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Santa Cruz Sobering Center Serves Its 1,000th Client
Janus of Santa Cruz Jail Alternative Supports Individuals & the Community

SANTA CRUZ, CA – March 20, 2017 – Janus of Santa Cruz announces the service of its 1,000th client. The facility in Santa Cruz provides a safe place to sober up as an alternative to jail for individuals arrested for drunk in public offenses. Local law enforcement can divert these individuals to the Sobering Center instead of jail, saving officers time and the community money. Officers report a reduction from an average 1-hour booking time at the jail compared to 5-10 minutes for admission at the Sobering Center.

The first program of its kind in Santa Cruz County, the Janus Sobering Center opened in 2015, providing individuals a safe, warm place to rest and recover while sobering up. Before discharge, clients can speak to a referral specialist and be guided to resources in the community based on their needs. The Sobering Center also offers SCOPE opioid overdose prevention kits, drug and alcohol treatment referrals and human services information to clients who request it.

“Our first goal is diversion from jail,” says Camm Nelson, Sobering Center Manager. “But we also have a second goal, and that is supporting clients and connecting them to the services they desperately need.”

The Janus Sobering Center is a 10-bed facility with separate spaces for men and women. The center is open 24 hours, 7 days per week and staffed with trained counselors and medical professionals. The Janus Sobering Center is located at 265 Water Street, across from the courthouse in Santa Cruz.

About Janus of Santa Cruz
For more than 40 years, Janus of Santa Cruz has provided compassionate and effective substance abuse treatment while guiding thousands of people toward wellness and recovery. As a private nonprofit organization, Janus offers quality programs to over 2,500 clients annually using the full continuum of care for substance use disorder and co-occurring disorder treatment including detoxification, inpatient and outpatient treatment, DUI education, methadone treatment, and supervised sober housing. For more information about Janus of Santa Cruz, visit www.janussc.org.

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