



# IMPACT!

How your investment is changing the future for individuals...

...leading the way to life in recovery!



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## Daniel's Place Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Daniel's Place, a drop in center for transitional age youth (TAY) between 16-28 years, is celebrating 20 years of service. Named after Daniel Greenberg, Daniel's Place opened its doors in 1998 to provide a supportive young adult community fostering hope, wellness, and recovery for TAY experiencing mental health conditions and who may or may not be experiencing homelessness.

Daniel's Place offers youth a safe place to grab a meal, share community, and be as active or inactive as they desire. Members have access to support groups, clothes, a place to watch TV, listen to music, coding classes, computers, and a hot meal 7 days per week. Members can be connected to educational and vocational opportunities, as well as housing assistance. After 20 years, Daniel's Place remains a safe and nurturing place for many. Step Up is in the process of acquiring a permanent home for Daniel's Place in Santa Monica. Look for information about a celebration coming in the spring!



Members of Daniel's Place

### PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*The #1 requested supportive service...*



At 18, Jade (pictured left) went to Texas to enroll in college, but her mother would not sign the loan paperwork to fund her tuition. When she returned to Los Angeles, her mother had moved and would not allow Jade to live with her. Alone and filled with anxiety and depression, Jade turned to drugs to self-medicate. Now living on the streets, she became part of the fastest growing population

in Los Angeles County: young adults experiencing homelessness, many of whom have untreated mental health conditions.

Fortunately for Jade, she found her way to Daniel's Places, where she found comfort and support from caring friends and therapists who have sustained her through her struggles.

Jade now lives in her own apartment in Hollywood, works at a department store, and plans to complete a Peer Specialist program at Loyola Marymount University. Your support made the difference in Jade's life.

### A SENSE OF BELONGING

*Mutuality, safety, and respect...*



When Dr. Michael DiPaolo finished his graduate degree in psychology, he reached out to Step Up's Founder Susan Dempsay because Step Up and Daniel's Place did not have a psychologist. Since that time, he has maintained a long history with Daniel's Place. Dr. DiPaolo was on the board of directors from 2002-2003. Currently, he serves on the Daniel's Places Advisory Board.

Dr. DiPaolo is a clinical psychologist and a certified Imago Relationship Therapist in West Los Angeles. He has been a donor since 2001 and now is a monthly sustainer. Through his Gratitude Project, he donates a portion of the proceeds from his sessions with clients to Daniel's Places. Dr. DiPaolo has been married for 19 years and has three children.

To become a sustaining donor visit: [www.stepuponsecond.org](http://www.stepuponsecond.org)

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

*Productivity and social connectedness...*



through donations of food and time by the following:

**Bel Air Presbyterian Church:** turkey and all the fixings for 150 meals at Step Up on Second and Step Up on Vine; **Brentwood School:** 75 meals and 10 volunteers at Building 209; **The Westside Foodbank:** turkeys for Step Up Veterans living in the community; **Voluntary Services:** gift boxes of nonperishable food items and gifts cards to Building 209; **One Incredible Family:** additional 80 meals for Veterans at 209 and youth at Daniel's Place.

The Step Up Vocational Team prepped for a week for the annual Thanksgiving Feast (pictured above). These gifts allow members to experience a sense of belonging and celebration!



This holiday season you can help end homelessness by giving to Step Up and Daniel's Places!

Visit [www.stepuponsecond.org](http://www.stepuponsecond.org) or text **GETHOME** to 41444 to make a donation from your mobile device.

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FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**