



FOSTER WINE ESTATES SUPPORTS LOCAL PEOPLES' SELF-HELP HOUSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties — Peoples' Self-Help Housing has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from Meridian Vineyards to help support the Education Enhancement Programs at six of their permanently affordable rental properties in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.

The Education Enhancement Program (EEP) is a unique program that operates Learning Centers at six Peoples' Self-Help Housing sites: Dahlia Court and the Camper Park in Carpinteria, Ladera Street Apartments in Santa Barbara, Los Adobes de Maria II in Santa Maria, River View Townhomes in Guadalupe, and Canyon Creek Apartments in Paso Robles. The goals of the EEP program are to improve students' academic performance and study skills, maintain grade point averages, as well as increase students' self esteem and parental participation in the school system. Approximately 400 children (K-12th grade) participate daily in the EEP's year round program.

“We are very grateful for the financial support that Meridian Vineyards is providing to help ensure quality education for children at our six education centers,” said Jeanette Duncan, Executive Director of Peoples' Self-Help Housing.

The \$40,000 check was made possible through a Community Grants Program administered by Meridian's parent company Foster's Wine Estates. The check was presented to Jeanette Duncan and Carol Brown of Peoples' Self-Help Housing by Meridian's Hospitality Manager Julie Domingos.

Peoples' Self-Help Housing (PSHH) is an award winning non-profit organization with 36 years of experience developing affordable housing and community facilities for low-income and special needs households. With over 1,000 homes completed and over 1,200 rental units owned and managed by PSHH, PSHH continues to strengthen its reputation and leadership position as the premiere affordable housing and community developer on the Central Coast. PSHH is committed to developing vibrant neighborhoods, building attractive, high quality housing and providing innovative community services, so their residents have every possible opportunity to succeed in life.

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