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COMMUNITY

Compassion in
Long Beach

PROGRAMS

Pride and Connection
for Residents

RESIDENTS

Family
Focused



Opening Doors to a Brighter Future



Zephyr is the third
of five supportive
housing
communities Linc
will open in 2025,
totaling 433 new
homes for people
transitioning out of
homelessness.



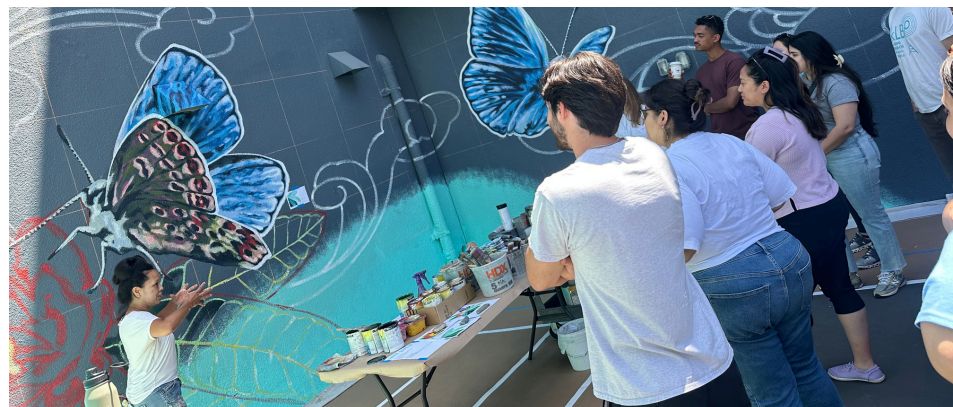
PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome Home

Thanks to Capital One, U.S. Bank, and the Leshem family, 135 new apartments in Long Beach are ready to welcome residents home. Over the course of two days, volunteers packed and delivered Welcome Home kits at Linc's largest supportive housing community to date, more than twice the size of Linc's other supportive housing locations.

Each kit included cookware, bedding, towels, toiletries, and cleaning supplies—plus a handmade "Welcome Home" sign created by the Leshem family and their friends. One volunteer shared, "It is so rewarding to be part of someone's journey in this way."

Now, each apartment is not only move-in ready, but filled with dignity, comfort, and care. Zephyr, supportive housing for people who have experienced homelessness, stands as a powerful example of what's possible when community, compassion, and purpose come together.



LIFE-ENHANCING SERVICES

Happy Mother's Day!

The kids at The Blossom in Beaumont had an opportunity to express their creativity by making special Mother's Day cards and gifts. They were excited and proud to make something heartfelt for their moms.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Priscilla

Priscilla joined the Linc team seven years ago, beginning as a resident services coordinator at Mosaic Gardens at Pomona and Lorena Heights. This past year, she became the ICMS case manager at Pomona, bringing to her new role the same heart and dedication that made her a trusted presence in the community.

“What I enjoy most is helping the residents,” she says. “Being at the same location for so long, I’ve watched the kids grow up. I’ve seen people who were formerly unhoused learn how to be part of a community and be good neighbors. It’s great to see residents helping each other out and just spending time together.”

Since becoming a full-time case manager in August, Priscilla recently had the opportunity to help new residents make the transition from Skid Row into stable housing. “It’s a long process, so I make sure that I’m always sitting with them — I want them to feel supported from the very beginning.”

Outside of work, Priscilla is a proud football mom. During frequent visits to Disneyland when her son isn’t busy with sports, she never skips a ride on the Haunted Mansion, especially when the ride transforms into The Nightmare Before Christmas.

The holiday season is her most treasured time of the year at work as well: “Thanksgiving is my favorite. A lot of our residents don’t have family to go home to, so we make it feel like one here.”

To Priscilla, this work is more than a job — it’s family.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Home for Good Surveys



At Linc Housing, Home for Good surveys aren’t just about data collection; they’re a celebration of community voice and a reflection of Linc’s commitment to Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Twice a year, in April and October, residents in our supportive housing communities are invited to share their experiences, insights,

and ideas. These surveys help Linc understand how well we are supporting residents in their transition out of homelessness and where we can grow together.

At HiFi Collective in Historic Filipinotown, the recent survey period turned into a creative and collaborative event. Lizet, a senior case manager, brought the ABCD model to life by inviting resident Andy to lead the charge. Known for his artistic flair and leadership in the HiFi Collective Expressive Art Studio, Andy designed a vibrant tracking poster to encourage participation. His creativity turned the campaign into a source of pride and connection for fellow residents.

The ABCD model teaches us that every person brings unique talents and strengths to the table. At Linc, we recognize residents not just as recipients of services, but as contributors to a thriving community. Through initiatives like Home for Good, we foster spaces where individuals can lift each other up and take ownership of their futures. HiFi’s spirited participation, and Andy’s artwork, reminds us that when institutions step back, empowered communities step forward.

Ralphs Community Rewards Program

This program makes fundraising easy by donating to Linc based on the shopping you do every day at Ralphs. Once you link your Ralphs Rewards Card to Linc, all you have to do is shop at Ralphs and swipe/input your Shopper’s Card and Linc will automatically get a small percentage of your purchase at no cost to you. Sign up at www.ralphs.com/i/community-contribution-program



Sustainability

At Cadence in Watts, a sunny day sprouted into a celebration of sustainability and community. Angela (property manager), Gam (senior case manager), Dot (new case manager), and Larry (resident volunteer) came together to prepare a wholesome, garden-fresh meal that delighted everyone’s taste buds.

Then Kayla from Garden Kollektive led an “Intro to Gardening” workshop, where residents learned how to care for herbs and leafy greens to brighten their windowsills — and their plates.

She shared tips on water and soil care, and each resident went home with a seedling and a budding green thumb.

It was a day of connection, cultivation, and community — one to remember and repeat!



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Martha

After months of uncertainty, Martha and her daughter, Destiny, are finally home at Linc’s newest community - Willow Way in El Monte. The two moved in earlier this year after experiencing housing instability that left them sleeping in their car and relying on friends for temporary shelter. Today, they’re not just safely housed - they’re thriving as part of this new community.

Originally from South Gate, Martha spent years working in the medical field before a serious on-the-job injury led to multiple back surgeries, the most recent in December 2024. She was recovering in the hospital when she got the life-changing call. She and Destiny had been approved to move into Willow Way.

Since settling in, they’ve found more than just a roof over their heads. They’ve found support, connection, and joy through the programs organized by Linc’s resident services team. One of their favorite experiences was a spring social where residents gathered for a painting project. They look forward to participating in future activities as they get to know their neighbors and the Linc team.

For now, Martha is focused on healing—both physically and emotionally—and making sure Destiny is doing well in school. Martha dreams of returning to nursing school someday, but says, “For now, my focus is on my daughter.”



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— Martha, Willow Way resident

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