



IMPACT!

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

...leading the way to life in recovery!



Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 15-21
2018

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Dr. Sam Tsemberis (left), founder of the Housing First Model, collaborates with Step Up COO Barbara Bloom, LCSW (right).

The permanent supportive housing units Step Up develops and operates follow the evidence-based "Housing First" model developed by Dr. Sam Tsemberis, founder of Pathways to Housing.

Providing "client-preferred services" is at the heart of Dr. Tsemberis' nationally recognized model, founded on the belief that individuals know what is best for themselves and their "voice and choice" is to be listened to and respected - a core value shared by Step Up and Daniel's Places.

Since housing is the #1 client-preferred supportive service, Step Up responded to this consumer-driven need with 650 units of innovative, community-based permanent supportive housing units in 2017. "With a 95% housing retention rate, we know what works and we know how to do it. We just need a lot more of it," remarked Step Up's CEO Tod Lipka. Bringing this effective model to scale, through innovative partnerships, is one of Step Up's innovative next practices!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



Dante started training in the Vocational Program one year ago and is now receiving permanent hours in the Step Up kitchen as a grill chef.

Dante was experiencing homelessness, sleeping in parks and on the sidewalk in front of Step Up on Vine. The staff reached out to him, worked with him to access detox services, and helped him locate housing. Dante started his training in Step Up's Vocational Training janitorial program and when he expressed a love for cooking, the staff invited him to hone his cooking skills in the Step Up on Second kitchen.

Once in the kitchen, "God started opening doors for me and I was blessed to be training with staff and peers who helped bring out my potential," said Dante, "and that has given me a path to a beautiful, prosperous and positive future."

A year later, Dante has reconnected with his family, has permanent hours in the kitchen as a grill chef, and assists with daily meal preparation. Dante's inspiring journey shows how Step Up assists members in reaching their self-determined goals.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



At left, Step Up member Maria M. and Step Up Job Coach Daniel C. share their Spring Baskets donated by One Incredible Family.

Spring officially began for Step Up when each member received a Spring Basket provided by *One Incredible Family*, a volunteer organization and long-time Step Up supporter.

"It's more than the Spring Basket and the contents," says Frank Hendricks, Food Service Operations Manager for Step Up. "These baskets say, 'You matter and you are not forgotten.'"

One Incredible Family celebrates 20 years of service in the community this year. The Step Up staff and members all express their great appreciation for this ongoing partnership that brings such happiness on every special holiday.

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