Opening:

Music playing over a title that says “Kaiser Permanente Supporting the Homeless in Santa Rosa.”

Woman talking. Jennielynn Holmes, Catholic Charities Chief Program Officer:

We’re extraordinarily grateful to have received funding from Kaiser Permanente to help us build an exciting, innovative, first of its kind project called Caritas Village where we will redesign an entire city block to help solve homelessness in Sonoma County.

We’re looking at building a brand new family shelter, drop in center, medical respite services for our people who are the most vulnerable, living on the streets of our community as well as partnering with Burbank Housing to build 128 units of affordable housing to address the housing crisis that Santa Rosa and Sonoma County are facing.

So on any given night we have about 3,000 people experiencing homelessness in Sonoma County. And of that 3,000, about two thirds are literally living unsheltered on our hillsides in encampments, so we have a lot of work to do to address the housing and homeless crisis.