Terrie Light, our esteemed Executive Director since 2006 has retired from her role as of June 15th. We have known of Terrie’s plans for some time and our Board of Directors has been conducting a search for her replacement since last fall. The search has been extended and in this transition period Marc-Andrew Aguilera, our Director of Finance and Administration, has assumed the role of Interim Executive Director.

Marc-Andrew has been with the agency since 2016 and brings more than twenty years of experience in identifying and implementing creative financial and operating solutions for non-profit organizations. He received his bachelor’s degree from USC and attended law school at UC Berkeley.

Terrie Light has agreed to stay on as a consultant to work with board and staff to bring our new building to completion. In partnership with BRIDGE Housing, the new building on Berkeley Way, between Milvia and Shattuck, will bring much needed permanent supportive housing for the homeless when it opens in 2022.

Terrie will be missed both professionally and personally by the whole BFHP team, but we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

Of Terrie’s remarkable accomplishments, Board Member Dr. Larry Rosenthal said this:

“Terrie has been this agency’s guiding light, its resident expert, its booster and cheerleader, and its inspiration. In Terrie we always have had the most formidable champion, in the fight to ease and end homelessness in our communities. Perhaps the most powerful manifestation of that promise is the Berkeley Way project. Terrie’s devotion to that dream has inspired us all, and there is no greater testament we as a board can foster toward her legacy than to see that great project through to fruition. Heartiest congratulations on your well-earned retirement.”
CONCORD CARE & WARMING CENTER

We are excited to have taken over the operation of the CARE & Warming Center in Concord as of July 1st.

This multi-purpose facility acts as a drop-in center during the day where people who are experiencing homelessness can access services, including meals, showers, laundry, and case management. At night it becomes a low-barrier shelter for homeless individuals and families.

Pictured here are Hospitality Worker, Clarissa (left) and Care Coordinator, Jessica (right).

UPDATE FROM ROADS HOME
A PATHWAY TO HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

New Services in San Joaquin County

We’ve just opened an office in Stockton which will be our home-base to serve the homeless veterans of San Joaquin County.

The office is in a central location, close to other resources such as the Veteran Service Office, the San Joaquin County Human Services Agency, and the Cesar Chavez Library.

Yvonne, our Case Manager for San Joaquin County, will be assisted by our Roads Home outreach team which covers San Joaquin as well as Sacramento County.

Rio Vista Groundbreaking August 2nd

We’re excited to be partnering with Habitat for Humanity in Solano County to bring a home for six homeless veterans to Rio Vista. This project will be built by Habitat for Humanity with volunteer help, and operated by BFHP with assistance from the American Legion.

There will be a groundbreaking celebration on August 2nd at 9:30 am at 610 St Francis Way in Rio Vista.

Learn more about Roads Home on our website at bfhp.org/homeless-veteran-services
NEW HOUSING COMING TO BERKELEY

We are turning six rooms at our Dwight Way Center in Berkeley into single room occupancy (SRO) units for veterans exiting homelessness.

Our Board of Directors has been fundraising to purchase and install kitchenettes in each of the rooms and thanks to many generous donations so far, we've already been able to complete 4 rooms!

If you'd like to help us complete this project and bring more affordable housing to Berkeley, please donate at http://bit.ly/bfhp-vet-housing

CARF ACCREDITATION

In the spring of last year, we began the process to become accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

CARF provides assurance to people seeking services that a provider has demonstrated conformance to internationally accepted standards.

After a long and thorough process we are happy to say we are officially accredited for the next three years!

AHSC FUNDING RECEIVED

The Berkeley Way development has received another important piece of public funding. The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC), implemented by the Department of Housing and Community Development, has awarded the building project just over $13.5M.

Together with our development partner, BRIDGE Housing, we are planning to break ground in early in 2020. Read more about the development on back.
THE BERKELEY WAY DEVELOPMENT

Located at 2012 Berkeley Way between Shattuck and Milvia.

Developed in partnership with BRIDGE Housing, the Berkeley Way development will bring much needed shelter and housing to downtown Berkeley.

BFHP’s Building, the Hope Center, will include:
- 53 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless men and women
- Short-term housing for homeless adult men
- Transitional housing for homeless male veterans
- Commercial kitchen and dining facilities with room to serve our free weekday Community Meal
- Space for outside service providers such as Berkeley Mental Health and LifeLong Medical Care.

BRIDGE’s Building will include:
- 89 units of affordable housing for rent at 50-60% of area median income.

Read more at BFHP.org/berkeley-way