



IMPACT!

How your investment is key to 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 2017



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Monte Williams (left) with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (right).

In honor of Veteran's Day, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti honored the Veterans by making a surprise visit to Building 209, Step Up's latest housing project on the West Los Angeles VA Campus. Step Up has ended homelessness for 54 Veterans through permanent supportive housing at Building 209. All are receiving mental and physical health services and have access to two life skills coordinators who are on site daily.

Building 209 has a gym, multiple community spaces, and a full training kitchen. Mayor Garcetti said, "The victory of both Prop HHH and Measure H provide a promising future for our community members experiencing homelessness and are needed now more than ever. They both provide an opportunity to move our most vulnerable residents off of the street and into permanent housing." Step Up's Building 209 is a shining example of caring for the most vulnerable Veterans in Los Angeles.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

The #2 requested supportive service...



Veterans at Building 209 celebrate what they are grateful for.

Once again, Step Up was pleased to provide the annual Thanksgiving Feast for the members of Step Up. In Santa Monica, the Step Up Vocational Team prepped for a week for the big day. Dinner was served at 2pm and there was a full house. Step Up is grateful to the Westside Food Bank (WSFB) for providing all the turkeys as well as food for the side dishes. On the VA Campus, the Veterans' Thanksgiving Feast (see photo above) was hosted by Brentwood School, who prepared the meal in the training kitchen of Building 209.

Because of the Westside Food Bank, Brentwood School, and our donors such as YOU, Step Up was able to celebrate the day with those who may not have had a place to go to commune with friends and observe the day.



SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, and respect...



Step Up's John Chavis (left) and members of Socks for Souls, Inc.

Socks for Souls, Inc., a non-profit serving Los Angeles County dropped by Step Up on Second last week to deliver 900 pairs of new socks! Clean socks,

something most take for granted, are beneficial to members' good health and greatly appreciated by Step Up's seven street outreach and engagement teams. "Clean socks are not only a bridge for communication for the teams and those who are living on the streets, but a way to give individuals experiencing homelessness a lift up," says Carolyn Baker, Chief Development Officer at Step Up. Thank you Socks for Souls, Inc. for this generous donation.

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General Information	(323) 380-7590 x1330
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Beverly Hills:	
Street Outreach Team	(310) 901-3020
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