



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...



Like-minded service providers, developers, investors, and jurisdictional leaders gathered to bring supportive housing to scale.

The **Housing First** Partners Conference was held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles March 22-25. "Taking Housing First to Scale". An evidence-based model, **Housing First** provides housing as quickly as possible and then provides a variety of support services to promote housing stability and individual well-being as needed. It has the benefit of being consistent with what most people experiencing homelessness want and seek help to achieve. The international conference, attended by 800 participants from around the globe, explored the expansion of the **Housing First** model, how the model is currently being implemented in the United States and abroad, and how to scale the many more units needed to END chronic homelessness. Progress!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



Molly Rysman, Housing and Homelessness Deputy, and intern Pranita Amatya from the Office of Sheila Kuehl, join Gerardo Gutierrez (far left), Job Coach/Aeroionics Manager, and Tod Lipka, Step Up President & CEO, for a tour of the **Rooftop Urban Garden** at Step Up on Vine in Hollywood.

The office of 3rd District County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl awarded a \$20,000 grant through its *Food For the Soul* program in support of Step Up's **Rooftop Urban Garden**. The award funds the position of Gerardo Gutierrez (above left) whose duties include: ordering the aeroponic and maintenance supplies; scheduling and managing the aeroponic team; propagating the plants; giving tours; fixing any problems that may arise; and managing within the budget and in compliance with OSHA and Safety. Fresh garden produce from the aeroponic gardens is part of the daily meals served for Step Up on Vine residents. Tenants may also make special arrangements with Gerardo and the Vocational Team to pick up produce from the **Rooftop Urban Garden** for use in their own units in the Platinum LEED building.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...

Volunteer Recognition



John and Jackie Treuting of Loaves and Fishes Ministries at St. Jude Apostle Church with Step Up Program Manager Jill Drenth.

Welcome Home! kits, such as the items shown above, are made possible by donors and volunteers who help members comfortably settle into housing and a rich array of supportive services. **Welcome Home!** kits provide the necessities of daily living: bedding, lamps, laundry & cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, cutlery, cookware, storage bins, and small appliances. Join the **Welcome Home!** campaign!

Santa Monica:

Step Up (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