



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.

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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Because of You...

Step Up and The Aileen Getty Foundation are pleased to invite you to join LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA City Councilman Tom LaBonge, CA State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and CA State Senator Ted Lieu in celebrating the **Grand Opening of Michael's Village on Friday, September 12th**, 8:30am, 7160 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90046. Come help us commemorate thirty-two more units of Permanent Supportive Housing to help END homelessness in Hollywood! Michael's Village is part of Step Up's *Clinton Global Initiative 2010 Commitment-to-Action* in Hollywood. Contact: events@stepuponsecond.org.



Above are some of Step Up's Hollywood teams putting the "support" in permanent supportive housing on Move-In day at Michael's Village!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Because of You...

In 2005, Gerardo became a member of Daniel's Place, Step Up's program offering support services for young people aged 18-28 yrs. In 2009, Gerardo joined Step Up's Vocational Program, training in Janitorial and Kitchen positions. He took on increased responsibility, assisting the Job Coach and becoming a shift leader. When a part-time peer position became available in 2010, Gerardo easily adapted to this position and excelled at training.



In 2011, a full-time Step Up staff position became available. Gerardo is a standout staff member and has taken on the additional responsibilities of managing the aeroponic rooftop garden at Step Up on Vine, and assisting with meal preparation at Step Up on Second. Thank you & a salute to you, Gerardo!

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICE

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The first time the Step Up's outreach & engagement team met "The Professor" - a name respectfully given him when they learned he was a former adjunct professor at UCLA - he was sitting at his bus stop, as usual, with his back to the street, keeping an eye on his belongings piled high behind the fence (below). "I'm not interested." he told Step Up's workers. Day after day for 5 months, the team listened and responded to The Professor's needs, building a trusted relationship.



Last month, when The Professor decided to move from living on the streets to living in his own apt., that same trusted relationship followed him into his unit providing support services for ongoing housing stability & reaching his self-determined goals.