



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE ST. MARY'S DINING ROOM TO BUILD HUNDREDS OF TEMPORARY SHELTER UNITS FOR HOMELESS**

STOCKTON, Calif. – The St. Mary's Dining Room Pathways Project will soon provide hundreds of low-barrier, temporary shelter units to address Stockton's unsheltered homeless crisis. Details of this unprecedented collaboration, renderings of the design, and information about services that will be provided when construction is completed, will be announced at a press conference:

**Who:** **St. Mary's Dining Room, City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center**

**What:** **Building Hundreds of Temporary Shelter Units for the Homeless**

**When:** **Monday, July 24, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**

**Where:** **Civic Auditorium, 525 N. Center St., Stockton 95202**

Members of the media are encouraged to participate. Registration is not required. This event is open to the public. For additional information, please contact the City of Stockton Community Relations Officer or visit [www.stocktonca.gov/news](http://www.stocktonca.gov/news).

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**Pathways Project**  
**545 W. Sonora St.**  
**Stockton, CA 95203**  
**Stmarysdiningroom.org**

**PATHWAYS PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The Pathways Project, which will address Stockton's unsheltered crisis, is being supported by four key partners: the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center. Together they have allocated more than \$16 million to advance the Pathways Project for St. Mary's Dining Room, which will create space for hundreds of the most vulnerable individuals in the homeless population, including women, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Pathways is a collaborative effort to address the local homelessness crisis. The units will be located on the St. Mary's Dining Room southeast parking lot and are expected to be completed in late 2024.

**ABOUT ST. MARY'S DINING ROOM:** *Since 1955, St. Mary's Dining Room has been responding to poverty in San Joaquin County by feeding the hungry, caring for health issues and restoring dignity to more than 5,000 low-income individuals annually, more than 2,000 of whom are unsheltered. The breadth of services and programs include: a Dining Hall, which serves three hot meals a day; a Shower and Clothing Center; a Resource Center; and a social services team that provides case management and housing navigation services. A volunteer dental clinic, as well as a clinic operated by Community Medical Centers, provide care for the uninsured and underinsured. Staff from partner organizations and resource agencies, as well as case managers and behavioral health specialists, are also housed on campus. In late 2024 St. Mary's will open a non-congregate temporary shelter that will provide a pathway to permanent housing for hundreds of individuals and couples living in homelessness. Pathways is a collaborative effort between St. Mary's, the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center to address the local homelessness crisis.*