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Students Organize 'Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week' April 11-17 on Central Coast

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Student Community Services Office and the campus club Beyond Shelter are sponsoring "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week" April 11-18.

The annual event is designed to raise awareness of homelessness and hunger on the Central Coast and the world at large, according to Student Community Services Coordinator Charlene Rosales. Events include:

Friday, April 11, 5-8 p.m. -- Art Gallery Opening at the San Luis Obispo Art Center. Art created by the homeless clients of the Prado Day Center will be on display, along with a photo series depicting shelter clients. The display runs through April 19.

Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. -- Walk to End Homelessness. A fund-raiser for the EOC Homeless Services and the Prado Day Center. Participants are asked to park at 1030 Southwood Drive before checking in at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter at 750 Orcutt Road beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 13, 8 p.m. -- Experience A Night Without Shelter. Students will sleep outside, without a roof or bed, in the University Union Plaza at Cal Poly, beginning at 8 p.m. Documentary films and discussion will be part of the night outdoors.

Monday, April 14, 5-7 p.m. -- Community Forum on Homelessness at the SLO Little Theatre. Representatives from local homeless services agencies, county residents, city officials, and the homeless community will gather for a dialog on creating solutions to community hunger and homelessness.

Tuesday, April 15 -- Needed Items Drive. Coffee, cereal, blankets,
diapers, soap and other items, along with canned food, will be gathered for the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank at most San Luis Obispo grocery stores. Donations can also be made at the Campus Market and at Cal Poly's Student Life and Leadership Office in Room 217 of the University Union.

**Wednesday, April 16, 7-8:30 p.m.** -- Hunger Banquet at the Veranda Café (across from the Cal Poly Rec Center). Experience the typical meal of a person living in an impoverished Third World country.

**Thursday, April 17** -- Fast to End Hunger. Participants will fast for the day and donate the money they would have spent on food to the SLO County Food Bank. Register for the fast from 8 a.m. to noon at Dexter Lawn or noon-5 p.m. in the UU Plaza. Participants are invited to break the fast at 6:15 p.m. in Mission Plaza and participate in a candlelight procession through Farmers Market to the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

For more information, or to make a donation, call Cal Poly's Student Community Services at 756-5120. For a list of events or a pledge form for the April 12 fund-raising walk, visit [http://scs.calpoly.edu/](http://scs.calpoly.edu/).

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