



LOCATION:
San Jose, CA

SIZE:
25 Shelters

POPULATION SERVED:
Local unhoused neighbors

OPENING DATE:
February 8, 2021

FUNDING:
State Funding and philanthropic donations, as well as a \$1 million grant from a local nonprofit Destination

BUILD TIMELINE:
Assembled in 7 days

Houses of Hope

Families experiencing homelessness in the City of San José have a new shelter option: private, transitional sleeping shelters from Pallet.

Named "Casitas de Esperanza" – or houses of hope – this village was built on underutilized, vacant land: the old San José city hall. The site is managed by Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment.

The community is part of a larger, long-range housing plan for people living unhoused in the county. It's designed to keep families together on the pathway to permanent housing. Casitas de Esperanza was the first of its kind in the south bay – and the first Pallet village to utilize solar.

The village uses renewable energy captured by a BoxPower microgrid. The system utilizes solar panels, batteries, and a generator. The energy either flows directly to the site to power appliances or is stored in batteries embedded in the box for later use. This option saved the county approximately \$600,000 compared to the utility company's initial quote to power the community.

This Pallet village was built in February 2021 thanks to the San Jose Conservation Corps team. This program provides marginalized youth with living wage employment and job training.

Pallet is truly a social purpose company, driven on every level by its mission to house the unsheltered, and this partnership serves as a testament to their willingness to go above and beyond to solve for the pressing needs of the unhoused in our communities.

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SALES AND PARTNERSHIP AT BOXPOWER

Site Features

Each individual Pallet shelter can power residents' personal devices, lights, and the heating/cooling unit.

San Jose Village:

- Shelters with folding beds and storage
- Heat and air conditioning
- Showers and bathrooms
- 400 sq. ft. community room

