

# LINC Cares

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## Bringing Books to Beaumont

It's looking like a summer filled with books, books, and more books at Liberty Village! Thanks to the Beaumont Library District, kids in the community's after-school program enjoy checking out books from a brand-new bookmobile.

The air-conditioned vehicle makes stops at Liberty Village twice per month and is open to all residents.

In addition to books for all ages, the bookmobile has DVDs and other reference materials available to check out. "The kids love checking out new books, and the parents love that their kids are developing a love of reading," exclaims Resident Services Coordinator Dale Wright. Resident Pat agrees, "I like the DVD movie selection from the bookmobile—it has great variety!"

## After-School Program puts the "Pep" in Pepperwood



Students in the Pepperwood Apartments after-school program (ASP) in Rancho Cucamonga are focusing on positive attitudes and self-esteem, thanks to the creativity and hard work of Resident Services Coordinator Chyna Davis. Chyna developed a new curriculum that focuses on positive mindset, in addition to academics and homework help. "I want to use the program to develop new and creative ways to engage children," Chyna explains. She rolled out the re-vamped program earlier this year.

"I like helping students turn around any negative talk about themselves, or others," says Chyna. She's especially excited about the positive affirmation board on the wall. "I'm really motivated by increasing self-esteem, especially with our adolescents." The new ASP, held after school on weekdays, also

encourages increased communication among students and with adults.

The students' favorite new activity is a daily discussion, called "Thorns and Roses," where everyone shares the best and hardest parts of their day. "Children often cope better with change and stress when they have a safe and welcoming environment to discuss their daily thoughts, struggles, and emotions," says Chyna. The kids are responding to the new activities. Young Pepperwood resident Shirley says it best: "I get so sad when I can't come to the program because it's lots of fun! I want to thank Ms. Chyna for all the help she's given me."



# 65

Corporate  
volunteers so far  
in 2019

## Writing Contest Highlights "The Bimbo Caper"

LINC Cares hosted its first writing contest at SEASONS at The Hoover, a senior community in Whittier, with six writers sharing stories for their neighbors to enjoy. Carolyn won the contest for "The Bimbo Caper," a fictional account of a group of older women making special treats for a community potluck. Carolyn was thrilled to win, "As a writer, I feel honored to win any recognition for my work and enjoy sharing my stories with others." Field Supervisor Kellie Phillips enjoyed all the stories, adding, "I loved seeing their creativity and how everyone participated in unique ways. Plus, reading and writing relieves stress, helps people connect, and keeps brains sharp!"



Congrats on five years, Diana!

## Staff Spotlight: Meet Diana!

Diana Mora, the Resident Services Coordinator at Mosaic Gardens at Taylor Terrace in Sacramento, is celebrating her 5-year anniversary with LINC Cares! Diana says the best part of her job is helping kids with their homework. "It's such a privilege to help them improve, and it makes me so happy to see them succeed and earn academic awards for their efforts."

Diana, who earned her degree in health science from California State University Sacramento, also likes helping residents improve their quality of life. "I've been able to help several residents find a job and get their driver's licenses. I really enjoy seeing them accomplish their goals." She has also established new programs, including a partnership with United Way to provide healthy meals for children living at Taylor Terrace.

In her free time, Diane loves to hike and travel, "I'd rather have a passport full of stamps than a house full of stuff," she says.



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# Volunteer Spotlight

"She motivates residents to be more active and social"



## Arts and Crafts for Change

Meet Brenda, a volunteer at SEASONS at Compton. Prior to volunteering for LINC Cares, Brenda worked at a health care center, where she loved working with older clients. Her experience motivated Brenda to volunteer at this senior community, where she leads arts and crafts activities. Field Supervisor Carrie Bautista noticed how quickly she hit it off with residents. "Brenda's dedication and passion shows in her work. And, she has an ability to make genuine connections with residents."

Residents look forward to her visits and the time she spends with them. "I've noticed when Brenda is here, she motivates residents to be more active and social; we are all so appreciative of that," adds Carrie. Thank you for giving back, Brenda!

## Harvesting Love

Ed has lived at Pleasant View Apartments, in Fresno, for nearly twenty years. Having raised his family here he has always felt connected to his community. Ed recently decided he wanted to do more to give back. Knowing that many LINC Cares programs promote healthy eating, the Army Veteran donated crates of fresh apples and oranges to the after-school program and also handed several crates out to neighbors. The following week, Ed did it again, and has since made donating fresh food a part of his routine. Ed says his generosity comes from his life experiences. "I've gone through some tough times when I was younger, but I've become more comfortable with my circumstances. I just want to help this community in any way possible," he says.

Ed explains that his faith gives him better perspective on the world and his community. "I feel like I know how to love people for the first time in my life, and, now that I feel love, I need to give love."

"I find Ed very admirable," says Resident Services Coordinator Cole Finup. "We talk all the time and have great conversations. He tells me how the area and community have changed, and how we can help residents in different ways through our LINC Cares programs."

Ed is especially concerned with helping children and the elderly and is grateful programs are offered onsite to serve these populations. "I appreciate that there is an after-school program and have great respect for those who work with children." He adds, "Pleasant View is one of the best places in Fresno to raise a family."

## Resident Spotlight



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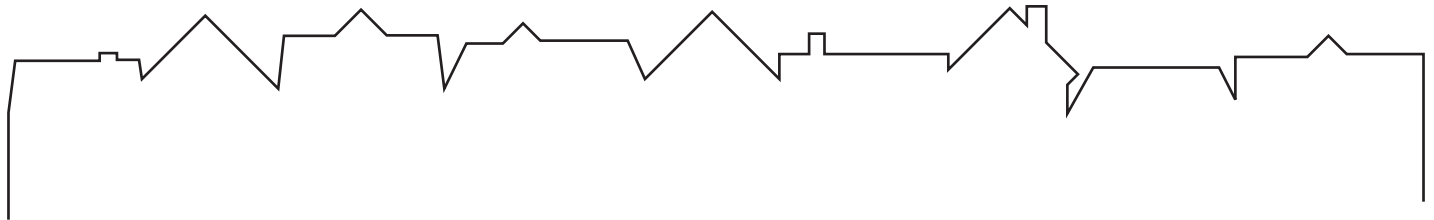
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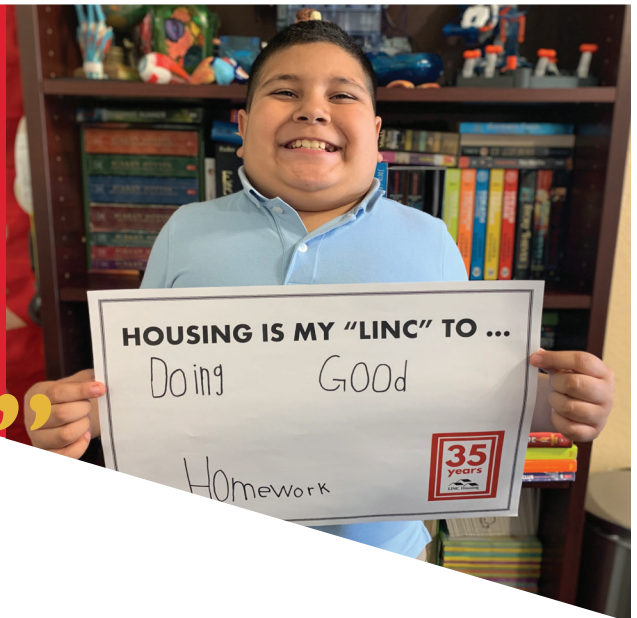
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Housing provides 9-year-old Bryant, a City Gardens (Santa Ana) resident, a secure place to do homework.

“Opening  
Doors to a  
Brighter Future”



## Mission

LINC Cares provides dynamic services to enhance the lives of families, seniors, and people with special needs who live in our communities.

## Volunteer

Looking to serve the community?  
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