



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!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...

Step Up participated in 1 in 4 - the 2nd National Convening offering best/next practices on research, policy, practice, and resources for unaccompanied homeless women. "The Colloquy focused on an under-researched, poorly funded, yet heavily represented population in homelessness - women." said Step Up CEO and panelist, Tod Lipka, below far right.



Step Up board member Phillip F. Mangano, Founder, American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness, introduces panelists for *Scaling the Solution of Housing* session at the 1 in 4 Convening Jan. 22nd, 2016, USC.

"We learned the importance of listening to the voices of women with lived experience in homelessness. Their needs are distinctly different from those of men.", added Step Up VP Carolyn Baker. "Safety, mutuality, and a sense of belonging are key issues." The aim of 1 in 4 was to forward a process to remedy the long-lived deficiencies in research, policy, and convening regarding women experiencing homelessness, and to advance the work to an unprecedented scale.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...

Step Up's new business enterprise, Conscious Cup, is open for business!



Thanks to a \$420K Community Development Block Grant made available by the City of Los Angeles, Honorable Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, District 13, and Jan Perry, General Manager, of its Economic and Workforce Development Department. Proceeds of this new for-profit business benefit the programs of Step Up. The funding is specifically to create twelve full-time positions for low-income individuals as part of Step Up's Work Force Development Program.

With the safety and stability of supportive housing in place, members access opportunities for employment training, to increase their skills, find productivity in meaningful work, integrate, and give back to the community at large.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



Leroy Simpkins, Personal Trainer, demonstrates proper exercise technique.

Member Recognition

Meet Leroy Simpkins, Step Up Board Member and resident of Step Up on Fifth. Simpkin's inspiring story is featured in the EMMY award winning documentary, "Santa Monica Cares". Mutual giving and receiving is an important aspect of belonging. Leroy is giving back to Step Up and the community through service and helping others reach their goals. *"I have a safe place to live, and I'm not living in fear."*, says Simpkins. *"I'm healing from the inside out."* Thank you Leroy!

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