
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We gratefully acknowledge our generous donors who help us continue to provide Housing, Healing, Hope to our clients. Thank you!

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How You Can Give to Interim This Holiday Season

Winston Churchill said “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” And because of the people and organizations that generously donate to Interim Inc., adults with serious mental illness are achieving healthy, stable, productive lives and reconnecting with their families and friends.

With the holidays coming up and the spirit of giving in full swing, there are many ways to give to Interim. Here are just a few:

“Thank you Interim! You have been supportive and kind. I have a good life and I am grateful to the staff and workers of Interim. Thank you for helping me live a good and productive life.” — A Client
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**MCHOME:** Interim’s outreach workers engage homeless clients throughout the county, assisting them in acquiring food and shelter. Your gift of $100 will pay for a night for a homeless person in a motel.

**Holiday Gift Drive:** Each year, Interim distributes 150 gift cards to clients with children or grandchildren so our very low-income clients can buy holiday gifts for them. A donation of $200 will provide 10 gift cards.

Or, you can help us provide holiday “stockings” for our clients stuffed with new socks, small toiletries, a gift card to a local business and other goodies. A $100 donation will fill five stockings for our clients.

**Monterey County Gives!** Interim is participating in the annual Monterey County Gives! Campaign. These donations will be used to furnish our new Sun Rose Apartments.

This three-story complex will provide transitional and permanent housing for 18 adults with mental illness plus a resident manager. Visit **[www.montereycountygives.com](http://www.montereycountygives.com)** for more details.

Other ways to support Interim’s clients include payroll deductions, gifts of stock, IRAs, Charitable Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts — to name a few. For more information, please contact Deb Shearer in Interim’s Development Department at (831) 649-4522 ext. 205.

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**OUR MISSION**

Interim’s mission is to provide services and affordable housing, supporting members of our community with mental illness in building productive and satisfying lives.

**OUR VISION**

Interim, Inc. envisions a world in which people with mental illness are able to live, work, learn, and participate fully in the community.

Since 1975, Interim Inc. has been providing housing, healing, hope for adults with mental illness.

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