



# 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...*



Secretary Robert A. McDonald, US Dept of Veterans Affairs (left) with Step Up CEO Tod Lipka (right).

### **Veterans Day 2016 and Step Up is committed to ENDING Veteran homelessness!**

Step Up's innovative development model is combining a unique public/private partnership to rapidly acquire "nuisance motels" in greater Los Angeles and renovate them into permanent supportive housing for 400+ Veterans experiencing homelessness and mental health issues by early 2017.

"This public/private partnership is an amazing opportunity to meet and work with like-minded individuals across sectors and disciplines.", said Step Up CEO Tod Lipka. "This work to scale permanent supportive housing for homeless Veterans is so significant we have the support of the Secretary of the US Department of Veterans Affairs himself, Bob McDonald."

This Veterans Day please support Step Up's *Welcome Home* campaign to end Veteran homelessness. Now, it's our turn to serve our Veterans.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*



Step Up on Second resident Les Jones (left) with Sunset Lodge members including Brandon Lopez (far right)

Members of Sunset Lodge #369, F&AM came together to hand out hygiene kits to residents of Step Up on Second. "For over 110 years, Sunset Lodge has been dedicated to helping its members and the greater community any way we can," said Brandon Lopez, a lodge member. "We were led to Step Up through Les Jones who is an officer at our lodge." Jones oversees the Computer Learning Center at Step Up on Fifth, ensuring members working with Vocational Programs have the tools they need for success.

<b>Santa Monica:</b>	
Step Up	(310) 394-6889
Daniel's Place	(310) 392-5855
Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)	
<b>Hollywood/West Hollywood:</b>	
General Information	(323) 380-7590 x1330
<b>Beverly Hills:</b>	
Street Outreach Team	(310) 901-3020
<b>San Bernardino:</b>	
Field Services	(909) 855-0627

## A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, respect...*



Jaime at 19 years old (left) and Jaime (right) today.

**Saluting Veteran Jaime C.!** Jaime grew up in the City of Bell with a single mom. His first language was Spanish. At 19, Jaime graduated from high school and joined the Navy in response to the 9/11 terror attacks. He served eight months in the Persian Gulf during the most intense conflicts with Iraq.

After four years and now a Petty Officer, Jaime was unprepared to return to civilian life. He was using drugs and alcohol. He was able to obtain work and held one job for two years. Then, everything fell apart. Six years after his discharge, Jaime was connected to the Long Beach V.A. where he received his mental health and physical health diagnoses.

He was able to enter into a temporary living situation where he participated in treatment. He became determined to retake control of his life. He's now 34 and since working with his Service Coordinator at Step Up, has keys to the first apartment he has ever lived in that is his own. He meets weekly with his Service Coordinator and as Jaime says, "I win more now than I lose."