



# IMPACT!

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

*...leading the way to life in recovery!*



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2018 Step Up All Staff Retreat on July 26

## PERMANENT SUPPORT HOUSING

*The #1 requested supportive service...*



Pasadena City Hall

Step Up will be expanding services to Pasadena by housing 13 individuals in scattered sites. These new vouchers will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and flow through the City of Pasadena's Continuum of Care. These sites will be coordinated by Step

Up's new Rental Assistance Department in Hollywood. Step Up works with individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to locate landlords and apartments that meet the criteria for suitable housing.

These 13 units will add to the number of people already living in Step Up's nine locations, including Santa Monica, Hollywood, Building 209 on the West Los Angeles Veteran's Campus, and numerous scattered site units in the greater Los Angeles area, Orange County, and the Inland Empire. Every person served through this process contributes up to 30% of their income gained through employment, Social Security or General Relief benefits.

## A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, and respect...*



Los Angeles City Council member Mitch O'Farrell (center) and staff at the ribbon cutting celebrating the Midnight Stroll expansion.

Step Up on Vine has partnered with the LAPD, Los Angeles City Council member Mitch O'Farrell's office and local LGBTQ groups as part of an expansion of the Midnight Stroll, a monthly event that provides targeted outreach to transgendered people experiencing homelessness in the Hollywood area. One weekend a month, on Friday and Saturday nights, Step Up on Vine opens its main floor where Midnight Stroll offers the After-Hours Café, providing services and a safe place of respite for the LGBTQ community.

"This is an instance where the City is really stepping up with the funding and resources, budget allocations, and the sensitivity training," said Council member O'Farrell. The expansion is funded by the offices of Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember O'Farrell, with matching funds from the Caitlin Jenner Foundation.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*



Dr. Shonte Howard, Step Up Program Manager of Vocational Services

On May 1, 2018 Shonte Howard, Psy.D started the position of Program Manager of Vocational Services, teaming up with Len Lovallo, who is retiring after 14 years with Step Up. Dr. Howard began her career in 2004 at OPCC (now The People Concern), working with the transitional age

youth (TAY) population experiencing homelessness and mental health conditions. In 2007, she interned at Children's Hospital Homeless Adolescent Department, collaborating with Saban Free Clinic, LA Youth Network, and My Friend's Place. In 2008, she received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University.

"The best part about my job is seeing clients regain their confidence and life back by obtaining employment in the community" says Dr. Howard. Over the past three months, Dr. Howard has worked with Step Up's Employment Specialists, culminating with eight clients moving into community employment.

Want to learn first-hand about what Step Up is doing to end homelessness?



Join one of our one hour breakfast tours at one of our nine locations in Santa Monica, Hollywood, or Westwood.

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