



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.



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...leading the way to life in recovery!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



MaryAnn P., of San Bernardino, with her constant companion, Dicky. (Micah Escamilla/Contributing Photographer/San Bernardino Sun)

Recently, *The Sun*, San Bernardino's newspaper, highlighted Step Up's work with MaryAnn P., who represents the fastest growing demographic for individuals experiencing homelessness - unaccompanied women. National statistics show that one in four unsheltered adults are unaccompanied women, 90% of whom suffer trauma due to childhood abuse.

San Bernardino is the first county in the nation to prioritize assisting unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness. "I am seeing more women out there. They are strong, but can be a target by somebody who's just looking for someone to control," says MaryAnn P., who advocates for them and does her own outreach.

Since Step Up began providing services in the Inland Empire in October 2016, 143 individuals experiencing homelessness and complex health issues have moved into the stability of permanent supportive housing.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



A TAY member uses a computer at Daniel's Place, Step Up's TAY Drop-In Center in Santa Monica.

When the members of Daniel's Places voiced their client preferred services and asked to be trained for a career in computer coding and software applications, Step Up listened. As a result, Step Up has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Del E. Webb Foundation to implement a Tech Job Skills Training Program for the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) members at Daniel's Places, Step Up's programming specific to youth ages 18-28 in Los Angeles County.

Step Up is collaborating with community partners in creating a cutting edge 40-week curriculum consisting of five, 8-week segments that focus on digital literacy, social media, beginning, intermediate, and advanced coding. One anticipated outcome of the program will be a brand new Daniel's Places website. Access to 21st century digital technology by providing elevated educational and vocational training sets a path toward self-sufficiency.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



Member artists Theo R. and Dave D. enjoy a Valentine's Day Party hosted by Joy Anderson (right) and her daughter Julie (left).

Step Up artists, writers, poets, and donors gathered for a Valentine's Day Party at *Julie's Room* at Step Up on Second to celebrate the healing power of art. "It's been my great pleasure to be able to do this small thing that can have such a positive impact on people who really need a safe and supported place to allow creativity to flourish," says Joy Anderson, party host. Anderson's daughter Julie is the inspiration for *Julie's Room* which has been underwritten by the family for over a decade.

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