



## **PODS® of Tri-Counties and The City Center help to end homelessness**

PODS of Tri-Counties is proud to be assisting a new charitable partnership for 2015. This month, the moving and storage leader is teaming up with The City Center, a transitional housing center, to temporarily house 14 homeless vets and their families in Ventura.

A local non-profit, which also serves as a transitional housing center and rehabilitation program for those facing mental illness, needed to temporarily house veterans for up to six months but unfortunately had no room to spare. The City Center was happy to step in.

“A local non-profit came to me and asked if I could house 14 families,” explained Jim Duran, Executive Director of The City Center and Pastor at the River Community Church. “I had the space, but could not take in the families until the rooms were renovated.”

With the help of its safe and secure PODS containers, the families will be able to store their belongings while 11 of the 19 rooms are being renovated. The \$25,000- renovation project will include pouring concrete, installing sinks and painting the rooms.

“PODS is honored to help out The City Center in their efforts to offer a hand-up to the homeless veterans who have loyally served our country,” said Steve Yapp, owner of PODS of Tri-Counties. “They are a wonderful organization that does so much, without the use of government assistance, to provide these families with housing, food and financial coaching so that they become self-sufficient.”

“Many community partners including, 30-50 Seabees, will work throughout the week of the moving phase. Home Depot, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowes, Coast Water Solutions and the

Andrew Project have all stepped in to help with various aspects of the project,” said Duran. “We are truly grateful.”

In addition to the donation of its PODS containers, PODS of Tri-Counties will donate \$1 to the City Center for every new ‘like’ they receive on its Facebook page.

To learn more about the different ways to donate, visit <http://www.thecitycenter.org/donate-2/>.

### **About PODS of Tri-Counties**

Steve Yapp is the owner of three Tri-Counties PODS franchises that serve residents and businesses in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Dedicated to the local community, Yapp’s franchises have donated hundreds of PODS containers to nonprofit and charitable organizations throughout Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Diego and Los Angeles counties since opening their doors in 2005.

A partial list of recipients include: Boys & Girls Clubs, FOOD Share of Ventura County, Casa Pacifica, Toys 4 Tots, California Strawberry Festival, Ojai Music Festival, Relay for Life, C.H.P. Holiday Toy Drive, Salvation Army, Santa Maria Good Samaritan, Oxnard Downtown Management District, Boy Scouts of Ventura County, California Visitors Center, Simi Valley Days, the Oxnard Salsa Festival, and Catholic Charities.

Founded in 1998, PODS currently provides moving and storage services to a population of more than 250,000,000 million consumers and businesses, in 48 U.S. states, Canada, Australia and the U.K., through its company-owned and independent franchise network. To date, the PODS network has completed more than 400,000 long-distance relocations, exceeded 2,000,000 million deliveries and has over 150,000 PODS containers in service.

For more information, go to: [www.mylocalpods.com](http://www.mylocalpods.com).

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