Parkhurst Terrace provides quality housing for 68 low-income families at a site that was once a dilapidated trailer park. In response to a request from Santa Cruz County, MidPen Housing Corporation purchased the Golden Torch RV park, where scores of families lived in substandard conditions that included serious health and sanitation code violations. MidPen cleared the site and found a way to nestle 18 clusters of homes on the challenging 6-acre site, which occupies a steep hillside.

Completed in Dec. 2007, Parkhurst Terrace includes townhouses and flats, a community center, laundry facilities and several play areas. The youth of Parkhurst Terrace have access to after-school and summer programs and a computer lab. Adult residents benefit from on-site vocational and computer training, ESL classes, and health and wellness programs.

What was once a crowded, unsafe and unsanitary trailer park is now a beautiful, stable family neighborhood.