



IMPACT!

Your investment is changing lives through the housing, employment training, and supportive services of Step Up and Daniel's Places.

RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE!



May 2015
Mental
Health
Month!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

because of you...

This Memorial Day, we remember and salute all Veterans and Step Up's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Team! Step Up is partnering with Veterans Affairs to eliminate veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County by 2016 and is committed to housing 100 Veterans by the end of September. Since 2014, Step Up's 6-person VASH team helped 53 Veterans who were formerly experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues find permanent supportive housing throughout Los Angeles County. Marc Van Asselt, Manager of Step Up's VASH Program refers to his team as "Agents of Change". As the team provides Veterans with street outreach, engagement, help with benefits enrollment, and making appointments with the Los Angeles Housing Authority, a trusted partnership develops.



Above, VASH Team members Ruth Han (left) and Lauren Eccker (right) share Duncan N.'s happiness in his moving from the streets to his own apartment!

Step Up serves Veterans in "scattered site" units, and provides supportive mental health services for Veterans in each of its Step Up communities in Santa Monica and Hollywood.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

because of you...

Now it's time for us to serve our Veterans!



Navy Veteran Daniel L. began working in Step Up's Vocational Training Program in September 2010. With his excellent job performance, Daniel soon earned a permanent part-time Janitorial position, where he often fills in as a shift leader for the Vocational Team. "I'm thankful that I can work at Step Up in this capacity", says Daniel L. "And my position gives me the ability to buy extra things to enhance my life". **Honor. Courage. Commitment.** Step Up is proud and grateful to have Navy Veteran Daniel L. as an important member of the Vocational team. **Congratulations on your accomplishments, Daniel!**

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

because of you...



"This We'll Defend!" Gerald Alexander is Housing Coordinator for the Step Up Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Team and served in the Army. Gerald identifies landlords and property management companies throughout Los

Angeles County willing to rent to Veterans and establishes effective working relationships with them. He then maintains ongoing support to help them throughout the rental process. Once housed, the **VASH Team travels to the Veteran's new home and provides them with life skills coaching, linkage to medical care, and financial literacy & budgeting in their home setting.** These ongoing services put the "support" in supportive housing for Veterans and help ensure housing stability and retention! Step Up is committed to supporting our nation's heroes in reaching their self-determined goals. **Gratitude.**

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Step Up (310) 394-6889
Daniel's Place (310) 392-5855
Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)

Hollywood:

General Information (323) 380-7590 x1330

Beverly Hills:

Street Outreach Team (310) 901-3020