



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...



Former Secretary US Department of Veterans Affairs and new Step Up Advisory Board member Robert McDonald, (L) with Sam Tsemberis, Founder and Executive Director, Pathways to Housing (R).

It is a distinguished privilege to have former Secretary for the US Department of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald join Step Up's Advisory Board. As Secretary, he was responsible for 20+ million Veterans. His initiative to end Veteran homelessness across the country included the settlement to end the ten-year lawsuit against the West LA VA campus, which led to the rehabilitation of Building 209 (with 205 & 208 to follow) into Permanent Supportive Housing with Step Up as the services provider.

McDonald is a strong supporter of Step Up, saying, "I am so proud of Step Up, what it has accomplished, and the lives that it has helped."

A person of great substance and importance in the world, McDonald's joining the Advisory Board is an indication of the significant role Step Up plays on the national stage as well. McDonald is the third individual serving on one of Step Up's Boards who has worked directly for a President of the United States!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

The #2 requested supportive service ...

Employment is the second most requested supportive service because productivity is an essential part of quality of life. Participants engaged in the Vocational program get hands-on, real world training in many facets of employment within Step Up's various programs. Hands-on experiences in paid positions include: word processing; data entry; facilities maintenance; clerical support; food service; and retail associate work. Members have access to the Vocational Team's coaching and mentoring opportunities including: pre-vocational training; techniques for job interviews; and job placement. All members desiring employment are assisted in achieving that goal.

Last year, over 178 members participated in Step Up's supported employment training and placement programs, with 80 individuals employed, and 31 individuals enrolled in an educational program.

Happy News from Riverside County!



After eight years of experiencing homelessness, Ramona S. became the first member housed by the Step Up team in Riverside

County (pictured above) when she moved into her apartment in Indio. Ramona and her dog, Peanut, are happy at home and out of the heat. Special thanks to the Indio Police Dept. for being advocates in connecting Ramona to housing resources!

SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, and respect...



Santa Monica Elks 906 donated 54 mini-freezers to Veteran residents at Building 209 on the West Los Angeles VA campus. Funded through a "Welcome Home" grant from the Elks National Foundation, volunteers from Santa Monica Elks 906 and Santa Monica American Legion 123 coordinated the delivery and made each Veteran feel more at home. Veteran Ray E., pictured above, receives Meals on Wheels and was happy to have a space to store his deliveries. Thank you Elks!

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Hollywood/West Hollywood:

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San Bernardino/Riverside:

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