



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 to life in recovery!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Step Up is on the move! The Interagency Council on Homelessness has selected Step Up for recommendation to the United States

Department of Urban Development (HUD) to provide permanent supportive housing services in the San Bernadino County Continuum of Care!

Starting in September 2016, **Step Up in San Bernadino** will have a street outreach team, based in San Bernadino County, to provide outreach, engagement, and enrollment with a one year goal to house and support **112 individuals currently experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues.**

"This record level of federal funding for San Bernardino County is testimony to the political and civic will to get the job done for families and individuals," said Step Up Board member Philip Mangano, former head of the White House Interagency Council on Homelessness and advisor to the Board of Supervisors. "The prioritization of housing and supports responsible for reducing homelessness in the county for the past few years indicates a maturing of the county's response and insures a strategy that is better for the community, the homeless person, and the taxpayer. A strategic trifecta to reduce the human tragedy and long misery of homelessness." Step Up looks forward to taking its great model for **life in recovery** to this dramatically underserved County - the largest in the nation!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



John W. at Conscious Cup, a for-profit enterprise benefiting the programs of Step Up.

After nearly thirty years living on the streets, John W. was among the first tenants to move into Step Up on Vine, in Hollywood, over three years ago. John began volunteering at the Urban Rooftop Garden there, and was

the first tenant to undertake Vocational Training in the Step Up on Vine kitchen. John quickly became **an asset to Step Up's Vocational Services** in Hollywood, working daily in the kitchen and running the janitorial crew two days per week. John is an integral part of the success of both the Step Up on Vine meal program and Step Up's newest business enterprise, the *Conscious Cup Café*. Congratulations, John!

Step Up's Vocational strategy is member-driven, with participants setting their own goals, choosing areas of vocational interest, and determining the speed with which they move through vocational training. Twenty Vocational participants were placed in unsubsidized employment, and sixty eight members participated in supportive employment in 2015!

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



Elena Burdick came to Daniel's Place as a Volunteer in the Fall of 2013. "I had one desire: to share my experience, strength, and hope regarding mental illness.", said Elena. "I wanted to reach into my heart and find all the compassion I could muster." That she did, and Elena

connected with DP members immediately. Eight months later she was hired as a DP staff member. "I discovered the members were not that different from me, I had just been luckier." says Elena. "And I worked with the most amazing staff who encouraged me to apply for the Peer Advocate position at Step Up on Second." Elena became a part time Peer Advocate in Jan. 2015. Today Elena is preparing to begin a Masters Degree program this Fall in USC's School of Social Work! "I'm thrilled, and Step Up has such a special place in my heart.", says Elena. "I'm so grateful to be a part of this worthy organization."

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