



## the linc between hope & home

January & February 2023



### Increasingly Impactful

In 2022, Linc opened 345 new apartments in Inglewood, Historic Filipinotown, South Whittier, and Watts. Many of these units are for people who were formerly unhoused. Additionally, a Project Homekey motel in Anaheim was transformed into interim housing, adding to our impact on addressing homelessness. These new supportive housing communities offer residents not only physical refuge but also the resources they need to stabilize and improve their lives.

This year, Linc continues to increase its impact by using a variety of construction techniques to bring more housing online, quickly and efficiently. Through acquisition and rehabilitation, we will open 128 apartments in Los Angeles, 35 in Van Nuys, and begin work on 175 more in two locations in Long Beach. All of these new communities are for people who were formerly homeless. Through new construction, Linc will open five additional communities in La Puente, Beaumont, San Pedro, Wilmington, and North Hollywood, creating 379 more affordable and supportive homes.

The housing crisis is a long-term challenge, but with dedication and focus, Linc is working to become increasingly impactful in addressing it.

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## Duty of Care, Linc Board Updates

This January, Linc welcomed two new members to the board of directors: Ruby Bolaria Shifrin (left) and Dr. Cynthia Gonzalez, Ph.D. (right). Cynthia is the assistant director for the division of community engagement and an assistant professor for the Master of Public Health Program at Charles Drew University.

She grew up in the Willowbrook neighborhood, giving her a special connection to this community and its residents, where Linc has a key focus. Ruby Bolaria Shifrin is head of community for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. In this role, she oversees the housing affordability program that strives to ensure that everyone in California can have a safe, accessible, and affordable home while living in dignity.

In other board news, Linc would like to thank our now past chair, Jay Prag, who transitioned out of the role of chair but remains on the board. Finally, we welcome our new board chair, Jeff Lee, and look forward to his leadership. Linc wouldn't be able to fulfill our mission without the guidance of our entire board of directors.

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## Linc Youth Mentors Give and Receive





At Linc, we are especially dedicated to mentoring the youth who live in our communities. Since January was National Mentoring Month, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the power of relationships and raise awareness about the impact that mentoring can have on both the mentor and mentee. Sometimes, the best way to support youth is to give them opportunities to be mentors themselves. For example, at Terracina in San Jacinto, teen residents volunteer in the community's youth empowerment program, providing mentorship to younger participants.

Last summer, Hamahníe, a shy, quiet 9th grader, volunteered every day throughout the summer program, reading to younger kids. Volunteering and mentoring helped Hamahníe to come out of his own shell. Then in the fall, that confidence enabled him to reach out to the program when he began to struggle in Spanish class. Now, he not only gets help from another teen resident volunteer but also from Isaac, a 4th grader whom Hamahníe mentored during the summer.

Julie, the resident services field supervisor overseeing youth programs at Terracina said, "What I noticed in the reciprocated mentorship that happened between Hamahníe and Isaac was that both were able to ask for help and be there for each other when they saw a program friend struggling with something."

## Welcoming Residents Home at Equa

MUFG Union Bank and CVS/Aetna volunteers donated their time and some elbow grease on January 31 to help Linc prepare to welcome residents home at Equa, our newest affordable and supportive housing community near La Puente.

Volunteers packed, organized, and delivered baskets of home essentials, including cookware, food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and a handmade "Welcome Home" sign for every new apartment.

Along with these baskets, volunteers provided towels, bedding, dishes, and cookware to 34 supportive apartments reserved for residents who have experienced homelessness. All the welcome signs were handmade by the Leshem family and friends, recurring Welcome Home volunteers.

Because of these amazing volunteers, MUFG Union Bank's \$10,000 event sponsorship, and many individual donors who contributed to fund these supplies, the residents of Equa were welcomed into new homes stocked with the essentials needed to start their journey toward housing stability.



## Become a Recurring Gift Donor to Compound Your Impact

Become a recurring gift donor by making a monthly donation! Even a small monthly contribution to Linc adds up and will provide a baseline of support for our efforts to end the housing and homelessness crisis in our state. Here are a few ways your support will make a difference:

- Facilitate the creation of new affordable and supportive housing for our most vulnerable neighbors
- Support services that empower and create opportunities for people living in our communities
- Help purchase essential housewares for our residents transitioning out of homelessness

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