delivers compassionate support to people experiencing serious mental health issues, and persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness, to help them recover, stabilize, and integrate into the community.
2018 was a year of tremendous growth and partnership. Not only do our staff work with more than 5,000 individuals living in 150 permanent supportive housing units in the communities we serve, Step Up is tirelessly working to add affordable permanent supportive housing stock in Santa Monica, where we added a 12 unit portfolio to our portfolio. In the midst of the local market, the innovative model conversion projects will become ready to add nearly 500 permanent supportive housing units in L.A. County. The impact of these projects is tremendous—Step Up will be able to provide permanent housing with on-site supportive services and will help to end chronic homelessness among local populations experiencing chronic homelessness in Los Angeles. And we are not stopping there.

Step Up works with three partners: Sandbox Housing Corporation broke ground on Santa Monica Village, which is a 70 unit project for veterans experiencing homelessness. With The Cesar Chavez Foundation, Step Up was awarded $37M through Los Angeles County for the El Monte X project in the San Gabriel Valley to provide housing for veterans and families experiencing homelessness.

Then there’s the beginning of Step Up’s national journey in partnership with Dr. Sam Tambourn’s Pathways to Housing in Atlanta, GA. Through the generosity of The John and Holly Spence Foundation, HfH of Atlanta’s most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness and mental health conditions will receive supportive services and housing in Florida, in conjunction with 80 units with partner VanderWende Housing.

Our staff took on a syner-gy-challenge to help core values: Hope, Wellness, Voice & Choice. By working together, we were able to provide better follow-up and care that allows us to provide the best support for our clients.

Jade

Jade says she never ‘touched any drugs when she was young, even though they were readily available to me. My family was drug and alcohol-free, so it was weird when I was in high school and I went to parties and started to smoke. I was drug-minded. I then went to college in Texas, her parents would not allow her to smoke, but I would sneak cigarettes to King Sky. They would discontinue. Jade fell addicted. When she returned to college, she moved and did not have a place to live, so she moved with her Muslim and Asian depression, she turned to drugs to self-medicate. She was living on the streets and became part of the fastest growing population of Los Angeles County. Jade said that with a lack of place to live, many of whom have undiagnosed and untreated mental health conditions.

Fortunately, for Jade, she found her way to Daniel’s Place, where she found support, comfort, and a support from a unique community of caring friends and therapists that have helped her through her struggles, and helped her identify a path forward in her life.

PRESTON

Preston

Preston W. never thought he would end up experiencing homelessness. Either in Atlanta or Southern California. In the midst of a challenging time, his health was failing, and he was unable to work. When he became a veteran and was hospitalized and sent to a nursing home, he was forced to leave his home and move into a small apartment. He had a hard time adjusting to the life of a resident in a nursing home, and he began to feel depressed. In the end, he was referred to Step Up.

Preston is now living in his own home at Building 209, and he has a stable place to live. He is working on his recovery and has found a sense of belonging by providing support groups, money management classes, art classes, computer classes, cooking classes, and meditation classes.

VISION

Step Up envisions that all individuals, families and communities affected by severe mental health issues, and persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness will have the opportunity to experience recovery and a sense of belonging, and that permanent supportive housing will be available to everyone.

THREE PILLARS OF SERVICE

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Step Up uses the “HousingFirst” model: an approach to connect individuals experiencing chronic homelessness with mental health conditions will receive supportive services and housing in Florida, in conjunction with 80 units with our partner VanderWende Housing.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

Step Up helps secure employment and provides individuals with an IST Supported Employment model including coaching and training, and assistance with finding work, access to food, entry to substance abuse treatment, and retail work.

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Step Up creates opportunities for social connections through 60 weekly support groups, movie nights, community dinners, and classes such as art, yoga, computer basics, and money management.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Your Impact in the Community

Thanks to you in 2018, Step Up served 2,000 unuplicated individuals!

ENDED HOMELESSNESS for 1,412 individuals through Step Up’s Housing Final programs including 125 newly housed individuals in the Inland Empire.

MAINTAINED A 98% retention rate across all sites.

SUPPORTED 205 individuals in participating in employment training and placement programs, with 50 participants moving to unsubsidized employment, including 10/19.

ENROLLED 27 individuals, including 20/47 in college, 7 individuals in a high-school diploma program.

CREATED a sense of belonging by providing support groups, money management classes, art classes, computer classes, cooking classes, group dinners and meditation classes.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Program Services $15,585,657
Management & Admin $2,134,815
Fundraising $915,224

* Based on most recent audited financial statements conducted by a Certified Public Accounting Firm.