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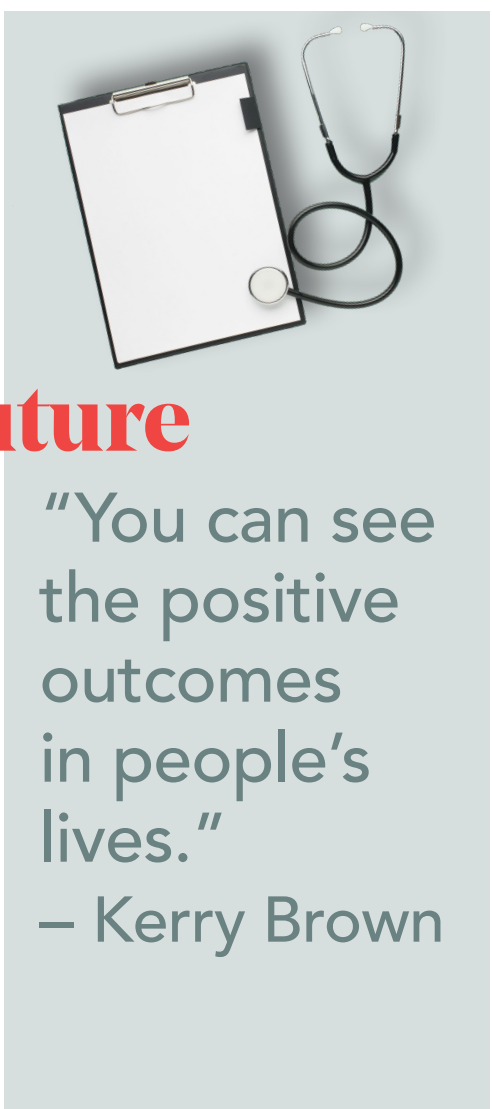
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Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

“You can see the positive outcomes in people’s lives.”
– Kerry Brown



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Life Pathways Proudly Partners with AADAP

Partnerships with local organizations like the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) are helping Linc’s Life Pathways initiative provide financial, workforce and wellness resources to Linc residents and those in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Every Friday, AADAP creates a pop-up in the corner store at The Palace in Long Beach. These weekly events include harm reduction support groups, vaccine clinics, HIV testing, supplies and information about reducing substance use. AADAP also holds weekly programs at Spark at Midtown in Long Beach and can regularly be found at Fairview Heights in Inglewood and Springhaven in Willowbrook.

When asked about AADAP, Kerry, resident services field supervisor said, “They are checking off boxes that we didn’t even know needed to be checked. Their partnership is so beneficial beyond harm reduction, you can see the positive outcomes in people’s lives.” Through partnerships like this, Life Pathways is creating broader and more lasting community impact.



LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

Lumpia Learning at Westlake

Residents of all ages at Mosaic Gardens at Westlake enjoy learning how to make Lumpia (Filipino Spring Rolls) during a recent cooking class.

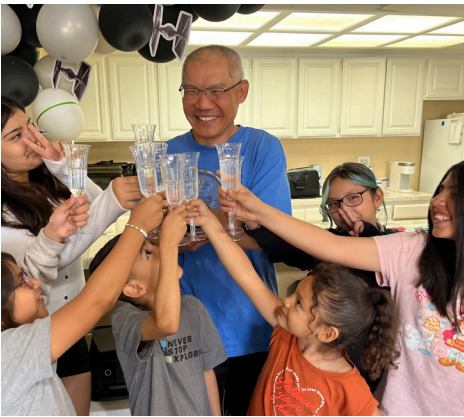


VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Hai

Hai Hong has been volunteering for the youth empowerment program at City Gardens in Santa Ana for TEN YEARS! In recognition of his service, the kids at City Gardens planned a fun celebration complete with a balloon arch, 7-Up toast, cake, and a crystal plaque. “Being a community volunteer with Linc has been one of the happiest and rewarding experiences of my life,” said Hai. “I’ve made some wonderful

friendships with the kids, their parents, Linc staff, and other volunteers.” For Hai, the impact of volunteering is a two-way street. “Seeing the kids grow up from a young age has been a precious experience I’m so grateful for,” he said. “At the same time, I’m a more patient, empathetic, kind, and thoughtful person because of them.” Thank you, Hai, for all that you do. We’re so happy to have you as part of our team!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Marcy

In 2019, Marcy started as a data entry operator in Linc’s services department. Now, she is our data associate, charged with standardizing metrics and bringing this information together in one hub for the entire organization.

“When I started, we had all this data, but it wasn’t aggregated anywhere,” Marcy said. “We realized that we needed to become more data-driven and streamlined in our processes. That’s when my role evolved from data entry to more analytics.” Marcy holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and human resources from CSULA and is now setting her sights on a master’s degree in data science and analytics.

In her free time, Marcy loves spending time with her daughter, who is entering her teenage years. They go to the gym together and have fun talking about starting a sticker business together.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Property Celebrations for Linc’s 40th Year



It’s our 40th anniversary, and we’re celebrating all year long. In April, we hosted a company-wide celebration for our staff and board members at our corporate headquarters in Long Beach. Since then, we’ve taken the party on the road. By the end of 2024, we will have hosted celebrations at every Linc community across the state.

Our Spark at Midtown community in Long Beach chose to celebrate and educate, pairing their 40th anniversary celebration with a Denim Day event facilitated by our community partner AADAP.

At Cadence in Watts, the atmosphere was filled with a mix of tears and laughter as residents and staff took turns sharing their heartfelt experiences and what Linc truly means to them.

For their celebration, Mosaic Gardens at Westlake held a poster contest, sang “Happy Birthday” to Linc, and enjoyed activities like face painting.

Fairview Heights in Inglewood had to deal with party crashers when Linc President & COO Suny Lay Chang and VP for Business Development & Strategic Initiatives Ben Winter showed up.

We love seeing the unique ways our communities choose to celebrate this milestone and look forward to all the celebrations still to come!

 Tickets on Sale for Linc’s Elevate & Celebrate Gala

Follow the below QR code to purchase your ticket today to join Linc’s friends, supporters, and partners at its 40th anniversary gala, Elevate & Celebrate, on July 18! Sip a cocktail and enjoy fine California fare on the rooftop deck of the Highlight Room while taking in the Hollywood skyline as we toast 40 years of community impact.



Equa at the Beach

Residents from Equa in El Monte enjoyed a day at Mother’s Beach in Marina Del Rey thanks to Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and the WATER program.

The 25 youth and parents learned about ocean safety from LA County Lifeguards, then enjoyed paddleboarding, kayaking, and sailing. For many, it was their first time doing any of these activities, but they all agreed they had a great time and would love to do it again.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Raymond

As an electrician back in 2010, Raymond was able to purchase a home. But his struggles with substance use got in the way of him paying the mortgage, and he lost the house. After that, he lived on and off the streets for a decade.

Two years ago, his aunt, who is a recovering alcoholic, came to California to find him. She convinced him to get into treatment. Raymond knew he was at a crossroads – either get sober or die.

Once he got through the initial detox, he was ready for his new life. While in a sober living facility, he was asked to be a peer coordinator.

“I was surprised to be asked,” Raymond said. “People trusted me. That was new to me. That’s when more good things started to happen.”

When he got the news that he’d be moving into Linc’s SagePointe, he couldn’t believe it. Even after moving in, he kept waiting for someone to knock on his door and tell him there was a mistake.

“Homelessness became my norm,” he said. “I’m so grateful I don’t have to worry about where I’m going to sleep each night. Today, my goal is to keep a roof over my head, be responsible, and pay my bills.”

Having a stable home allows Raymond to focus on his physical and mental health. He’s been sober since November 2022, his longest stretch since he was 13 years old. He has arthritis in both knees, making it difficult for him to work, but he still hopes to volunteer in his new community to give back.



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