



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

June 2014

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Because of You...

A Step Up delegation visited Washington DC May 6-9, bringing education about and analysis of our cost-effective Housing First model to national leaders and policy makers. Since July 1, 2013, fifty seven individuals who were chronically homeless or homeless and experiencing mental health issues now reside in Step Up's permanent supportive housing. Step Up has a 90% retention of individuals in supportive housing after 12 months. This proven model is a 40% cost savings to taxpayers.



Above, Lindsay Gilchrist, Tod Lipka, Les Jones, Carolyn Baker, and Philip Mangano are shown with Rep. Paul Ryan after a highly engaged and productive meeting on pertinent mental health issues now in discussion on Capital Hill. During the two and a half day visit to DC, the Step Up delegation had twenty three appointments - seven with members of Congress - and staff and like-minded NGO's.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Because of You...



Step Up was awarded funding for Step Up on Vine day center by both the Angell Foundation (\$100K for two years for meals at Vine) and the City of Los Angeles (\$420K for staffing of the Vine Street Café and Kitchen). Daily meals are now served for Step Up on Vine tenants! This will be expanded to all Step Up tenants in Hollywood, and then later open the Vine St. Café, modeled after *Fresh Start*.

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Because of You...

Almost 50 veterans experiencing mental health issues and who are chronically homeless are enrolled in Step Up's street outreach and engagement program. There is still a dramatic need for more services, and Step Up is proud to be partnering with Veteran Affairs to address this need through its community-based services.

Step Up's Supportive Services extend to family members as well, as the mother's of Step Up and Daniel's Place members below were honored at *The Heart of the Community Luncheon* May 9th.



A special presentation by Susan Dempsay on the founding of Step Up, and original music by Shanna O'Brien illustrated the bond, strength, and courage shared by family members.

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