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**Local Nonprofit, Center for Human Services, Buys Future Home**

Local nonprofit, Center for Human Services (CHS) is thrilled to announce that it is getting their own home. In September, CHS bought a portion of the former Roller King Building located at 2000 W. Briggsmore Ave, in Modesto for 1.4 million dollars. CHS plans to renovate the building and move in next year. They have contracted with local construction firm, Paradigm Construction, to complete the build-out of the inside of the building, which is currently a shell. This new building will give CHS 18,600 square feet.

“It’s fantastic news for us. We’re excited,” said Cindy Duenas, CHS’ Executive Director. “It will be great for the youth and families we serve and great for the community.”

Center for Human Services has been leasing space at 1700 McHenry Village Way for 29 years. Each year, CHS serves over 21,000 community members in Stanislaus County. Approximately 2,000 of those receive support at this location.

Cindy Duenas said the demand for services and our need for additional space made the dream of owning their own building a necessity. “We’ve dreamt of owning our own building for years,” Cindy Duenas said. “Now, in order to accommodate our growth and the need for services, that dream has become a reality.”

CHS has paid for the building and they will be renovating the inside of the building to meet their needs and the needs of the people they serve. The community should stay tuned for a Capital Campaign aimed at raising funds to support this project in 2015.

The new location for Center for Human Services is the former Roller King location, which closed in 2005. “I feel like it’s particularly fitting that we will make our new home inside the former Roller King,” shared Marketing/PR Director, Kate Trompetter. “It was a place for youth and families then and it will be a place for youth and families again.”

Bruce McClellan, CHS Board President said, “The Board has taken a disciplined approach to addressing our facilities requirements. We are confident that this action will enable us to best serve the needs of youth and families in Stanislaus County for the next 45 years and beyond.”

### **About Center for Human Services**

Center for Human Services (CHS) opened in 1970 as an organization called Head Rest. Head Rest started as a drop in center for youth in Stanislaus County, and employed only 1 paid staff member and 9 dedicated volunteers. Within one year, Head Rest had already made a huge impact throughout Stanislaus County and grew to 3 paid staff and 20 volunteers. Through multiple funding sources, community support, and a strong desire to help their community, Head Rest continued to add programs and staff.

In 1984 Head Rest became Center for Human Services (CHS). At that time, CHS was serving approximately 4,000 clients annually. Now, CHS is approaching their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing quality services for youth and families. CHS has over 200 employees and is working in every community in Stanislaus County.

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