

# the linc between hope & home

September & October 2023



#### **A Transformative Community in Historic Filipinotown**

On Thursday, September 28, Linc Housing's HiFi Collective was recognized with the SCANPH 2023 Transformative Communities Development of the Year award.

This award recognizes the best "mixed-use" project that addresses non-residential uses in concert with the needs of the development's residents and surrounding community. HiFi Collective brings 63 studio apartment homes with supportive services for people who have experienced homelessness to Historic Filipinotown, with the ground floor dedicated to the headquarters of Linc's development partner, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA), where additional services and support are offered to both the building's residents and the extended neighborhood.

By combining this community-serving resource with housing for individuals who were formerly unhoused, HiFi Collective is transformative in the lives of those it serves.

The award ceremony was held at Terasaki Budokan in the Little Tokyo neighborhood of Los Angeles. Linc's VP of Housing Development Cecilia Ngo and VP of Corporate Development Nina Dooley were on hand to celebrate together with SIPA's Executive Director Kimmy Maniquis.



#### Linc Invites the Community to "Dream With Us"

Recently, Linc joined its partner, The California Endowment (TCE), for the Hope Village Visioning Kick-Off. The partners welcomed dozens of neighbors and broader community members to learn about Linc's plans at Hope Village and discuss the new campus' design and future programs and services. The plan is to transform the lot behind TCE's existing property in downtown Los Angeles into a thriving, mixed-use campus with housing and services that promote "hope and healing" for the area's diverse communities. The proposed development includes affordable and supportive apartments, a community center, and additional improvements to make the surrounding neighborhood more walkable, connected, and welcoming.

Attendees at the kick-off event enjoyed many activities, including music by Ashe Drum Circle and Urban Voices Project Choir, meditative dance by Camelia Dao-Ling, and yoga with Christina Wherry. In addition, guests visited several visioning stations where they could share their thoughts on the meaning of words such as justice, belonging, and education or express their ideas on what services should be included in the new community center.

Linc and TCE will continue to gather community input as they move toward finalizing plans next year.



#### Welcoming Seniors Home in Wilmington

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 the



## **Literacy is Community**

Reading has always been the underpinning of Linc's summer youth program. But this past summer, thanks to a grant from Sun Country Builders, the literacy element of summer camp got a big boost at Linc communities. Wilmington neighborhood of Los Angeles, 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. Now, when residents move into their new homes in this community for seniors who have experienced homelessness, they will find everything they need to feel at home.

SagePointe is one of the only new, permanent supportive housing development dedicated to seniors that is opening in Los Angeles County this year. Jill, who is also the vice president for corporate social responsibility and community affairs manager for U.S. Bank, said, "Our teams love coming out and volunteering to help make these residents feel at home. Linc does an amazing job across the state creating these beautiful affordable housing properties for seniors, families, and people who were formerly homeless. It's great when our teams get to see how wonderful the properties are."

Sun Country funded designated reading spaces with bookshelves, bean bags, comfy chairs, pillows, signage, wall décor, whiteboards, and area rugs. Libraries were stocked with inclusive and diverse books for readers at all different levels.

Campers participated in daily reading time, took part in activities that required reading like karaoke and cooking from recipes, went on field trips to their local libraries and got their own library cards. Finally, participants collaborated to write a story, and at the end of the year, they received a printed copy of the book!

Through the program, a total of 121 campers at 12 communities read 18,445 pages over 242 hours. A big thank you to Sun Country Builders for underwriting our literacy program component of summer camp in 2023.



# Make Your End-of-Year Donation

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Your contribution today helps build communities and strengthen neighborhoods for those most in need accross our state while also addressing the housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Thank you for your support of our mission.

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