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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING



L.A. Family Housing needs your support to provide supportive programs and services to help residents transition out of homelessness and poverty.

One of the best ways to help the people we serve is by making a financial contribution. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Your thoughtful gift will be used where the need is the greatest.

Examples include:

- \$10,000** provides one family with two years of shelter and supportive services at the Sydney M. Irmas Transitional Living Center.
- \$5,000** provides one person with one year of shelter and supportive services at the Trudy and Norman Louis Valley Shelter.
- \$1,000** provides healthy, nutritious meals for 1,000 homeless children and adults.
- \$500** provides one person with three months of job training.
- \$150** supports after school programs for tenants in LAFH apartments.
- \$50** provides one family with one-on-one money management training at Comunidad Cesar Chavez.

Ways to Give

- Give securely online:** www.lafh.org
- Call L.A. Family Housing:** (818) 982-4091, extension 104
- Mail:** 7843 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91605
Please make checks payable to: **L.A. Family Housing**



REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



Development Principles

L.A. Family Housing's mission to develop, own and operate permanent affordable housing enriched with supportive services is guided by three key principles: design and development of "sustainable" buildings; ownership of responsibly managed, financially sound properties; and provision of services which are responsive to resident needs. LAFH has developed and currently operates 25 properties ranging from homeless shelters to permanent, affordable apartment buildings. With each new development, we work with the surrounding community and its stakeholders to share these principles and our commitment to LAFH residents as they transition out of homelessness and poverty.



Sustainable Design

L.A. Family Housing's new real estate developments incorporate "green building" principles through climate-responsive design and conservation practices, energy efficient systems, and use of renewable, non-toxic building materials. LAFH makes a conscious effort to situate its properties in close proximity to public transportation, supermarkets, schools, public parks and other community resources.

Responsible Property Management

Our Property Management Department provides onsite management, maintenance and repair services, and compliance reporting to our financial partners. Through regular tenant meetings, our staff communicates with tenants to insure that their feedback is incorporated into the operations of the building. Our pride of ownership contributes to the quality of the neighborhoods surrounding each of our properties.



Responsive Resident Services

L.A. Family Housing offers programs to enhance the quality of life for all residents through our Housing Resource Specialists, Tenant Service Coordinators, Case Managers and Volunteer Services Program. Residents benefit from onsite computer labs and childcare centers, after-school homework assistance, and other social and recreational programs. In addition to onsite services, tenants are referred to local community resources for access to legal services, mental and physical health care, employment counseling and financial literacy programs.

COMUNIDAD CESAR CHAVEZ FAMILY SHELTER



Comunidad Cesar Chavez (CCC) is the major provider of emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless children and families in East Los Angeles and has been an integral part of the Boyle Heights community since opening its doors in 1988. CCC provides 140 beds for children and adults nightly, and serves approximately 400 people annually.

Creating a Sense of Stability

Families stay for up to four months in private units with a living area, built-in kitchen, bathroom, closet and telephone. The facility, which was remodeled in 2003, is visually appealing and cheerful. Our goal is to keep families intact and to provide an environment of privacy and dignity as they transition out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Supportive Services

In addition to their living quarters, CCC residents have access to a variety of on-site supportive services including a computer lab; emergency food pantry; community room with a library including children's books and toys; secured children's playground with a basketball court; storage area; laundry; and a community garden.

Services benefiting children and families are provided by a bilingual (English/Spanish), multicultural, on-site staff and through partnerships with other local organizations. They include:

- family case management
- assistance in securing child care
- children's after-school enrichment activities and homework assistance
- employment search and job retention training
- on-site computer lab
- hygiene supplies, including diapers for infants
- life skills training (including parenting classes, family budgeting and money management)
- housing counseling and placement assistance
- drug and alcohol counseling
- referrals to medical and mental health services
- professional and casual clothing
- transportation assistance



TRUDY AND NORMAN LOUIS VALLEY SHELTER



L.A. Family Housing's Trudy and Norman Louis Valley Shelter in North Hollywood provides emergency and transitional shelter and supportive services for more than 1,000 homeless adults annually. Since 1985, Valley Shelter has been the largest housing and services program in the San Fernando Valley for homeless adults with 135 transitional beds and 115 emergency beds.

Residents

Valley Shelter residents represent some of the hardest-to-serve individuals among the Los Angeles homeless population. Many have been homeless for long periods of time and are impacted by limited employment skills, little education, mental illness, substance abuse, physical disabilities, and for some, a history of incarceration.

Serving U.S. Veterans

Valley Shelter offers a veteran's program specifically designed to provide homeless vets with employment search and placement assistance and help with finding permanent, independent housing. We are proud to say that we are able to place nearly eighty percent (80%) of the veterans we serve at Valley Shelter into permanent housing.

Supportive Services

In addition to safe and clean shelter, L.A. Family Housing provides the following services on site:

- case management
- employment readiness, placement and retention
- permanent housing search and placement
- three nutritious and balanced meals daily in an on-site cafeteria
- designated beds and housing referrals for persons with HIV/AIDS
- drug and alcohol recovery programs
- referrals to substance abuse treatment facilities
- medical and mental health services
- hygiene supplies
- professional and casual clothing
- transportation assistance
- life skills training, including money management
- adult literacy



SYDNEY M. IRMAS TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER



L.A. Family Housing's Sydney M. Irmias Transitional Living Center (TLC) in North Hollywood opened in 1998 to provide 260 beds of emergency and transitional housing with supportive services for homeless children and their families.

Stabilizing Families

Families may reside in the shelter for up to two years as they stabilize their lives; the average stay is nine months. Seventy percent (70%) of the families completing the TLC program enter permanent, independent housing - a significant accomplishment considering the myriad of challenges they face.

A Nurturing Environment for Children

Families arrive at TLC fresh from experiencing the fear, danger and indignity of homelessness. Resident children and families frequently struggle with issues of poor health, stress- and nutrition-related physical conditions, prior abuse, learning disorders, intermittent school attendance, and behavior problems.

Two-thirds of all TLC clients are under the age of 18, with approximately 200 children served annually. The overall goal of TLC's children and youth services is to provide an environment in which young residents feel safe, positive and engaged as their parents work to secure employment and permanent housing.

Supportive Services

On-site supportive services, provided through our own programs and through partner organizations, include:

- family case management
- employment search and job retention training
- life skills training (including parenting classes, family budgeting and money management)
- housing counseling and placement assistance
- referrals to medical and mental health services
- professional and casual clothing
- transportation assistance
- drug and alcohol counseling
- three nutritious and balanced meals daily in an on-site cafeteria
- school enrollment and reintegration services
- family reading program
- supervised field trips and arts activities
- assistance in securing child care
- on-site library room and computer lab
- hygiene supplies, including diapers for infants
- children's after-school enrichment activities and homework assistance



25 YEAR HISTORY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1983-2008



- 1983** L.A. Family Housing incorporates to serve homeless families in South Los Angeles.
- 1984** Valley Interfaith Council purchases Fiesta Motel to convert into a homeless shelter.
- 1985** Valley Shelter opens to serve homeless families in the San Fernando Valley.
- 1986** L.A. Family Housing and Valley Shelter merge into a new comprehensive agency.
- 1987** Winter Shelter Program begins in the San Fernando Valley.
- 1988** Chernow House Temporary Shelter opens in Boyle Heights.
- 1989** Casa Central, a 6-unit affordable apartment building, opens in South Los Angeles.
- 1990** Casa Figueroa (4 units) and Triangle House (8 units) open in Los Angeles; Valley Shelter expansion is built to provide more beds for individuals.
- 1991** Gentry Village (3 units) opens in North Hollywood; Valley Shelter is re-named as Trudy and Norman Louis Valley Shelter.
- 1992** Martin Luther King Village (7 units) opens in Los Angeles, and Gentry North (5 units) opens in North Hollywood.
- 1993** Strong Residence (6 units) opens in Los Angeles and Harmony Place (18 units) opens in North Hollywood.
- 1994** Cochran Villa (10 units) opens in South Los Angeles.
- 1995** Vineland Place (18 units) opens in Sun Valley and Delano Court (18 units) opens in Van Nuys.
- 1996** Alabama Court (42 units) opens in Canoga Park; Homeless Access Center opens in Boyle Heights and Pacoima; Mobile Healthcare van is introduced.
- 1997** Vanowen Gardens (15 units) and Harmony Gardens (14 units) open in North Hollywood.
- 1998** Sydney M. Irmas Transitional Living Center (68 units) opens in North Hollywood; Klump Street (26 units) opens in the NoHo Arts District.
- 1999** Shelter and supportive services especially designed for veterans and disabled individuals are introduced.
- 2000** Offsay/Steinhauser Village (15 units) opens in North Hollywood; LAFH introduces First Annual Awards Dinner.
- 2001** Homeownership Program is introduced in partnership with Citigroup, California Community Foundation and Enterprise Foundation.
- 2002** City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Action Program is launched at Harmony Gardens; Back to Work Employment Center opens at Valley Shelter.
- 2003** Newly remodeled Comunidad Cesar Chavez (previously known as Chernow House) is dedicated in Boyle Heights; Hyde Park (25 units) opens in Inglewood.
- 2004** Warners. dedicates Bright Space Teen Room at Sydney M. Irmas Transitional Living Center.
- 2005** New Emergency Shelter Program is formed at TLC with funding from L.A. Homeless Services Authority.
- 2006** Cecil Younger Gardens (30 units) with childcare center opens in Van Nuys.
- 2007** New Tenant Services Program, Volunteer Services Program, and Permanent Supportive Housing model are formed; Valley Shelter rehabilitation is completed; S. Mark Taper Foundation Center for Supportive Services opens.
- 2008** Site for new development of Glenoaks Gardens is acquired; Housing Resource Center opens; TLC and CCC rehabilitations are completed.

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