

# the linc between hope & home

March & April 2023



#### **Construction Commences in Glendale and El Monte**

On March 14, Linc joined partners National CORE, the City of Glendale, and others to celebrate the start of construction on 515 Pioneer Drive, a new 340-unit affordable housing community for families and seniors that will feature three, five-story buildings for households making between 30% to 80% of the area median income -- one of the largest affordable communities in California.

"I am excited that this new apartment community will offer a range of affordable housing options for seniors and families and ensure that we are doing our part to provide those in need with a safe and comfortable home," said Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian. Read more

More new construction has also begun in El Monte. Willow Way will be a 39-unit community for individuals who were formerly unhoused. When open, residents of this new supportive housing community will receive intensive case management services provided by Linc ICMS.



## Building the Next Generation of Real Estate Leaders

Linc is thrilled to sponsor five participants in a new "Affordable Housing Bridge Program." This internship program is a collaboration between Housing Partnership Network (HPN) and Project Destined -- an organization that helps the world's most talented, diverse students unlock career opportunities through training, mentoring, and networking. This program will help its students bridge their education to realworld experience in the affordable housing industry. Interns work 8 hours per week and build a range of technical, financial, and leadership skills. Participants collaborate with real estate professionals to prepare presentations as part of weekly team-based competitions. The program also features a "Shark Tank" style finale where intern teams present a digital marketing plan for a multifamily real estate deal to industry leaders.



### **Feeling the Impact**

As a mission-driven nonprofit, Linc impacts our residents' lives by providing a foundation for prosperity and wellness. We begin by building homes that provide supportive environments, and we "end" by ensuring residents thrive. As we started the third year of our three-year strategic plan, we looked back at the previous 12 months to evaluate how we are progressing toward our goals and have highlighted that progress in our 2022 Impact Report.

Read more **here** about the major milestones Linc has reached this past year and how we are having an impact from beginning to end.



# Growing Community a Little at a Time

When Selah started as the activities coordinator at Mosaic Gardens at Holly Courts in West Sacramento last September, she never guessed that the kids would take such ownership of the community's resident services program.

"It's really cool the way it happened," Selah says.
"I started off with an ice cream social to introduce myself to everyone. Just a few kids came out, but

we had ice cream and played games, and they all wanted to sign up for the youth empowerment program."

As weeks passed, teen residents started dropping by the community room on their way home from school. Some helped out as volunteers, some participated in activities, and some just wanted to socialize.

"Then we had a fall festival, and the kids took a leadership role serving food and leading games. It was a big deal for the whole community."

After that, parents started stopping in. Now the community room is a vibrant center where residents of all ages engage in activities and support each other. Selah concludes, "We've been growing the program a little at a time. I'm excited to see that our residents have begun using the community center as much as possible now."







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