Hope's Village Tiny Home Completion

According to a census done in 2017, there are approximately 1,125 homeless people living in San Luis Obispo. This fall the Cal Poly Construction Management Department decided to do something to try and help these individuals. The Residential Construction Class teamed up with the nonprofit, Hope’s Village, to build two tiny homes that will one day be used for homeless to live in. I was part of this process as I am a technical assistant in the Simpson Strong-Tie building where construction management students do their building. This project required much more planning than the normal 6’ by 8’ sheds that are built three times a quarter. These two tiny homes were twice the size and because of these obstacles, the Cal Poly department was only able to build the structures, but not finish the exterior siding. As the two tiny home structures and roofs were completed, they soon needed to be moved out into the weather with little protection from the elements. I was unsure of how long they would be sitting for, and did not want all the hard work and materials to be wasted, so I quickly volunteered to complete the siding for both tiny homes and ensure they were water tight.

All work on siding done by me and friends (Joey Freschet and Zach Martin)

Bluebeam mockup for estimates

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Moving Day for the trailers

Me next to the nearly completed tiny home