



# 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.

*...leading the way to life in recovery!*



October 2-8, 2016 is Mental Health Awareness Week

## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*The #1 requested supportive service...*



President Clinton launches the mhNOW Commitment to Action at the 2016 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting joined by Step Up President & CEO Tod Lipka (second from left) and others.

Step Up is a partner in a new Clinton Global Initiative - **Mental Health Now (mhNOW)**. Launched last month in New York, **mhNOW** is a commitment of global community partners to engage 30 cities by 2030 to close the mental health gap. As a partner in **mhNOW**, Step Up will be sharing its model of bringing **permanent supportive housing** to scale in Los Angeles.

Step Up's model of public/private partnerships is making major headway in changing the face of **ENDING homelessness** in major cities. "The United Nations officially embraced the plan to promote Mental Health and Well Being in its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030," said Lipka. "Step Up is proud to be a part of the **mhNOW** initiative empowering cities around the globe to make mental health a priority. **Permanent Supportive Housing is Healthcare.**"

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*

In July 2016, Daniel's Place started a **Career Club**. It is part of the LA Transitional Age Youth Collaborative in partnership with Los Angeles Youth Network, Hathaway-Sycamores Child & Family Services, Hillside's, Pacific Clinics, and St. Anne's is the lead agency.

The goal of the **Career Club** is to help TAY gather the knowledge and develop the skills required to secure and sustain the employment they need to create independent and self-sufficient lives.

Utilizing an evidence-informed workforce development curriculum designed by Columbia University's School of Social Work, the 12-week intensive work readiness group complements Step Up's current vocational program and is specifically for TAY by addressing issues relevant to this population.

Daniel's Place is happy to announce five members have already graduated from the **Career Club**.

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<b>Santa Monica:</b>	
Step Up	(310) 394-6889
Daniel's Place	(310) 392-5855
Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)	
<b>Hollywood:</b>	
General Information	(323) 380-7590 x1330
<b>Beverly Hills:</b>	
Street Outreach Team	(310) 901-3020

## A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, respect...*



Peer Advocate Marjorie Rothman in the Wellness/Client Run Center with USC Field Work interns Jennifer Tang (L) and Kathryn Devera (R)

Step Up's **Wellness/Client Run Center**, located on Second Street, provides options to assist clients experiencing mental health issues with their recovery. The **Wellness Center** provides psychiatric services and health screenings to clients who are stable and want to further progress their recovery goals. The **Client-Run Center** serves all clients by seeking out and encouraging members to access additional support including service coordination, healthy living activities, outreach, and peer support groups. At least 50% of the staff at the **Wellness Center** and all staff at the **Client-Run Center** are in recovery and have completed peer advocate training either through the county or other certified programs.

"Everybody deserves to be helped to the best of our ability," said Rothman, who has worked in the **Client Run Center** for over 5 years.