



IMPACT!

How your investment is changing the future for individuals experiencing mental health issues through supportive housing, vocational training & placement, and a sense of belonging.



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LEADING THE WAY!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...

The City of Los Angeles has awarded 400 housing vouchers to Step Up and Shangri-La Construction to **END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS** this year! Read the amazing Los Angeles Times story at [Step Up's blog!](#)

This is a significant step because through motel conversions, Step Up and its partners will help 400 veterans experiencing homelessness move directly into service-rich supportive housing **within 6 months**. This scaling of supportive housing is exactly what Los Angeles needs to **END veteran homelessness** this year!

Step Up is launching a million dollar campaign in support of this unprecedented initiative. Be part of the [Welcome Home!](#) Veterans Campaign today and help **END HOMELESSNESS** for 400 veterans!



Opening day of the Expo Line, Step Up on Colorado in background!

More news! With the Grand Opening of the new EXPO line, residents of Step Up now have access to the Los Angeles community at large!

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...

Step Up's Vocational Services program was awarded \$20,000 from Los Angeles County 3rd District Supervisor Shiela Kuehl's *Food for the Soul* program to improve the physical, social, and emotional well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness by sponsoring community cultivation, distribution and preparation of fresh fruits and vegetables.



Gerardo Gutierrez, Step Up Job Coach and Garden Manager

Vocational Services staff Gerardo Gutierrez and Amy Stone, VP, recently attended the first convening of fellow awardees and staff from Supervisor Shiela Kuehl's office. "The *Food for the Soul* grant has helped Step Up create job opportunities, such as the Garden Technician

who tends the aeroponic towers at the urban rooftop garden of Step Up on Vine", said Gutierrez. "All the produce grown at the rooftop garden is used in meal preparation for Step Up on Second, Step Up on Vine, and Daniel's Place."

Congratulations to the Vocational Team for this award to grow, distribute, prepare, and serve healthy fresh fruits and vegetables for Step Up tenants! *Food for the Soul* is helping Step Up's Vocational program improve food security and strengthen community connections!

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



"A diagnosis is not a destiny!"

The supportive communities of Daniel's Places foster hope, wellness, and recovery for transitional aged youth!

And here's their wish list of **needed donated items**: Back packs, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, gift cards for phones, groceries and sundries, age appropriate large & extra large men's clothing, small note pads and pens, travel size toiletries and zippered bags, sewing kits, travel thermos, microwavable cups, reusable water containers, and feminine products.

Want to make a donation or organize a donation drive?

Contact: Kimberly Low (310) 392-5855 ext. 1721
Or visit www.danielsplace.org

Santa Monica:

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

Hollywood:

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