



YOUR 2015 IMPACT!

2015 Year in Review: How your investment changed the future for individuals experiencing mental health issues and chronic homelessness!



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LEADING THE WAY!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

In 2015, thanks to you...



“Welcome Home” kits being prepared, with all the move-in essentials needed by new residents.

- **HOMELESSNESS ENDED** for 120 individuals, including 40 US veterans, formerly experiencing chronic homelessness who are now stably housed and working towards their self-determined goals.
- Step Up’s **seven, diverse permanent supportive housing communities** are home to 200 individuals, including transitional aged youth (TAY).
- **Over 1200 individuals, 300 of whom are transitional aged youth**, accessed a rich array of effective mental health programs and services.
- **LEED-certified Kaufmann Apartments at Step Up on Colorado opened**, ending homelessness for 32 Santa Monica neighbors.
- Step Up made a **new 2015 Clinton Global Initiative Commitment-to-Action to END HOMELESSNESS for 400 veterans!**

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

In 2015, thanks to you...

- **Over 160 members** participated in supported employment training and placement programs.
- **26 individuals** moved into unsubsidized employment.
- **31 individuals** enrolled in an educational program of some type.
- **Over 40,000 individual meals** were prepared by vocational participants.



The Vocational Training Program provides real world experience in all aspects of kitchen operations.

Coaching and mentoring opportunities included: pre-vocational training; techniques for job interviews; work adjustment; employment preparation; and job placement. Hands-on experiences in paid positions included: word processing; data entry; facilities maintenance; receptionist duties; clerical support; food service; restaurant kitchen operations; and retail associate work. All participants desiring meaningful, community-competitive employment were assisted in achieving that goal! In Step Up’s Vocational program, **“There are no failures!”**.

MEMBER-DRIVEN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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Weekly groups, open to all members, provide opportunities for social connectedness.

Professional staff, peer advocates, members, and volunteers provided **60 member-driven support programs and services** to help reduce harm, prevent relapse, and foster recovery with topics as diverse as learning how to tell one’s story, computer basics, managing medications, yoga, money management, and a variety of art opportunities. **Step Up and Daniel’s Place members meet weekly in Member Advisory Groups** providing feedback and problem-solving. Two members serve on Step Up’s Board of Directors, and participate in establishing and supporting the agency’s vision for the future and advocacy to end stigma and discrimination. **In 2016**, your continued support will help change the future for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues through permanent supportive housing, vocational opportunities, and member-driven supportive services! Please **DONATE** today! Thank you!