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# Opening **Doors to a Brighter Future**



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#### LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

### **Hands Only CPR**

At Fairview Heights' fall health fair, community partners provided vaccinations, STD testing, health supplies and information about resources. Curtis Tucker Wellness Center even taught residents how to do hands only CPR.



#### COMMUNITY

**Connecting with** our Loved Ones

#### PROGRAMS

Recognizing our Heroes

#### RESIDENTS

**Relaxing into the Stability of Home** 



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## – Jill McCullough



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### **Welcoming Seniors** Home at SagePointe

Thanks to our Welcome Home program, Linc residents who were formerly unhoused receive home essentials, including bedding, cookware, toiletries, and cleaning supplies upon move-in.

At SagePointe in Wilmington, Linc Board Secretary Jill McCullough and volunteers from U.S. Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Carmel Partners, and City National Bank transferred, sorted, and delivered Welcome Home supplies to all 55 new apartments. When residents moved into their new homes earlier this fall, they immediately found all the things they needed to feel at home.

"Our teams love coming out and volunteering to help make these residents feel at home. Linc does an amazing job across California creating these beautiful affordable housing properties for seniors, families, and the formerly homeless. It's great when our teams who usually work behind the scenes get a chance to see how beautiful the properties are." Jill said. SagePointe is one of the only new permanent supportive housing for seniors in Los Angeles County that opened in 2023.



### Meet Alexia

Alexia, a neighbor and a senior at La Serna High School, started volunteering for the youth empowerment program at Equa in La Puente in August. She helps kids during homework club and facilitates fun, educational activities for them during discovery club.

Recently, she led a STEM activity where the kids built towers with dry spaghetti and marshmallows. She always has a

smile on her face and makes every minute count when she is volunteering. Thanks to her dedication, the kids are having fun, learning new skills and building friendships.

In addition to her volunteer service, Alexia is busy applying to colleges and plans to pursue a career in nursing. Thank you, Alexia, for sharing your time and your positive attitude at Equa!



### **Meet Gabby**

Gabby Hardy started with Linc as a resident services field supervisor before meeting Anna Mercado, ICMS program manager, when Linc started providing intensive case management services at Springhaven. When Anna offered her the opportunity to join the ICMS team at Cadence, another Linc South LA property, she decided to take the leap. Now, she is leaping into another role with Linc as the senior case manager for Florence, where she will lead a team of three ICMS managers and one at-risk

rorence, where she will lead a team of three followindingers and she are she will lead a team of three followindingers and she are she case manager. "I am so excited that I have been given the opportunity to be a part of one of our first Homekey sites, something new here at Linc that is going to change the lives of so many people," said Gabby. A native of Seattle, Wash., Gabby attended Grambling State University, an historic black university in Louisiana, where she obtained her bachelor's After maduating the worked with children experiencing degree in psychology. After graduating, she worked with children experiencing homelessness and then at a homeless access center.

"You never know where you are going to go in life," she said. "When I got to Linc, I felt like I was home. I'm so excited about my growth here and to be a part of this amazing, growing company."

#### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### **Celebrating our Veterans at Liberty Village**



When Mishell, the new resident services coordinator at Liberty Village, asked residents for their input on what community celebrations to plan for the year, one holiday stood out more than others - Veterans Day.

Liberty Village, a 37-apartment community in the city of Beaumont that opened in 2018, is a dedicated veteran community that provides affordable homes to low-income veterans and their families in Riverside County.

For the community's Veterans Day celebration on November 9, residents were encouraged to invite their friends and families. Invitations were also extended to other veterans from the area. Each veteran who attended received a U.S. Veteran Honor pin with a personalized box as a token of thanks for their service.

The John Stewart Company and Dickey's Barbeque helped provide the food, but the highlight of the celebration was a flag ceremony. Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Len Taverneti organized the ceremony to retire the old, tattered flag at the property correctly and raise a new one, donated by the VA.

### **The Linc Between Giving & Gratitude**

When you give to Linc, your contribution directly impacts the lives of people who have found hope and stability in at Linc community. No donation is too small, and every dollar makes a difference.

Please consider including Linc in your year-end giving. Click www.linchousing.org/eov-2023/ to donate today.



### Día de los Muertos

To celebrate Día de los Muertos at Equa, residents got the chance to honor their loved ones who have passed away by making their own ofrendas. The holiday's origins can be traced to pre-colonial Mexico when it was believed that the souls of dead loved ones returned to their families once a year so that their lives could be celebrated.

An ofrenda, the Spanish word for offerings, is <u>used colloquially to</u> mean an altar created for Día de los Muertos. Residents like Carol enjoyed taking the time to build their own ofrendas and talk with each other about their loved ones.





#### **RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT**

For the past four years, Sadaia had been dreaming about having a safe and stable home - a search that found her living out of motels, short-term rentals, and – when her resources ran dry – in her car. She would wake each day to anxiety

about the need to relocate to the next place before check-out time, a sense of uncertainty that colored her life.

Along the way, she unexpectedly became pregnant, which made her search all the more important.

Last February, the little family found temporary shelter at a Riverside transitional living program. While they were there, she put in an application for 456 West in San Pedro.

Their stay at the shelter ended in August with a simple call about their apartment being available to move in. Sadaia said the call felt absurd."I didn't believe it was real until we moved in," she said. "Finally having my own home is strange after spending so much time in short-term rentals. I still wake up with the fear we will need to leave."

Slowly, though, she is beginning to relax into the stability of her new home, and the 456 West playground is part of her daily routine with her son.

Sadaia also enjoys the apartment's location, which allows her to walk to the port and see the ocean. With a safe and stable home to return to each day, she is now looking for a job so she can begin to build stronger resources for her family.

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#### Meet Sadaia



"I didn't believe it was real" – Sadaia. resident at **456 West** 







