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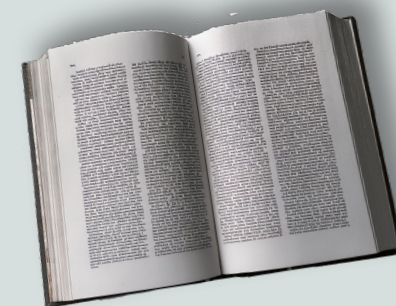
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LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

Youth Reading at Sumer Camp

During summer camp at Liberty Village in Beaumont, a group of middle school girls took the initiative to read to younger kids. Experiences like these are incredibly rewarding for everyone.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Sun Country Builders at The Blossom

Since 2020, Sun Country Builders has supported Linc’s youth literacy efforts by funding the creation of community youth libraries and reading nooks, and sponsoring literacy activities. Thanks to their support 160 children and teens read a total of 12,911 pages this past summer!

As the inaugural summer camp wrapped up at The Blossom, a new affordable apartment community for families in Beaumont, volunteers from Sun Country Builders visited from San Diego to host a celebration. They served refreshments, played games, and brought 45 books from the community’s wish list.

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It just goes to show that this general contractor is building more than just apartments; they are building brighter futures.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Nina Dooley Retires after 25 Years Supporting Linc Housing

In this staff spotlight, we honor Nina Dooley, VP of corporate development, who retired this summer after 25 years of dedicated service to Linc. Known for her warmth and joy, Nina fundraised tirelessly to support new initiatives. Her efforts were instrumental in growing Linc’s services program, from a pilot at City Gardens in Santa Ana to 35 communities across California.

Nina’s compassion led to the creation of our Welcome Home program after learning that residents at Seasons at Compton, Linc’s first community for formerly homeless seniors, were moving in without furniture or essentials. Thanks to the philanthropic support she established, since then, every apartment in our new supportive housing communities is fully furnished before residents arrive.

Maria Marquez-Brooks, VP of resident services, said, “She made Linc a home for a lot of people, not just residents but staff too.” This fall, Nina was inducted into the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH) Hall of Fame, recognizing her lifetime achievements and contributions to affordable housing.

Enjoy your well-earned retirement, Nina! We will continue your legacy of going above and beyond for the people we serve.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Bridging the Digital Divide at Seasons at Compton



Linc recently hosted a technology distribution program at Seasons at Compton to increase digital access for Linc residents. Over four days, Managed Career Solutions (MCS), a social purpose corporation, donated 40 tablets, free internet, and technical support to Linc residents and neighbors.

Carrie, the onsite Linc resident services coordinator, also played a crucial role in

the event, facilitating the use of the community room and helping participants enroll through the program’s request form. To make the process more accessible, an audio version of the questionnaire was available.

Once approved, recipients were scheduled one-on-one appointments with an MCS representative to get them started with their new tablets and learn ways to use the device to access educational, healthcare, social, or job-related resources. In later sessions, MCS provided tech support for those who needed additional help.

Carrie was impressed by how easy it was for users to set up their new devices. For many, it was their first significant experience with technology, and the instructions included important tips on device security and online safety. Carrie observed that to start, most residents used their tablets to connect with family. “People are really excited about their ability to have access,” she noted, as the community embraced the new technology.



Consider an End of Year Gift to Linc

As our 40th anniversary year comes to a close, we invite you to consider donating to our end-of-year giving campaign.

With your support, our work to provide affordable housing and trauma-informed services continues to grow into waves that change the trajectory of people’s lives.



Watch New Linc Video

Much like dropping a pebble into a pond of still water, building affordable homes creates a ripple effect. The deeper that pebble goes, the more substantial the ripples it creates.

Watch our video below to learn about how Linc is creating ripples of impact within our communities and the neighborhoods surrounding them through services and features like the pocket park and demonstration kitchen at Spark at Midtown in Long Beach.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Victor

Sometimes, circumstances beyond our control can change our lives forever. Years ago, Victor was living in Wilmington and working as a landscaper. Then, one night at a taco stand, he was caught in the crossfire of someone else’s conflict. On that evening, he was shot and paralyzed.

Although he now uses a wheelchair, it doesn’t stop him from living life to the fullest. Since moving to Spark at Midtown, the other residents and staff have become like family to him. He volunteers nearly every day, taking care of the community garden, setting up the coffee bar, and helping the staff get ready for any event that might be on the calendar.

In addition to volunteering at Spark, Victor also attends most activities offered at the property. In fact, when he started attending the weekly harm reduction workshops offered by Linc’s partner, Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), everyone just assumed he was going because he tends to show up at every program. It turns out, though, that Victor had experience with substance use challenges, and the workshops helped with his recovery.

Now sober, Victor has begun working for AADAP as a peer navigator.

“I feel so lucky to live at Spark,” said Victor. “I am grateful to be able to be a volunteer in my community; it makes me feel useful.”



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