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LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

Thanksgiving Committees

Younger residents took the lead in decorating for Thanksgiving celebrations at Mosaic Gardens at Westlake in Los Angeles and Mosaic Gardens at Taylor Terrace in Sacramento. Their efforts helped give their communities one more thing to be thankful for!



COMMUNITY

Life Skill Training in Long Beach

PROGRAMS

Commemorating Linc's 40 Years

RESIDENTS

Grateful for Change



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Riverside County Brings Resources to The Blossom

At The Blossom in Beaumont, Dominique, a housing specialist and FSS coordinator with the Riverside County Housing Authority, and Isis, Linc's resident services coordinator at the site, are teaming up to empower residents through the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. Currently, 10 residents are enrolled in FSS, a program that helps HUD-assisted families increase their earnings and savings. Dominique and Isis guide participants through the program and address their concerns.

In September, with additional support from the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, The Blossom hosted a resource and job fair with 31 exhibitors that connected residents with job opportunities and professional development resources.

This collaboration reflects Linc's commitment to supporting residents' aspirations, with 61% reporting more time to pursue education and work opportunities because of affordable rent and improved access to resources.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ruben

Ruben, a senior ICMS case manager, joined Linc in February 2022. He began at Fairview Heights in Inglewood and now serves residents at The Palace and Spark at Midtown in Long Beach. One of Ruben's favorite parts of his job is onboarding new staff. "I like teaching them the ropes and watching them figure it out," he shares. His mentoring extends to his work with residents as well. "I talk to them to figure out where they're coming from. It helps uncover the reasons behind certain behaviors."

At The Palace, Ruben works closely with transition-age (18-24) youth (TAY) many of whom were formerly in the foster care system, to create moments of joy and relaxation. "Our TAY residents didn't get to enjoy their childhoods, so it's nice to see them let go and have fun," he said. He also values holiday celebrations, which help residents connect. "It's great to see some of the residents who tend to isolate themselves socialize and engage with their community," he shared. Ruben starts most days at the gym by 4 a.m., lifting weights and doing light cardio. "Working out first thing really sets the tone for the day," he said. After work, he unwinds with video games like Madden Football or watching movies-he's nearly finished the Harry Potter series.

Looking ahead, Ruben is excited to spend the holidays with family and hopes to begin pursuing a master's degree in social work in the near future.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Commemorating 40 Years



Linc's 40th anniversary has been a yearlong celebration of connection, creativity, and community. Alongside events at our communities and corporate headquarters, a gala, and a commemorative video, we're creating something truly special—a 40th anniversary quilt.

Residents contributed over 60 beautifully designed squares. Each piece of artwork reflects what residents cherish most about their communities, from friendships formed to memorable shared experiences. Earlier this month, our resident services team gathered at Linc's corporate headquarters to begin assembling the quilt. Working together, they brought the designs to life, stitching a vibrant tapestry of creativity and gratitude. Once complete, the quilt will be proudly displayed in Linc's corporate headquarters, serving as a lasting reminder of the shared joy and resilience that define our communities.

To add an extra layer of celebration, services staff conducted a poll to select standout designs from each site. These designs were handed off to the talented Maker Club kids at Terracina. Using their graphic design and production skills, they transformed the winning quilt squares into a series of custom aprons.

This unique collaboration allowed the Maker Club members to showcase their abilities and be part of this milestone celebration. The quilt, and the stories it tells, embodies the heart of Linc-a commitment to fostering creativity, strengthening bonds, and celebrating the rich tapestry of people who make our communities thrive.



Consider a gift to Linc during the holiday season!



Success in Challenges

Life Pathways partner Success In Challenges is making a big impact at The Spark at Midtown in Long Beach. This summer, they hosted a sixweek camp for 30 youth from The Spark and surrounding neighborhood, as well as a six-week program for young adults (18–24) focusing on life skills and relationship building. In the fall, they organized a community harvest festival with games, fun activities, and grocery giveaways for 48 households.

Year-round, Success In Challenges hosts events, including monthly community celebrations and youth birthday parties as well as after-school programs three days a week.



Jonathan has called Springhaven Apartments in Willowbrook home since 2021, marking a significant turning point in his life. Having spent years navigating the challenges of incarceration, group homes, and juvenile facilities, Jonathan felt an overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude upon seeing his apartment for the first time. "It was a truly special moment for me, and I'm grateful for the opportunity," he reflects. Since moving in, Jonathan has embraced personal growth and community involvement. "I've just gotten off probation, and I'm excited about this new chapter in my life. Having a stable home has been a huge part of this progress," he shares. Therapy and gym sessions have become pillars of his journey. "These practices help me stay balanced and focused. I encourage others to prioritize their mental health—it makes a real difference."

Jonathan is also pursuing higher education at Diversified College while building his clothing brand, "Prayers and Push Ups," which blends his passions for faith and fitness. "It's an exciting venture, and I'm committed to growing both personally and professionally," he says. Through onsite programs at Springhaven, Jonathan has gained valuable tools for success and encourages fellow residents to take advantage of these resources. "I truly believe anything is possible, no matter your background or how you were raised. A positive mindset equals positive manifestations," he says. Jonathan hopes his story inspires others to embrace change and remain hopeful, proving that resilience and determination can lead to a brighter future.

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Meet Jonathan









"I'm excited about this new chapter in my life." – Jonathan, **Springhaven** Resident

