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**Community Bridges Purchases Property to House Lift Line Fleet**

Watsonville, Calif. — Community Bridges, one of the largest nonprofit agencies in Santa Cruz County, has purchased property on Ohlone Parkway in Watsonville, CA to serve as the hub for its Lift Line fleet. Lift Line provides over 60,000 door-to-door rides a year to seniors and people with disabilities in need of medical transportation throughout the region of Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Francisco. Lift Line is also the first and only transit organization currently operating electric vehicles (EVs) in Santa Cruz County.

Previously Lift Line was renting property on Ford Street in Watsonville, but this new property will provide a permanent location for Lift Line’s fleet of 17 vehicles. “Our purchase of the Ohlone Parkway property is exciting for both Community Bridges and the City of Watsonville,” states Ray Cancino, Community Bridges CEO. “This purchase has ensured permanency to the transportation service and will allow us to continue to provide critically needed free transportation for low income seniors and people with disabilities. It will also allow us to be more environmentally responsible.” Community Bridges’ plans for the property include installing publicly available charging stations for EVs and building a solar canopy to power both the building and its vehicles. “We are in it for the long-term benefit to our community,” explains Cancino, “Our purchase of the property, along with our conversion to electric vehicles, will contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and have a positive impact on the environment in South County and within a California Air Resources Board (CARB) defined Disadvantaged Community and only as a result of Measure D investment.”

Lift Line plans to occupy the building starting in October 2019 after 300K of renovations have been completed. The renovation work is being done through local investment in local businesses. “Non- profits are driving big systems changes and improving our community faster than others sectors,” said Cancino.

**ABOUT LIFT LINE**

Lift Line, a program of Community Bridges, provides over 60,000 door-to-door rides a year to seniors and people with disabilities, allowing these Santa Cruz County residents to maintain their independence. Lift Line services include medical transportation and rides to Meals on Wheels dining sites and Elderday. Lift Line services are also available for private events.

**ABOUT COMMUNITY BRIDGES**

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where every person has the opportunity to unleash their full potential. Together, our family of programs delivers essential services, provides equitable access to resources, and advocates for health and dignity across every stage of life. To learn more, please visit [www.communitybridges.org](http://www.communitybridges.org).

The Community Bridges family of programs includes the Child & Adult Care Food Program, Child Development Division, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), La Manzana Community Resources, Live Oak Community Resources, Mountain Community Resources, Nueva Vista Community Resources, Elderday Adult Day Health Care, Lift Line and Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County.

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