The development of Moon Gate Plaza forges a new and innovative path for permanent supportive housing on a site steeped in the cultural history of the City of Salinas. In 2012, the City and MidPen Housing formed a partnership to revitalize the historic Chinatown neighborhood in order to reinvigorate economic development and house the area’s growing homeless population.

Through a groundbreaking collaboration between MidPen and the Central California Alliance for Health, Moon Gate connects housing and health services for the highest utilizers of the healthcare system, with 20 supportive apartments set aside for that population. Another 20 apartments accept referrals from Interim, Inc., a leading provider of mental health and support. A robust services plan, funded in part by the County’s Whole Person Care initiative and coordinated by MidPen Services, includes three full-time case managers and provides the intensive support needed to promote housing stability and achieve positive health outcomes. The other 50 apartments provide homes for the area’s other low-income residents.

Through a collaboration of local nonprofits and a Monterey Peninsula Foundation grant, street-level retail provides spaces for arts, wellness, culture, and educational programming to serve all Chinatown neighborhood residents.

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