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Ring in the New Year with New Housing

While many have begun stringing festive lights and decking halls with holly, we at Linc Housing have been busy putting the finishing touches on our newest housing communities. Next month, [Spark at Midtown](#) in Long Beach and [Springhaven](#) in Willowbrook will be opening apartment doors to low-income residents, including those who have experienced homelessness. We are so excited about these new signature communities that integrate affordable and supportive housing with resources and services for stronger neighborhoods!

Spark and Springhaven residents coming from homelessness will arrive to find their apartments furnished with household items such as bedding, dishes, and bath towels, thanks to generous donations to our Welcome Home program. Learn more about Welcome Home and its impact through the story of Ralph, a previous program recipient, in the following article.

Welcome Home: Meet Ralph

Ralph arrived at The Nightingale with nothing but a bag of clothes. It had been a long journey through imprisonment, grief, addiction, homelessness, and hospitalization before he arrived at one of Linc Housing's supportive housing communities: The Nightingale in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Once Ralph was told that he had been accepted he couldn't believe his luck. On move-in day he found that the apartment was already fully furnished and thanks to

Linc's [Welcome Home](#) program, filled with the basic day to day necessities that he really needed. He was in awe that anyone would be this kind towards him.

Since moving into The Nightingale, Ralph has enjoyed stable, supportive housing for the first time in his adult life. Freed from the constant struggle and survival of homelessness, he has become a very active member in the community and is now a familiar friendly face at weekly groups and special events. [Read more of Ralph's story.](#)

To provide a fresh start to the lives of new residents like Ralph, contribute to Welcome Home today:



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A Different Sort of Holidays

The holidays are different this year. Continued health precautions have required a bit of ingenuity from our resident services staff in order to ensure that residents still receive holiday meals and some festive cheer to keep their spirits up through the season:

[Mosaic Gardens at Taylor Terrace](#) in Sacramento hosted a pumpkin decorating contest to combat loneliness and provide an opportunity for fun, creativity, and prizes. At the [The Nightingale](#) in unincorporated Los Angeles, residents received "grab and go" Thanksgiving meals of individually wrapped tamales, dessert and drinks.

With December's holidays fast approaching, the children at [City Gardens](#) in Santa Ana (pictured above) surveyed Linc's mini gift store, choosing and wrapping gifts to be placed in stockings and under trees. They brainstormed party alternatives, landing on a cookie baking challenge.

This season we are prouder than ever of our residents' resilience, spirit, and dedication to their neighbors' safety.

Under Construction: HiFi Collective

Last year Los Angeles County unveiled [new mapping technology](#) that showed unsheltered homeless populations in places like Historic Filipinotown exceeded more than 500 individuals experiencing homelessness per square mile. That puts it in the same range as Downtown Los Angeles, which has traditionally had the highest homeless counts.

Linc Housing is part of the solution in Historic Filipino town with [HiFi Collective](#), a 64-unit supportive housing community for those who have experienced homelessness. Our HiFi construction team has completed the demolition of the previous structure, excavated the site, and poured concrete for the foundation. In construction terms, this is an important milestone!

Not only will this new building provide desperately needed, high-quality housing and a wide range of social and supportive services; it will also include a new beautiful ground floor facility for [Search to Involve Pilipino Americans](#) (SIPA). SIPA, which has served the local neighborhood since 1972, will use this community center to promote economic self-sufficiency, educational attainment, cultural awareness and civic engagement.

Get Involved: Become a **Volunteer** today!

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