



# 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!*



December 2016

## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*The #1 requested supportive service...*

The Kaufmann Apartments at Step Up on Colorado received a 2016 Sustainable Innovation Award from the United States Green Building Council LA. The merit award was in the Water Efficiency category, and was presented at USGBC LA 's 12th Annual Green Gala on November 10th.



"Quality projects such as The Kaufmann Apartments are the foundation for exploring new design, construction, and operation methods," said Sustainable Innovation award juror Robert Fortunato, CEO ForStrategy Consulting. "Step Up's permanent supportive housing projects are enhancing communities throughout Southern California."

In addition to being a Platinum LEED-certified building Step Up on Colorado ended homelessness for 32 individuals in 2016.

## OTHER NEWS OF NOTE

Proposition HHH passed in the City of Los Angeles, paving the way for 10,000 new affordable units over 10 years; A sales tax bond measure, which would include funding for supportive services, is anticipated on the ballot for LA County voters in March 2017.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*



*PS1 students and volunteers celebrate.*

Thanksgiving week held two amazing events: In the first, students at PS1 in Santa Monica and their parents prepared food for a Thanksgiving Feast for Step Up members. Step Up Program Director Len Lovallo and his Vocational Kitchen staff attended the festivities and enjoyed the Circle Assembly, a convening of classes from K to 6 that perform special Thanksgiving songs and readings in celebrating the true love and meaning of Thanksgiving.

"It is awesome how PS1 opens their school and hearts to Step Up every Thanksgiving," said Frank Hendricks, Step Up's Kitchen Operations Manager. "Step Up cannot praise enough the generosity and love received from the PS1 staff, especially Mindy and Nancy, the parents, and more than ever, the students at this incredible school.

The second event was Thanksgiving Day at Step Up on Second - a special thank you to volunteer Brandon LaBrie, shown above right.

## A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, respect...*



*Daniel's Place members enjoy their Thanksgiving meal.*

A heartfelt *thank you* to donors who participated in #GivingTuesday: The Benindi Fund, DM Merchandising inc., Sherman & Phyllis Holvey, Fleur Mitchell, Selma Mirsky, Arnold Patent, Lois Rozet, Laurie Saffian, and Jonathan Stept. Together they raised a total of \$3,181.05, which will be doubled by Board Chair Ivan Illan for a total of \$6,362.10!



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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/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       |