



# IMPACT!

How your investment is changing the future for individuals experiencing mental health issues through supportive housing, vocational training & placement, and a sense of belonging.



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## LEADING THE WAY!

### PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*The #1 requested supportive service...*

Step Up's Housing Team is continually looking for opportunities to acquire and develop properties suitable for permanent supportive housing.



The Housing Team, Steven Spielberg and Iris Alcantara, not only acquires and develops properties, but also manages these assets.

"We want to continue to grow and create many more great communities.", said Steven Spielberg, Director of Housing Acquisitions. "In order to END homelessness for our most vulnerable neighbors, many more units of supportive housing are critically needed."



Step Up Communities

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*



USC Occupational Therapy interns Auston Stamm & Jennifer Salomon.

For more than 10 years, University of Southern California Level 1 Fieldwork interns have been developing skills and an understanding of clients needs by observing at Step Up. The students interact directly with members and the Vocational staff. According to key USC Professors and Administrators, Step Up is one of the most successful agencies within the internship programs, and the location most desired by students. "My Occupational Therapy fieldwork experience at Step Up has taught me how to engage with individuals who are often misjudged and misunderstood by society.", says intern Jennifer Salomon. Adds intern Auston Stamm, "Step Up is a great agency - there are so many aspects in which I get to participate. It's wonderful to be interacting with the members, participating in groups, Vocational Training, and helping members achieve their own self-directed goals." Auston has one more year of study at USC before receiving his Masters in Occupational Therapy. Thanks for being part of the Step Up family, Auston & Jennifer!

### A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, respect...*

#### Member Recognition

Step Up member Sarah R., is a multitalented artist and UCLA trained scientist and engineer. Sarah has been part of Step Up's Member Advisory Council for four years, serving as both Vice President and President. Sarah is the co-founder of the new *Leadership Skills Group*. "The objective of the leadership training is to support Step Up members in reaching their goals.", says Sarah. "All members are welcome!"



Bagpiper and *Leadership Skills Group* co-founder, Sarah R.

An accomplished bagpiper, Sarah pipes at memorials for members. Sarah is also a contributing artist in Step Up's *The Heart Speaks* books and helped author the Member's Handbook. Thank you for your many contributions to the Step Up community, Sarah!

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