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## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING *because of you...*



The **inspiring life** of Leroy S., a resident of Step Up on Fifth, was recently featured in a short film by Directors Guild of America member Jerri Sher. The film was screened at a public reception, and is currently airing on Santa Monica CityTV. "The highlight of my recovery was actually getting off the street and into independent living at Step Up on Fifth. It's the only place I've ever been able to call home." said Leroy. "I have a safe place to live, and I'm not living in fear. I've been able to heal from the inside out."

"Transformation takes time and my mental stability is a gradual process." Leroy continues. "I've been given the chance to live a new life, and the opportunity to share the life I've been given." To view the film of Leroy's remarkable story of **recovery and hope**, please visit our blog at [www.stepuponsecond.org](http://www.stepuponsecond.org).

**Congratulations to you, Leroy!**

## MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES *because of you...*

Step Up and Daniel's Place artists, writers, and poets attended the **Second Annual Valentine's Day Party** on February 16th. The event, hosted by longtime friend of Step Up, Joy Anderson (below right), and her daughter Julie (below left), was held in *Julie's Room*, the Art Studio at Step Up on Second, and was a celebration of the healing power of art.



"There was a time when I was experiencing homelessness, and my mom didn't know where I was or how to reach me." Julie shared. "She created *Julie's Room* as a way to still feel connected to me and to help others through the healing power of art. It means the world to me to be here and share my story of hope and recovery." **Thank you, Julie!** The member artists of *Julie's Room* and Daniel's Place are very appreciative of opportunities for creative expression. To donate art supplies, or to volunteer to lead a class, contact [kimm@stepuponsecond.org](mailto:kimm@stepuponsecond.org).

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT *because of you...*



Joseph B. became a Daniel's Place member in 2008 and entered the Vocational Training Program in 2012. It didn't take long for Joseph to demonstrate his great potential. When a **Job Coach** position became available, he accepted the challenge! Joseph's dedication and motivation for success paid off and he continues to be a valued member of the Vocational Team! **A salute to your success, Joseph, and thank you!**

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