



IMPACT!

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

...leading the way to life in recovery!



November 2017



Veterans Day is
Nov. 11!

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The #1 requested supportive service...

"Step Up is going National," exclaimed CEO Tod Lipka. Step Up will co-develop Step Up Warley Park with Wendover Housing Partners, a housing development firm based Florida. Wendover has development expertise in building and managing affordable housing projects and secured full funding for the Warley Park Project. The proposed 80 unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) community will be located in Seminole County. Step Up was asked to partner with Wendover because of its expertise and success with ending homelessness for persons experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues in addition to developing and managing PSH communities.

Wendover and Step Up are in the planning phase of the process and Step Up staff will begin making regular trips to Florida to participate in all phases of development. Forty of the units will be for persons in Seminole County who are experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues and 40 affordable units will be for families. The project is expected to break ground on the four acre campus within seven months. Wendover will raise public and private funds to underwrite Step Up's services for the project.

This is the first PSH project planned with more to come with Wendover Housing Partners. Florida has the third highest rate of chronic homelessness in the United States.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING & PLACEMENT

The #2 requested supportive service ...



Originally highlighted in the May 2015 issue of *Impact!*, Daniel L. has become an invaluable part of the Vocational team. "We knew Daniel would be a perfect fit for Building 209 janitorial for Step Up. Daniel is a Veteran, too," remarked Frank Hendricks, Operations Manager for the Vocational team. Bldg. 209 is the new

home for 54 formerly homeless Veterans. "He handles all the janitorial duties in the building without daily supervision," added Hendricks. A huge Dodgers fan, Daniel was able to attend his first Dodgers game earlier this year with the help of the Hollywood Tenants Action Committee (TAC). Step Up is proud and grateful to have Navy Veteran Daniel L. on board.

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Santa Monica:	
Step Up	(310) 394-6889
Daniel's Place	(310) 392-5855
<i>Transitional Aged Youth (18-28 years)</i>	
Hollywood/West Hollywood:	
General Information	(323) 380-7590 x1330
VASH	(323) 499-2650
Beverly Hills:	
Street Outreach Team	(310) 901-3020
San Bernardino/Riverside:	
Field Services	(909) 963-5355

SENSE OF BELONGING

Mutuality, safety, and respect...



Santa Monica Fire Fighters and Elks Lodge Members deliver Welcome Kit items for Veterans.

With the help of a Welcome Home Grant from The Elks National Foundation and the Santa Monica Fire Department, the Santa Monica Elks Lodge was able to deliver two pickup trucks of household supplies for Veterans working with Step Up programs. "Step Up is so fortunate to have such overwhelming community support for our Veterans," says Vice President of Development, Deidre Strohm. "This is the second donation our Veterans programs have received from the Santa Monica Elks this year." In September, members of the Santa Monica Elks Lodge donated and delivered 54 mini-freezers for the Veterans who live in Building 209.

**#GIVING
TUESDAY**

IS NOVEMBER 28, 2017
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