IMPACT! How your investment is changing lives at Step Up and Daniel's Place!

Commemorating 30 years of Help, Hope, and a Home for individuals, families, & communities experiencing mental health issues.

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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Because of You...



Construction is underway on the newest Step Up community - The Kaufmann Apartments! Located at 520 Colorado Ave., The Kaufmann Apartments will bring 34 new units of permanent supportive housing to Santa Monica in early 2015. The Expo Line is also under construction directly in front of the building site (pictured below), which will give the new



residents easy access to public transportation. In Hollywood, another Step Up community, Michael's Village, is currently under renovation on Sunset Blvd. Eight units of permanent supportive housing are already completed, with the final 24 units ready by Spring 2014.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Because of You....



Participants in Step Up's supported employment training and placement program work together to prepare one of the 40,000 individual meals served annually at Step Up on Second. Other paid work experiences include retail sales, commercial food service, janitorial, administrative skills, and aeroponic gardening. Members from both Daniel's Place and Step Up participate in this program fostering productivity, effective time management, and teamwork.

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES Because of You...



Step Up's evidence-based programs and services lead to harm reduction, recovery, well-being, and self-sufficiency. Meaningful opportunities, such as the Creative Writing Group (above, facilitated by volunteer and board member Phil Glosserman), Art Therapy, the Computer Learning Center, and other member-lead topic groups help create a sense of belonging for members of the community. Participants in the Member Advisory Committee have a voice in all relevant matters, and residents of all Step Up communities (Step on Second, Step Up on Fifth, Daniel's Village, Step Up on Vine, Michael's Village, and The Tammy) have the opportunity to participate in Tenant Advisory Committees regarding all aspects of the buildings in which they reside.