



the linc between hope & home

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Grand Opening at Fairview Heights

On Thursday, April 14, [Linc Housing and National CORE celebrated the grand opening of Fairview Heights apartments](#) in Inglewood with Congresswoman Maxine Waters, LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, City of Inglewood Mayor Pro Tem Eloy Morales Jr., METRO staff, funders, construction partners, community leaders, and residents.

Located directly across the street from the Metro's upcoming "K" Line, Fairview Heights is an affordable and supportive housing community consisting of 101 apartments with more than 6,300 sq. ft. of community-serving retail space.

Residents have access to a variety of services provided by Linc Housing that focus on economic mobility, health and well-being, community engagement, and helping residents achieve housing stability and personal goals. The property also features an innovative, multi-dimensional, four-story mural celebrating community and the rich cultural heritage of Inglewood.

Those in attendance on Thursday heard community leaders speak about the importance of this transit-oriented affordable housing and how it will continue to be a community asset for years to come. The main presentation was followed by tours of the community spaces, courtyard, apartments, and local nonprofit OFA's new office.



The Art of Resiliency

In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Linc's resident services explored innovative approaches to help residents cope with pandemic-induced stress and isolation. In 2021, Cassandra Mesa, resident services coordinator at Mosaic Gardens at Huntington Park and The Nightingale, began organizing workshops where residents could explore their emotions through creative activities. She now runs Resiliency Through Art groups twice a week at both properties and has trained all Linc field staff to run similar workshops in their communities.

The hands-on creation of art has been shown to reduce stress, increase self-reflection and self-awareness, alter behavior and thinking patterns, and have positive physical effects. In addition, residents get to know and support each other, increasing their sense of community.

Recently, Cassandra organized an activity painting rocks with bright acrylic paints. After a guided meditation where participants were encouraged to think about what gives them a sense of safety and peacefulness, they were invited to decorate their rock with words to remind them of that sensation. The rocks were then placed in the garden as a reminder that their community is a safe place.



Cadence Made Ready to Welcome Residents Home

Thanks to sponsorship from U.S. Bank, Linc's Welcome Home program purchased bedding, towels, pots and pans, and so much more for the new residents moving into Cadence's 63 supportive housing apartments in Watts.

Before residents could settle into their new homes, hundreds of boxes of supplies needed to be unpacked. Microsoft volunteers, including Terolyn Phinsee (above, left) and Joe Corigliano, were excited to organize and distribute the housing essentials to each apartment.

When asked about the experience, Joe said, "I had such an amazing day with Linc Housing outfitting their newest community in Watts. Before getting involved with Linc, I did not fully understand the extent of homelessness. This has been such an informative experience for me and my daughter, and it's opened my eyes to the painful reality our homeless population endures every day. I am honored to represent Microsoft at this event and grateful that we could contribute to this organization."

If you want to be part of Linc's Welcome Home program, [give a gift today!](#)



Homekey

Bringing California Home

Homekey, a "Linc" between Obstacle and Opportunity

In March 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded Homekey funding to Linc in partnership with the City of Anaheim to transition what is currently an extended-stay motel into permanent supportive housing for formerly unhoused individuals.

By late 2022, once identified health, safety, and accessibility renovations are completed, the property will operate as interim housing for residents who have experienced homelessness. American Family Housing will provide onsite case management and wrap-around services. By 2025, Linc will have financed the property with tax credits, completed additional renovations, and begun operating 89 apartments as permanent supportive housing. An additional 25 apartments will be converted to studios or 1-bedroom units for households at 50% – 60% area median income.

Homekey funds the purchase and adaptive reuse of buildings – including motels and other properties – with the goal of converting them into permanent, long-term housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Homekey prioritizes speed and cost-efficiency by making competitive grants available to local governments across the state.

Additional support of \$250,000 has been provided through the [Housing Partnership Network's \(HPN\) new Adaptive Reuse Accelerator program](#), funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation, supporting developers to increase the supply of affordable housing and support longer-term housing stability. As one of the 15 HPN members funded under this nationwide program, Linc will participate in a peer exchange to share strategies and learnings, and gathering best practices to increase the supply of affordable housing in their local markets.

Linc has also received a \$50,000 capacity-building grant from Enterprise Community Partners to support this Anaheim Homekey site through their Section 4 program.

More than 160,000 people experience homelessness in California every night. Linc is dedicated to finding ways to accelerate the creation of affordable, supportive housing to directly address this humanitarian crisis of homelessness. We look forward to our new Homekey housing in Anaheim becoming a "linc" between obstacles and opportunities for future residents.

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