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Linc Housing Receives \$350,000 Grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation to Help Build Child Development Center at New Affordable and Supportive Housing Complex

LONG BEACH, Calif. – Feb. 4, 2020 - Linc Housing today announced plans for a \$350,000 grant awarded by the W.M. Keck Foundation. The grant will support the development of a modern 5,240-square-foot child care center at Linc's new Springhaven apartment complex in the Willowbrook neighborhood in Los Angeles County.

Springhaven, currently under construction, will be home to 100 low-income families, including 50 households that have experienced homelessness. Drew Child Development Corporation (Drew CDC) will operate the new child care center, relocating 88 early childhood education spots from its current site nearby. The child care program will be open to both Springhaven residents and the community at large. An additional benefit for the community is that once the new center opens, Linc will build another affordable apartment complex on Drew CDC's current location.

Children at the new center will have access to quality early childhood education that also provides connections to community programs and resources. In addition to the services run by Drew CDC, the new facility will include an outdoor Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) science lab that will be used both for Drew CDC programs and community partnerships.

"The housing cost burden for low-income households makes it difficult to pay for healthcare, additional schooling or job training, childcare, healthy food, and other essentials," said Rebecca Clark, president and CEO, Linc Housing. "Affordable housing allows parents to invest time in cooking at home, supporting children in their school work, and pursuing the education or training needed to build a better career. And access to affordable, quality childcare nearby further strengthens families by reducing stress and giving young children the foundation they need to be successful in school. We're grateful to the W.M. Keck Foundation for their support."

Based in Los Angeles, the W. M. Keck Foundation was established in 1954 by the late W. M. Keck, founder of the Superior Oil Company. The Foundation's grant making is focused primarily on pioneering efforts in the areas of medical research and science and engineering. The Foundation also maintains a Southern California Grant Program that provides support for the Los Angeles community, with a special emphasis on children and youth. For more information, visit www.wmkeck.org.

About Linc Housing Corporation

Linc Housing, one of California's most productive nonprofit developers of affordable housing, is committed to building communities and strengthening neighborhoods for people underserved by the marketplace. Linc has helped create more than 8,000 homes in 80 communities throughout the state. The organization's properties are known for excellent design, outstanding management and life-enhancing services for its residents. Linc has more than 35 years of service to families, seniors, people with special needs, and local governments - helping to create sustainable communities via new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, and historic preservation. Visit www.Linchousing.org for more information.

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