

Spotlight on Volunteer Anne Hallock

Several times a week, you will find volunteer Anne Hallock at Step Up's Building 209 on the VA Campus. As the informal "Social Director," she and the staff plan, organize, and lead activities which give resident members opportunities to learn new skills, build a sense of community, strengthen mutual support and foster a sense of belonging.

Anne has lived in Brentwood for nearly 25 years. She says, "I have always been aware of Step Up's incredibly important success. But when Step Up and the Veterans Administration opened Building 209, 54 permanent supportive apartments for formerly homeless vets, it all came together. Here, in my own neighborhood, was the opportunity to make a difference!"

Anne considers the residents of Building 209 very special friends. "I am incredibly impressed by the concern and support members provide each other. It is a privilege to be a part of Step Up and Building 209." Thank you, Anne, for your dedication to our Veterans!



Volunteer Anne Hallock
welcomes everyone

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...



Veterans Village receives a \$500,000 grant from the Home Depot Foundation

affordable housing property exclusively for Veterans and will provide 76 permanent supportive housing apartments.



SANTA ANA VETERANS VILLAGE

Construction is slated to begin in Winter 2019 and is designed to comply with the American Disabilities Act requirements and achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) for Homes-certified Gold rating.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Productivity and social connectedness...



T. Steven Johnson aka Willie

T. Steven Johnson, known as Willie, is a familiar face at many Step Up locations where he is a part-time janitor and a valued member of Step Up's Vocational Peer Training Program.

Willie grew up in Pomona. After high school, he joined the army where he served as a radar crewman. After completing his service, he found that he struggled with addictive behavior and he ended up homeless.

Things began to turn around for Willie when he lived in the Domiciliary, the VA's treatment and rehabilitation program.

Then he found Step Up and has lived in Building 209 since June 9, 2017. He takes pride in his work as a janitor and says "Because of Step Up, life is not over for me."

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, and respect...



Tom playing the new digital piano, thrilled beyond belief

The Veteran residents in building 209 were recently gifted a Technics Digital Piano by Laura Marlowe, author of the popular children's book, *Tommy the Throwaway Dog*, and VA volunteer. Marlowe met resident and musician Tom when the piano was being delivered to the Multi-Purpose Room. "I can't believe it," exclaimed Tom, "Just last night, I dreamt that I was on stage waiting for my piano to arrive! This is it!"

Marlowe was more than happy to show Tom everything he needed to know about the digital piano. Says Marlowe, "It was my dream to provide Veterans with a quality piano for playing, listening, learning, musical camaraderie amongst Veterans and even PTSD music therapy. Meeting the Step Up staff and Tom, the Veteran/pianist I had heard so much about, was a highlight."

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