On February 2nd, CHISPA welcomed 190 community leaders to the CSUMB Center in Salinas Oldtown to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year.

Guests enjoyed dinner provided by Sun Street Centers Culinary Program. Over the years, we have enjoyed the catering by Shahram Farahmand of the Turf Club.

Now, Shahram has retired from his business, and he is directing the culinary training program at Sun Street Center.

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Scheid Vineyards provided our wine. Driscoll’s contributed berries.

We thank Scheid and Driscoll’s for supporting us each year and making this event special.

The Annual Celebration raised over $67,000. We are grateful for every one of you who sponsored the event or purchased tickets.

$22,500 was split between CHISPA’s three scholarships: Hartnell College scholarship, California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) scholarship, and a new scholarship administered by the Community Foundation of Monterey County, which can be used at any college or university.

The remaining funds will be used to fund community services offered in CHISPA apartments.

These three scholarships are offered to students whose families live in CHISPA apartments or homes.

This year, two students from Hartnell College received scholarships, six students from CSUMB received scholarships and three students received the CHISPA scholarship administered by the Community Foundation.

CHISPA honored two community Partners of the year: the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) and the Teen Leadership Council.

Initiated in 2005, Visiting Nurse Association Wellness[at]Work program has brought wellness to the CHISPA communities.

Experienced, professional, bilingual, program managers and Registered Nurses work with CHISPA resident groups to meet targeted wellness goals to keep people healthy.

Their successful wellness program focuses on behavior change through knowing your numbers, health education, motivation, and support.

CHISPA thanks the VNA for its commitment and dedication to providing the highest quality health care to CHISPA residents of the Central Coast.

The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) fosters leadership skills and engages participants in activities that support their personal development. The goal of the program is to empower youth by supporting their development as resources for themselves, for their peers, for their families, and for their community. The Teen leadership Council has partnered with CHISPA since 2005 to develop CHISPA youth leadership.

It was such a pleasure to see everyone at our first in-person event since Covid started! We appreciate all who made this event possible.
CHISPA Development Report

EAST GARRISON APARTMENTS
County of Monterey close to City of Marina
The East Garrison construction site is busy, with paving, framing, drywall and flooring. Our completion date has been delayed slightly by supply issues and by rain, but we anticipate that one of the two sites will be completed in June 2023 and the other in late summer.

We send out a monthly newsletter to provide updates on construction progress. This newsletter will inform the readers when we will accept applications to rent when the development is closer to completion. This information also will be on our Facebook page.

To receive the newsletter, contact Charla cclaessen@chispahousing.org to be added to the mailing list.

Financing partners are Enterprise Community Investments, JP Morgan Chase, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Joe Serna Farmworker Program, the County of Monterey, and Central California Community Energy (3CE). The Housing Authority of the County of Monterey will provide Project Based Vouchers for 15 apartments.

This development will provide housing for families earning under 60% Adjusted Median Income for Monterey County. 43 of the 66 apartments will be dedicated to households working in agriculture.

CHISPA will offer after-school programs, computer classes and other activities for residents, as well as free basic Internet for each apartment.
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