



# IMPACT!

How your investment is changing lives at Step Up and Daniel's Place!

Since 1984, providing Help, Hope, and a Home for individuals, families, & communities experiencing mental health issues.

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## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

### *Because of You...*

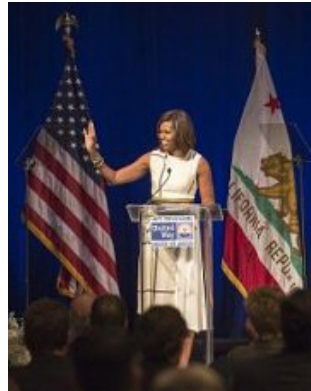
A Step Up delegation met with The Honorable Ted Lieu, Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senate District, to introduce the variety of mental health services offered at Step Up, as well as engage in an extensive conversation on his bill SB 593, "Pay for Success". Step Up endorses this innovative funding mechanism as a means to scale up financing of permanent supportive housing units sufficient for those in greatest need where there is a clear cost benefit. We know that by housing those in greatest need, their utilization of the most expensive government systems of care, decreases. Sen. Lieu shared how part of his motivation for the bill was conversations with just such a constituent, struggling to maintain his housing and at-risk of homelessness. Step Up is signing on in support of SB 593, and will be providing Sen. Lieu with cost-benefit studies on Housing First, the evidence-based model associated with "Pay for Success".



Board members (l-r) Fernando Torres-Gil, Philip Mangano, and Les Jones, met with CA State Senator Ted Lieu, along with Carolyn Baker and Tod Lipka on SB 593.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

### *Because of You...*



First Lady Michelle Obama gave a moving, heartfelt, & rousing speech at United Way's Unite for Veterans Summit saying "Veterans deserve our best!". Tod Lipka CEO; Barbara Bloom, COO; and Cynthia Langley, LCSW, represented

Step Up at the Summit. Cynthia met the First Lady personally and shared how Step Up's HUD-VASH program in Hollywood, led by Program Manager Marc Van Asselt, LCSW, is ending homelessness for 40 veterans, and providing them with an array of supported employment training and placement opportunities as part of this national Call to Action!

## MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

### *Because of You...*

Westside members of Step Up communities - Step Up on Second, Step Up on Fifth, Daniel's Place, Daniel's Village, and soon Step Up on Colorado - will all have easy access to the EXPO light rail system and transportation from Santa Monica all the way to downtown Los Angeles. **Integration of Step Up & Daniel's Place**

members with the community-at-large, an integral part of Step Up's mission, will be enhanced with seven new EXPO line stations serving popular destinations and opportunities along the Westside in Phase II.



It is exciting to see the construction of Step Up on Colorado (34 new units of permanent supportive housing) and Phase II of the EXPO light rail line both well underway!

### **Santa Monica:**

Step Up on Second (310) 394-6889  
Daniel's Place (310) 392-5855  
Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)

### **Hollywood:**

General Information (323) 380-7590 x1330

### **Beverly Hills:**

Street Outreach Team (310) 901-3020