



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

# Open House

Join us to strengthen the bonds within our resilient valley community.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6134 Highway 9, Felton CA 95018

6 - 9 PM

RSVP AT [COMMUNITYBRIDGES.ORG/EVENTS](https://communitybridges.org/events)

## Strengthening North Santa Cruz County Together for Over Four Decades

For more than 40 years, Mountain Community Resources (MCR) has stood as a beacon of hope and assistance for the residents of San Lorenzo Valley. It has been a place where individuals come together to deliver crucial services and distribute resources, all with the common goal of strengthening the fabric of our valley community. Today, as crises and emergencies persist, MCR remains an essential lifeline for over 1,000 friends and neighbors in need.

In times of heightened demand, MCR relies on the unwavering support of the community to sustain its vital programs. It's a reminder that only together can we continue to provide a safety net for those facing adversity. The ongoing commitment and support of our community are deeply valued and appreciated.

To commemorate our partnership and reinforce our collective efforts, we are thrilled to invite you to an **Open House at Mountain Community Resources on Wednesday, April 24th, from 6-9pm**. This event will serve as an opportunity to engage with fellow community members, discuss current needs and services, and hear from esteemed community leaders.

Here's what you can expect at the Open House:

- Learn about our programs and partners meeting community needs.
- Tour our facilities, including mobile supply trailer, showers & laundry.
- Meet with SLV elected officials, first responders, and service partners.
- Advocate for community funding and resources for San Lorenzo Valley.
- Win emergency preparedness supply giveaways, auction & raffle prizes.

Your participation in the Open House will not only strengthen our bond as a community but also bolster our ability to support those in need. By joining us, you'll be contributing to the sustainability of vital services that include:


- Emergency food and clothing pantry
- Emergency preparedness supplies
- Homeless case management services
- Long-term disaster case management
- Showers and free hygiene products
- Alternative health services
- CalFresh and Medi-Cal benefit access
- Mental health counseling
- Parent education and support
- WIC nutrition and education benefit

We are deeply grateful for your dedication to our community, and we extend our sincerest thanks for your contributions. If you're unable to attend the Open House, you can still support these critical services by donating to MCR at [CommunityBridges.org/Events](https://CommunityBridges.org/Events).


As we look ahead to the coming year, we eagerly anticipate continuing our collaborative efforts to uplift and support every member of our community. Together, we can ensure that San Lorenzo Valley remains a place where compassion and assistance thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Open House and to the ongoing journey of solidarity and support.

RSVP TODAY!



**Pajaro Disaster Assistance**



**Were you impacted by the 2023 Winter Storm Pajaro floods? Come to the Program Application Center.**


**March 27th - April 27th**  
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Thursdays & Fridays  
 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturdays  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sundays & Mondays  
 CLOSED

**Pajaro Park**  
 24 San Juan Road,  
 Pajaro, CA 95076



### IN THE NEWS

Key headlines from Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective and challenges impacting local children, parents, and families.

- [How Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective is partnering to break the cycle of evictions](#)
- [Pajaro Assistance Center center opens to help get funds for flood victims](#)
- [Pajaro Flood: One Year Later](#)

### Learn more about our Family Resource Collective Sites

- [La Manzana Community Resources](#)

## Pajaro Flood Assistance Program Opens

This month marks the launch of the County of Monterey's Pajaro Unmet Needs Disaster Assistance Program, an initiative that has come to fruition through the collaborative efforts of local government, community partners, and the State of California. This unique and unprecedented program, supported by \$20 million in recovery funds secured by our state legislators, is set to provide vital assistance to individuals, households, and small businesses impacted by the levee breach in March 2023.

As a trusted nonprofit partner, our Family Resource Collective, in conjunction with Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey, will oversee the distribution of \$5.4 million in individual and household recovery assistance. Our selection as a nonprofit partner stems from our extensive experience as disaster case managers, coupled with a proven track record of aiding survivors from various local natural disasters, including the CZU wildfires, floods, atmospheric rivers, and the California COVID-19 rental assistance program.

The Application Center officially opened on March 27 at Pajaro Park, giving individuals the opportunity to complete applications in person. Operating on specific days and times until April 27, the center welcomes applicants during the following hours:

- Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am to 7pm
- Thursday & Friday: 2pm to 7pm
- Saturdays: 10am to 2pm
- Closed on Mondays and Sundays

For more detailed information about the program, individuals are encouraged to visit [readymontereycounty.org/recover](https://readymontereycounty.org/recover) or [communitybridges.org/emergency](https://communitybridges.org/emergency).

Furthermore, our Pajaro Long-Term Recovery Center at 14 Porter Drive in Pajaro remains open to North Monterey County residents in need of general assistance and storm recovery navigation services. Staff are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9am to 4:30pm.

Being chosen to participate in this program signifies an exciting yet challenging opportunity for us to continue our ongoing mission of enhancing the lives of Pajaro residents. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Together, we have the power to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Pajaro residents as they embark on the journey of rebuilding and thriving once more.

MORE INFORMATION

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- [Live Oak Community Resources](#)
- [Nueva Vista Community Resources](#)
- [Mountain Community Resources](#)

## Join the FRC Team!

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where everyone can unleash their full potential.

Our Family Resource Collective team works collaboratively with community partners, residents, businesses, foundations, donors, supporters, volunteers, and the Community Bridges family of programs to provide our participants with access to resources that offer stability and hope for the future.



Current open positions:

### **Mountain Community Resources – Felton & San Lorenzo Valley**

[Program Manager](#)

[Advocate](#)

### **Nueva Vista Community Resources – Santa Cruz**

[Program Coordinator](#)

### **Live Oak Community Resources – Live Oak and Mid-County**

[Senior Program Manager](#)

[Master’s Level Therapist](#)

[Operations Manager](#)

[Program Coordinator](#)

### **La Manzana Community Resources – Watsonville & North Monterey County**

[Enhanced Care Management Program Supervisor](#)

[Master’s Level Therapist](#)

[Summer Lunch Program Coordinator](#)

[Program Coordinator](#)

These are full-time, 40-hour per week positions with competitive starting wages and a robust benefits package.

APPLY TODAY!



## Save the Date: Free Parenting Workshop in April!

Join us for an engaging parenting workshop hosted in collaboration with First 5 and Triple P Positive Parenting. We’re excited to offer this opportunity to our community on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the PVUSD Wellness Center from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

The workshop will delve into the topic of “Coping with Big Emotions: Overcoming Fear.” We’ll explore common reasons why children develop fears and provide valuable insights and strategies to help guide your child through these emotions.

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Location: PVUSD Wellness Center, 530 Palm Avenue, Watsonville
- Register online: [bit.ly/TripleP-PVUSD-2023-24](https://bit.ly/TripleP-PVUSD-2023-24)

Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to gain insights and tools to support your child's emotional well-being. We look forward to seeing you there!

*For questions or assistance with registration for any of these classes, feel free to contact Sandra Rodelo at (831) 724-2997 Ext. 211 or via email at [sandrar@cbridges.org](mailto:sandrar@cbridges.org).*

REGISTER TODAY

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## Explore options that can help you save money and energy!

**Are you among the many Californians who are struggling financially, during these difficult times?**

As your community advocate, Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective is proud to share resources that can help you save energy and money.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) offers several assistance programs can help you save energy and money. Learn more by visiting [pge.com/billhelpadvocate](https://pge.com/billhelpadvocate).

Assistance and support options may include:

1. Energy discount programs that provide longer term assistance to reduce future energy bills.
2. One-time financial assistance with past due energy bills.
3. Additional programs to help you manage life's essentials like medical device support, phone and internet services and more!



SAVE MONEY & ENERGY

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Are you 40 years or older? Age Well Santa Cruz County wants to hear from you



## Age Well Survey Closes on March 31!

The Santa Cruz Human Services Department, in partnership with the Seniors Council and local cities, is developing a Master Plan for Aging, which will be a blueprint for implementing strategies and partnerships that promote healthy aging for all. This effort is called Age Well Santa Cruz County.

Age Well Santa Cruz County is developing a Master Plan for Aging, a 10-year blueprint to ensure people of all ages and abilities in Santa Cruz County are afforded equitable opportunities to thrive as they age, how and where they choose. To learn more about Age Well Santa Cruz County visit: [AgeWellSantaCruzCounty.org](https://AgeWellSantaCruzCounty.org).

The Age Well Santa Cruz County survey is collecting community feedback focused on aging locally. If you are a resident of Santa Cruz County and 40 years or older we encourage you to take the survey before it closes on March 31: [tinyurl.com/AgeWellSantaCruz](https://tinyurl.com/AgeWellSantaCruz)

TAKE THE SURVEY



Show your support of Community Bridges and the Family Resource Collective by shopping at our TeePublic storefront! A portion of the proceeds of every sale go toward Community Bridges and the FRC!

BUY COMMUNITY  
BRIDGES MERCH



Local advocacy makes a difference. The Family Resource Collective can not sustain its services without strong backing from local elected officials. Contact your representatives, ask questions, and advocate for our programs.



The Family Resource Collective's work would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. From helping with food distributions to conducting community outreach, our FRC centers have a plethora of volunteer opportunities.

CONTACT YOUR  
SUPERVISOR

HELP YOUR  
COMMUNITY



**Our Contact Information**

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