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The Nook Grand Opening

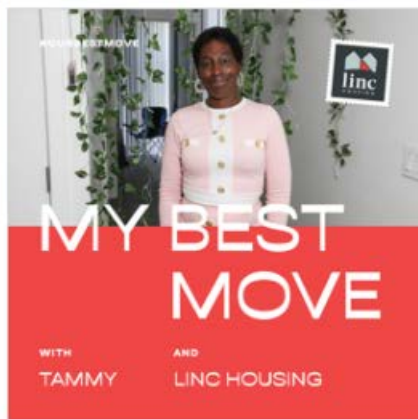
On August 31, Linc Housing and Jovenes celebrated the grand opening of The Nook, a 27-apartment community in South Whittier for transition-aged and formerly homeless youth. LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and representatives from several county departments were joined at the celebration by funders, construction partners, community leaders, and residents.

When the new South Whittier Library opened several years back, Linc worked to partner with the County of Los Angeles to create this vibrant, supportive housing community at the previous library site. The property includes sustainable construction features, collaborative spaces - like a community kitchen, computer lab, deck, and patio, and easy access to the location of the new library.

At The Nook, residents receive access to mental health resources thanks to No Place Like Home funding. Linc's supportive services partner at this property, Jovenes, Inc., provides case management focused on supporting residents in their personal development.

The day's event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and property tours. Community leaders spoke to the importance of addressing the needs of this vulnerable population and how affordable housing strengthens neighborhoods. Musical guest Visud Chang performed a song with Linc resident Tammy about her journey from homelessness to housing stability.

Linc Housing thanks all its partners and funders who helped to make this housing a reality, and we appreciate everyone in attendance for helping us celebrate these 27 new homes that will serve as a place for the TAY and formerly homeless residents to take the next step in their lives toward independence.



HHH - Our Best Move to End Homelessness in Supportive Housing

One thing that we think about a lot at Linc Housing is what's "our best move" to help people get and keep affordable housing. Of course, we know that the best way to solve homelessness is to get people into their own homes; however, we also understand that sometimes housing alone is not enough.

That's where supportive housing with wraparound services comes in.

We know that supportive housing is the foundation from which people can build stable lives – and 98% percent of residents who move into Linc's supportive housing



Metro's K Line Opens Adjacent to Linc's Fairview Heights Apartments

On Saturday, August 20, LA Metro dedicated the K Line's Fairview Heights Station. Linc and National CORE's new Fairview Heights apartment community, located directly across the street from the station, was designed to be a landmark building in the spirit of an old train station, providing a sense of arrival and place. In addition, the community is a new transit-oriented affordable and supportive housing apartment complex with 101 homes, with 50 units reserved for people who have experienced homelessness. The building has more than 6,300 square feet of community-serving space, including offices for the local nonprofit One For All, an Inglewood Police Department Community Drop-In Center, and a planned Workforce Innovation & Talent Center.

are still stably housed after one year -- with improved health, financial stability, and self-sufficiency.

At Cadence, our new community in Watts that was made possible in part with funding from Measure HHH, resident Tammy was amazed to find that along with her new home being stocked with everything she needed, her new community also provided her with supportive services and case management. "I didn't have to worry about anything happening to me. I was safe." Since settling in, Tammy has reunited with her mother, is building relationships with her four children and grandbaby, graduated from medical assistant school, and has gotten a job. She says, "Because of my home, I have a lot of goals and plans for my future."

We are so proud to see how Tammy's #MyBestMove story ([click here](#)) has allowed her to focus on personal growth and her plan for the future.

Supportive housing is truly #OurBestMove to reduce homelessness!

One especially unique feature of the building is a four-story augmented reality mural, which features vibrant colors and imagery of joining hands, depicting strength in togetherness, solidarity, diversity, and inclusion. Viewers can download the Hoverlay app and hold up their phones to experience the augmented reality. They'll see the hands open to reveal images of culture, history, and heritage.

When officially opened, the K Line will link the E (Expo) Line at the Expo/Crenshaw station with the C Line at Aviation/LAX station, connecting the Crenshaw Corridor, Inglewood, LAX, and El Segundo.



OMG! August was Black Business Month

As August was Black Business Month, Linc wants to take this opportunity to highlight one of our vendors - Opportunity Marketing Group (OMG). Not only is OMG a Black-owned business, but they help us work with other vendors from diverse backgrounds.



HiFi Collective Welcome Home

Located in Historic Filipinotown, HiFi Collective, a new 64-apartment supportive housing community for those who have experienced homelessness, is now ready to welcome residents home.

On August 3, OceanX Fulfillment Services delivered more than 500 units of personal care products donated by the beauty and wellness brands they represent.

The next day, a crew volunteers from Bank of America, as well as returning volunteers Mori Leshem, her daughter Ariella (age 12), son Jordan (age 8), and niece Shira (age 8), unpacked, organized, and delivered housing essentials, including towels, bedding, dishes, cleaning supplies, and toiletries to each apartment. Ariella, a returning Welcome Home volunteer, said, "I think it's really great that we can help make sure that people have these things we take for granted."

Our thanks to Bank of America, the extended Leshem family, and Lee family for sponsoring these housewares for new Linc residents. Because of these generous volunteers, when residents move in, they will be welcomed into a clean, fully furnished home stocked with all the essentials.

OMG does outreach and compliance monitoring for construction local hire, prevailing wage, and diverse business (small, minority, and women-owned) -- helping Linc and our contractors meet our HUD Section 3 requirements.

But OMG goes above and beyond just compliance. They meet with the contractors to make sure they understand the requirements, help with outreach, as well as meet with subcontractors and connect them to potential employees. This helps the neighborhoods in which we build by connecting community members to the jobs our construction sites create.

Founded in 1992, OMG remains a family-owned business. President Krisna Bennett and her skilled staff of compliance officers are knowledgeable, organized, flexible, and thorough. Their work helps Linc continue our commitment to examining and understanding the root causes of economic injustice and meeting those injustices with the force and action they require for long-term transformation. Thank you, OMG!



VIDEO: Linc Story in Song Created by Musician Visud Chang and Resident Erica

Linc communities change lives for more people than just who live in them. At the 2021 grand opening of Spark at Midtown in Long Beach, high school student Visud Chang was so inspired by hearing Erica, a

new resident of Spark, tell her story that he wrote a song about it. This past June, the burgeoning songwriter and his muse performed this original piece at the grand opening of another Linc community, Cadence in Watts. [Click here](#) to view the inaugural performance of "Godforsaken Concrete."

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