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## COHOUSING FOR PARADISE

Presentation and workshop on the Cohousing model  
and its feasibility in Butte County

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Founder of the CoHousing movement, Charles Durrett, will offer insights on how cohousing can be part of rebuilding Paradise. **Sunday, March 15th, 2020** from **2:00-4:00 PM** at **Paradise Alliance Church** (6491 Clark Rd, Paradise, CA).

Cohousing is an intentional community of private homes clustered around shared space. Cohousing offers an alternative living arrangement that blends privacy and autonomy with friendship and collaboration. A "town" is much more than its infrastructure; it's the people and relationships that influence one's experience in a space. Attendees will explore the co-housing model with architect Charles Durrett. In this 90 min presentation, Charles and his team will discuss affordable housing options for Paradise and explore the suitability of cohousing. There will be a full slide-show presentation as well as an in-depth question and answer session. Fire safety will be part of the presentation.

Festival director and Paradise native Allen Myers says, "As we look at rebuilding our ridge communities after disaster, we have the unique opportunity to create a town that reflects our values. I'm personally excited by the values that are embedded within the cohousing model."

Charles Durrett is featured in a film that will screen on Saturday March 14th at 1:00 PM at the Pageant Theater. The film will not be shown during the workshop, so folks are encouraged to attend the screening to learn more. The film-titled *The Best of Both Worlds: Cohousing's Promise*- explores the concept of cohousing, as expressed through first-hand observations of residents of four cohousing communities and observations by architect Charles Durrett, who brought the concept to the US from Denmark. [Trailer](#)

### VENUE HOST:

[Paradise Alliance Church CMA](#): The Paradise CMA church has been a community gathering space for many years. It survived the Camp Fire and has continued to open its doors to the ridge community and our collective effort to rebuild.

### PRESENTED BY:

- [The Rebuild Paradise Foundation](#): Whose mission is to help rebuild Butte County after the Camp Fire and potential future disasters; to rebuild our community to be safer, more sustainable and help bring back the vibrancy that once was.
- [Regenerating Paradise](#): Weaving the social fabric that regenerates us.
- [Paradise Community Guilds](#): Fostering community by nurturing creativity, practicing stewardship of Nature, and promoting values of sustainability.

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