



Your 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...



Congressman Tim Murphy standing in front SUOC; with Step Up CEO Tod Lipka and Board Chair Barrett Esarey; and DP member Shane P.

Congressman Tim Murphy, R-PA, the foremost mental health expert in Congress, visited Step Up's supportive housing communities in Santa Monica in May. Congressman Murphy is author of HR 2646, the "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act" which was passed last December. It aims to repair the nation's broken mental health system by refocusing programs, reforming grants, and removing federal barriers to care.

Los Angeles VIP's, philanthropists, mental health leaders, Step Up members, tenants, Board of Directors, and staff all participated with Murphy in a luncheon and roundtable discussion in the Step Up on Fifth Learning Center. In commenting on a variety of mental health topics, Murphy said, "Now more than ever our nation must come together and apply forward-thinking approaches, like the one at Step Up, to bring hope and save lives." Thank you, Congressman Murphy!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



Step Up Hollywood TAY Staff members (l-r) Shari Lachin, T. Jeezreal Valentine, Program Manager Emily James, Frank Gutierrez, and Emma Carr.

Step Up is excited to announce a three-year, \$750,000 award through the California Community Foundation's (CCF) Donor Advised Fund to strengthen Step Up's Transitional Age Youth (TAY) services in Hollywood. This funding will support vocational and educational specialists, one day a week psychiatrist, housing coordinator, recovery specialist and a peer job coach, all of whom will collaborate to house 15 TAY living on the streets and ensure these youth gain the skills necessary to live and work independently. Thank you CCF for this vote of confidence!

Santa Monica:	
Step Up	(310) 394-6889
Daniel's Place	(310) 392-5855
<i>Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)</i>	
Hollywood/West Hollywood:	
General Information	(323) 380-7590 x1330
Beverly Hills:	
Street Outreach Team	(310) 901-3020
San Bernardino:	
Field Services	(909) 963-5355

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, and respect...



Step Up's Member Advisory Council President Theo R (left) and crew strike a pose for Madame Tussauds at MAC Annual Blow Out Party.

Step Up's Member Advisory Council (MAC), enjoyed a Blow Out Party last month. Twelve participants spent the day at Madame Tussaud's Hollywood Wax Museum.

MAC is one of over 60 peer-to-peer support groups available to Step Up members and provides a unique forum each week for feedback and problem solving. MAC is the true voice of Step Up members and is an example of member driven services. Staff not only appreciates member feedback, but has come to count on it to guide services and programming. MAC can also assist members who have grievances find solutions by working as a liaison.

MAC President Theo R. says, "It's been a great year so far. I love being able to do things for others. I had challenges for sure. But out of that I learned patience and out of patience I improved my organizational skills."