



IMPACT!

How your investment is changing the future for individuals experiencing mental health conditions through supportive housing, vocational training & placement, and a sense of belonging.

...leading the way to life in recovery!



June 2018



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Tod Lipka receives award from Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Dr. Robin Kay, retired Deputy Director of the Dept of Mental Health.

Step Up President & CEO Tod Lipka recently received the *Excellence in Public Service Award* from NAMI's Los Angeles Chapter for developing supportive housing offering a doorway out of homelessness for individuals experiencing mental health conditions and long term homelessness.

The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), is dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans experiencing mental health conditions.

"NAMI has done such an outstanding job in advocacy and education about mental health and mental illness," said Lipka. "It is an honor to be recognized by NAMI."

Step Up deeply appreciates its close partnership with NAMI, and the monthly support groups it hosts at Step Up on Second and Daniel's Place.

SPECIAL EDITION

STEP UP CROWDFUNDERS NEEDED THIS MONTH!

Crowdfunding is a highly effective, internet-based way to raise contributions from a large number of individuals. It is a very valuable tool for Step Up, as it allow us to reach a more diverse audience.

Step Up has launched a \$50K Crowdfunding campaign during the month of June, and we need a "crowd" to help make it a big success! Please become a Step Up Crowdfunder!

1. Go to <https://www.bit.ly/STEPUP18>, click "Become a Crowdfunder" and enter your name, mobile number, and email. Then click the button on the right of the video.
2. Customize your page and upload a picture - a selfie works great!
3. Set a fundraising Goal of at least a \$100.
4. Write a short personal message about why Step UP's mission is important to you.
5. When you receive your confirmation email from MobileCause, use the special link they provide to share your personal campaign page to your facebook page, and tweet it using hashtags #mentalhealth and #homelessness to increase your viewership.

You can also make a one-time special campaign donation this month **texting Key18 to 71777**. Need help? Development staff will be happy to provide any direct assistance you may need! Email us at development@stepuponsecond.org or call (310) 696-4510 x2246. **Thank you!**

SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



Step Up artists Theo R. (left), and David J. (right), with their artwork selected for exhibition at Santa Monica Public Library show in May.

City officials honored the talent of Step Up artists Theo R. and David J. at the Opening Reception of The City of Santa Monica Disabilities Commission's *May is Mental Health Awareness Month Art Show*. "I got to meet a lot of new people," said Theo R., Facilitator for Julie's Room. "It's really cool when people want to know about our artwork, and what we do at Step Up."

Celebrating art as a means of expression and therapy, the exhibition featured the work of 18 outstanding local artists. Congratulations!

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