



IMPACT!

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



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...leading the way to life in recovery!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Some of the many Volunteers who participated in the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

In January, thousands of volunteers across Los Angeles County trained to participate in the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, the largest census of individuals experiencing homelessness in the nation. Over the course of three days and three nights, teams of two to four volunteers walked or drove the streets and alleys looking for individuals living unsheltered in Los Angeles County.

There are four components to the Homeless Count, each playing a vital role in providing an accurate picture of homelessness in Los Angeles: Street Count; Shelter-Institutional Count; Demographic Surveys; and the Youth Count. Results of the Homeless Count are key to bringing vital community and federal resources to help develop and implement strategies to end homelessness. The results will be posted in the Spring. Step Up staff participated in both the Youth Count and the Street Count.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



Levi S. preparing one of his popular recipes at Step Up on Second St.

Levi S. has always had a fascination with cooking and cuisine. This interest led him to enroll in the LA Trade Tech Culinary Arts Program. Upon graduation, Levi's goal was to follow his passion and find a steady position as a chef. In January 2016, Levi S. enrolled as a participant in the Vocational Program at Step Up on Second St. "In the past two years, as Levi's social skills improve, his culinary competence has become more and more clear," said Len Lovallo, Program Director, Vocational Programs. "It has been amazing to watch his transformation."

Today, Levi assists the Kitchen Manager in menu planning and creating delicious and healthy meals for Step Up members. "Cooking gave me a direction in life and something to enjoy," says Levi.

Congratulations Levi S., and to all Vocational participants, on your continual progress in reaching your goals!

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, respect...



Step Up CEO Tod Lipka and Step Up Board Member Nancy Carter accept the 2018 Community Light Award presented by Dr. Karen Gunn.

For enacting the spirit of Dr. King, Step Up was honored with the 2018 Community Light Award at the 33rd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition Celebration in recognition of its service as an "organization that represents hope, opportunity, help, and housing for the diverse and vulnerable population it serves." During the event, the segment from the Emmy Award winning PSA *Santa Monica Cares* featuring Step Up Board member and tenant Leroy Simpkins was shown as an example of how Step Up's client-preferred services lead to recovery.

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