



Opening Doors to a Brighter Future



From cooking to painting to gardening, activity boxes prepared by Linc staff helped lift spirits and bring families together.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Bridging the Digital Divide

This fall Linc invited applications to the Netflix Neighbors Care Scholarship, providing extra support to three college students with a new laptop. Winners were:

Angel, a resident at Mosaic Gardens at Huntington Park and first-year nursing student at Prestige College. She acknowledges her hardships but remains confident: "life may seem difficult, but there is absolutely nothing you can't handle."

Aandi, a Palace resident, who is starting her first year at Long Beach City College. Her dream is "to own a Starbucks franchise because I love coffee and it would give me the opportunity to... provide secure employment opportunities."

Saidur (above), a resident at Mosaic Gardens at Westlake. Now an adult with a son in Linc's after-school program, he decided to enroll in college to study criminal justice. He believes "community involvement has the power to bring positive, measurable change."



LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

Strong Start to School Year

As the new school year launched, Linc's resident services staff continued to provide virtual supportive services to young residents, including homework help, tutoring, and fun activities.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

High School Senior Helping Seniors

Seasons at La Palma is very fortunate to have Alvaro as a community member and dedicated volunteer. Alvaro, who has been volunteering for more than a year now, initially got involved through our food bank distribution. Although he is a very busy high school student, he always tries his best to get onsite to volunteer because he loves volunteering and giving back to his community.

Earlier this year, Alvaro and his Associated Student Body group brought 34 students to Seasons at La Palma to sponsor the seniors' Valentine's Day celebration. They provided everything for the event, including decorations, food, bingo games, and a photobooth. The fresh faces and youthful energy made for a joyful time for the residents. Alvaro is always ready to help, assisting during a Paint & Unwind activity and at the annual holiday celebration last year. Residents love seeing Alvaro onsite and truly appreciate his dedication to community engagement and hard work.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

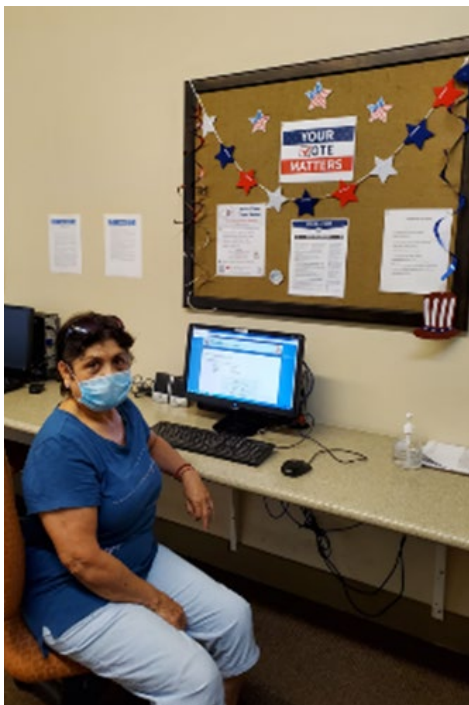
Meet Laura

Laura is the Resident Services Coordinator for three of Linc's senior apartments in the Anderson/Redding area: Seasons at Anderson, Seasons at Los Robles, and East Street Apartments. She spent 13 years teaching and 20 years in social services before coming to Linc Housing. Laura feels lucky to have found the perfect job where she could help seniors and build relationships with them as she works alongside kind, supportive staff. We at Linc feel lucky to have her as well! She goes above and beyond, including helping to plan the first annual Senior Health Fair in Anderson last year. Laura loves to be in nature and walk her dog at River Park. She says, "It is beautiful, peaceful, and a great way to start each day!"



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Your Vote. Your Voice.



Voter engagement efforts took off across Linc's communities. Resident Services staff posted "Your Voice. Your Vote." flyers with important dates, offered one-on-one office hours (with all COVID-19 precautions in place), and hosted workshops where residents could check their registration status, update their information, and even register to vote.

Angel To, Linc's Community Involvement Coordinator, shares "Linc's mission goes beyond housing; it seeks to cultivate spaces for residents to embrace their voice. A vote is a voice, and that's why we led with the slogan: Your Vote. Your Voice. Historically, there is significantly less voter turnout in minority groups and lower income households. We support individuals in these groups and we want them to know their voice will impact the elections through their vote."

Resident services staff reported the rewarding impression that many of these residents were using their vote this year. One resident excitedly shared that after sitting out on past years' elections, she participated in this year's 2020 election.

We are so excited to see our residents empowering themselves to make their voices heard!





First-Time Homebuyer

Fifty-nine-year-old veteran Michael moved into Liberty Village after experiencing homelessness. Now after two years of stable supportive housing, he is a proud first-time home buyer!

Having served in the Navy, he has seen his fair share of battle, but none was bigger than hard-won appeals for benefits from the Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration. These appeals, along with a VA loan with Veterans United, enabled him to put down money for a new home.

Michael was full of excitement when he officially closed escrow on the house and picked up the keys to get ready to move in almost immediately. He is now happily residing in his new 3-bedroom, 2100 sq. ft. home in Desert Hot Springs with his wife and daughter.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Financially Fearless

Aandi used to fear her finances. She avoided checking her credit report, but with several debts in collections, she suspected that the situation was bleak. Then LISC, a national non-profit supporting community development, sponsored a Financial Empowerment Program right where she lived at The Palace. At first, she avoided attending, assuming it would only confirm her financial failures.

It took some creative marketing, consistent follow up, and free food to convince Aandi to start coming. Though disengaged at first, she soon started to show genuine interest. During a session provided by Orange County Credit Union on Rebuilding Your Credit, she realized there might be hope after all. She listened intently and asked questions. With the knowledge she gained, she opened a secure loan to begin working on her credit.

She excitedly shared this development with her Linc staff member, who congratulated her and followed up with her each month on the loan's repayment progress. She hasn't missed a single payment and is on track to complete it within the next few months.

As Aandi gained confidence from starting to taking control of her finances, she decided that she was ready to check her credit score.

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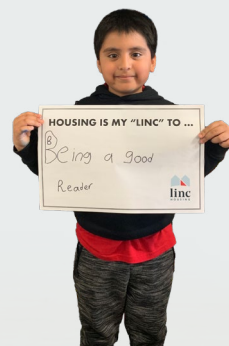
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She scheduled an appointment with Linc staff, who guided her to annualcreditreport.com, where she found a pleasant surprise. Her debt was more manageable than she thought, and her credit score wasn't as low as she expected. With some encouragement, she began paying off the debt she had in collections. Through the help of the Financial Empowerment Program she is now financially fearless and on her way to a secure future.

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