



# Opening Doors to a Brighter Future



Residents at the Mosaic Gardens at Westlake Book Fair collect free books to add to their personal libraries.



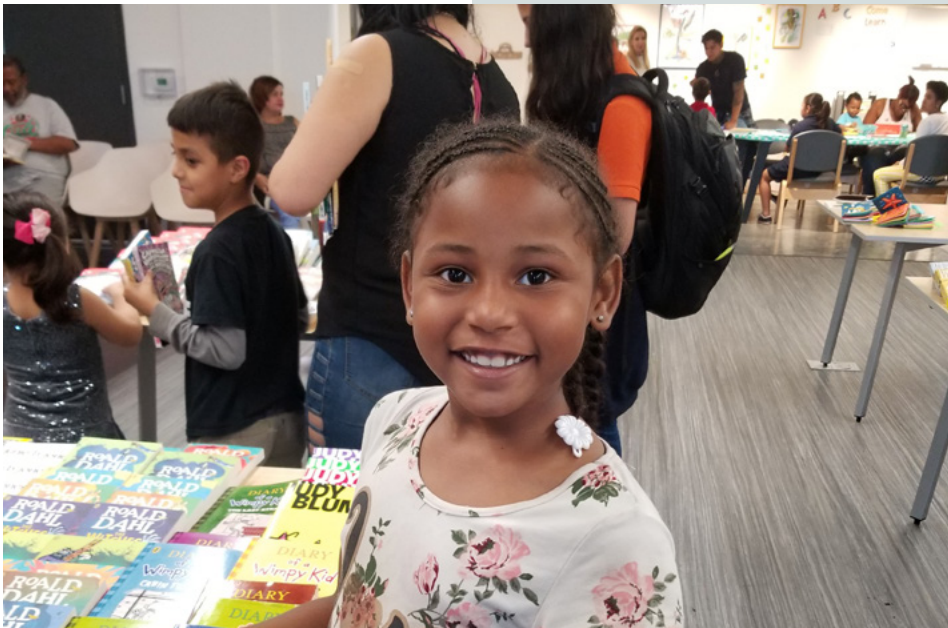
## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Linc Cares for the Environment

Residents young and old across Linc properties participated in Green Apple Day of Service, an international movement of nearly a million volunteers supporting environmental sustainability.

Some learned about consumerism by watching an animated documentary, "The Story of Stuff." Afterwards, they discussed how they could be part of the solution by using less energy, eating organically, and committing to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Other residents got hands-on with their environmental impact by making outdoor bug hotels, encouraging insects to benefit the ecosystem through pollination, nutrient cycling, and as a food source for birds. Kids had fun gathering materials, finding places to hang them, and painting them, because "even bugs deserve to sleep in style."



## LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

### Spreading Cheer

Linc's resident services helped make the holiday season special across our communities with festive parties, potlucks, and presents.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### A Happy Place

Arbor Village Apartments, a family community in San Diego, was abuzz with the delightful sights and smells of fresh flowers and holiday foods.

Our wonderful partners from HP Inc. had arrived with a team of five volunteers to beautify some of the common areas by planting lovely vibrant flowers in the fresh soil. By the end, bright yellow bouquets bordered the buildings,

infusing the air with their scent. The group grew so fond of Arbor Village that they decided to adopt the community for the holiday season. They held a food drive and purchased additional ingredients to put together holiday meal bags for the residents.

We're thankful for HP Inc. and their commitment to help Arbor Village flourish through this season and the seasons to come.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Meet Julie

Julie grew up attending a nonprofit after-school program, which she reflects, "showed me the possibilities of my future. It protected me from the things that tend to entice kids in inner-city areas and showed me that my voice and efforts had power." Being the Resident Services Coordinator at Terracina Apartments in San Jacinto represents her opportunity to give back. She now works with kids from similar backgrounds, helping them with their homework, inspiring them through art, and equipping them for a successful future.



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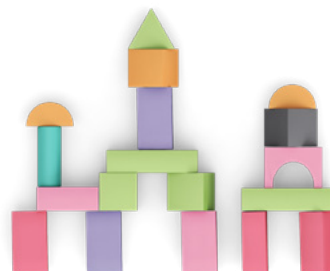
### Prepared for Emergencies

When an earthquake, flood, or fire strikes, you may suddenly lose access to water, gas, electricity, or communications. You may be forced to evacuate or be confined to your home. These situations are especially dangerous for older adults, who are more likely to have unique needs related to mobility problems, chronic health conditions, hearing or vision problems, or cognitive impairment. It's important to know what to do well before disaster strikes.

Thanks to a generous grant from LA County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn, we were able to host a disaster preparedness workshop for the senior residents of Seasons at Redondo Beach. The Redondo Beach Fire Department reviewed evacuation protocols with residents and taught them how to use a fire extinguisher, shut off gas lines, and protect themselves during an earthquake

if using a cane, walker, or wheelchair. Afterwards, Linc provided materials for residents to compile their own emergency kits with supplies such as nonperishable food, water, blankets, and first aid materials.

With practiced emergency plans and prepared supply kits, our seniors are now equipped to make it through a disaster without risking their health.





## The Gift of Giving



Volunteer Myla Medrano teaches financial literacy to students in the after-school programs at Mosaic Gardens at Holly Courts and Mosaic Gardens at Taylor Terrace. She has a big heart for the children, buying Christmas gifts for each one.

When some of her students were sad because they would be moving away soon, she resolved to do something extra nice for the family. She went to the local grocery store and bought them a full Christmas dinner. Their mother was overwhelmed; she hadn't expected to be able to provide a holiday meal or gifts for her children that year.

Linc Housing and our residents are grateful to have genuinely caring volunteers like Myla who go above and beyond.



### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Giving Back: Diane Returns

In 2009 a six-year-old girl named Diane joined the City Gardens after-school program. Confident and friendly, Resident Services Field Supervisor Clare Ofield recounts, "Diane was one of the first students to introduce herself to me on my first day as a volunteer." Clare clearly remembers helping her learn to read. Diane caught on quickly, soon becoming an avid reader.

Diane aged out of the after-school program three years ago, but didn't want to leave, jokingly threatening to show up every day and sit on the step outside. The program had been a big part of her young life and she knew she was going to miss it. But Clare knew that Diane didn't truly need the program anymore: "She hadn't for a while. Leaving was an important part of growing up for her."

When she was 14, Diane also took part in Linc's Mentoring Program. She found the eight-week program to be extremely useful, especially the practice college application section. She also appreciated her mentor's flexibility to spend two of the sessions focusing on an academic area she was struggling with.



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**CLARE OFIELD  
FIELD SUPERVISOR**

### Noteworthy

OVER  
**3,745**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS  
SERVED IN 2019

She vowed to return as a volunteer herself as soon as she turned 16: the photo above shows her now, helping a group of students finish their automation projects for Summer Club. "It's fantastic to have Diane back at the program," Clare shares, "To watch her grow up into a young person with a social conscience and clear ideas for her future. I like to think we had a small part in that."

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## COMMUNITY

Linc cares for the  
environment

## PROGRAMMING

Spreading holiday  
cheer with potlucks,  
parties, and presents

## VOLUNTEER

HP brings joy through  
food and flowers