“Wings Homeless Advocacy continues to fill gaps in existing county services for those experiencing homelessness. Wings has grown in influence and positive regard since its inception nine years ago and in 2019 growth was fueled by the organization’s ability to adapt to present needs.

So what’s new? Well, I am! I recently came on board as a program manager to support our volunteers. I am passionate about walking alongside our friends who are experiencing homelessness and identifying pathways to independence and well-being. Vital documents have also become a new focus for Wings, and we’ve expanded our move-in services this year.

What’s new is our faith-sourced mission, our caring and dedicated team of volunteers and our ever-deepening community connections. Wings Homeless Advocacy continues to be committed to living out our values of compassion, dignity and respect for all people by uniting our community to be volunteer advocates for those moving out of homelessness and onto a path of healing. We hope you will continue to join us in making an impact in the lives of this vulnerable population in Santa Cruz County.”

In Gratitude, Caroline Mann (Program Manager)
A Year of Growth and Change

MAKING A HOUSE A HOME
In 2019 we expanded our move-in services to include pillows and bedding for those who need it. Thanks to many generous donations we now provide sheet sets, blankets, and new pillows to families and individuals moving from homelessness into permanent housing. We are so excited to be able to give our clients more support than ever before!

2020 Goal: to continue to grow and expand our move-in services!

MEETING A VITAL NEED
The number of vital document requests filled by Wings volunteers increased by over 400% this year, with 464 completed.

For many people who are homeless, it is hard to hold onto important papers when there is no safe place to keep them, and birth certificates are crucial to getting ID, social services, and housing vouchers. Our volunteer notaries help people get copies of their birth certificates and ID for free, addressing an increasing need in Santa Cruz county.

2020 Goal: to increase the outreach of the vital documents program and keep up with the need for no-cost birth certificates.

Thank You for Supporting Wings!
We couldn’t do any of this without our incredible donors and volunteers. Thank you for being part of our community in 2019.

HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR 2020 GOALS
DONATE: Either online at bit.ly/wings-donate or via mail. Every $50 donated has the power to buy new pillows and bedding for someone moving out of homelessness.

VOLUNTEER: Go to bit.ly/wings-volunteer to learn more about how becoming a Wings Volunteer could be right for you.