

The issue: Cutting the ribbon at Spark at Midtown—we need your vote!



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Spark Ignites in Long Beach

Affordable Housing Finance has recognized Spark at Midtown by naming it as a finalist in two categories for the 17th Annual Readers' Choice Awards. If you are an AHF subscriber, please take a quick minute to cast your vote and help us win!

[Vote for Spark at Midtown for both "Best Mixed-Use Development" and "Best Overall Development"](#)

The much anticipated grand opening of [Spark at Midtown](#) in Central Long Beach brought together Linc Housing residents, staff, and partners, including Mayor Robert Garcia and Councilmember Suely Saro.

"This is my house. This is my home." Click to hear new resident Erica share about her journey out of homelessness at the grand opening.

Spark at Midtown is a beautiful new 95-unit affordable and supportive housing community. The groundfloor features the YMCA of Greater Long Beach's Youth Institute, Change Agent Productions, and New American Welcome Center, as well as a Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center clinic, demonstration kitchen, reservable meeting space for nonprofits, and a café to provide healthy food and quality jobs to the neighborhood. ([Read the news release to learn more.](#))



Summer Club is Back!

After a year of seeing friends on computer screens, the children at our communities couldn't wait to get together for Summer Clubs. The free six-week program was made possible in part by a generous grant from Sun Country Builders to support educational opportunities for youth. There were reading activities, challenging STEAM lessons, deep group discussions, healthy recipe-making, and lots more fun in-between. A popular favorite was the first ever "Experience Week" on survival training.

Camping offers many benefits, from physical activity to fresh air, but the activity is often out of reach for students from low-income families who may not be able to afford the necessary equipment. For Experience Week, Linc was able to increase access to the great outdoors by providing students with tents and survival gear. Together Summer Club participants set up a campsite, learned basic safety skills, and cooked s'mores over mini campfires! [Click here to learn more about Linc's Resident Services.](#)



Linc Welcomes Vicky Rodríguez

We couldn't be more pleased with the most recent addition to the Linc family! Vicky Rodríguez joins Linc Housing as Vice President of Housing Development, leading the design, development, financing, and construction administration for Linc projects.

As part of Linc's senior management team, Vicky employs a collaborative approach to help the organization cultivate cross-sector partnerships and expand housing development efforts. She brings more than 16 years of affordable housing development experience to Linc, including extensive expertise in affordable housing funding sources and legislation impacting the industry.

[Click here to learn more about Vicky.](#)



Save the Date: Long Beach Gives 9/23

Linc Housing is proud of our ever increasing number of communities across California, as well as our local impact. In Long Beach (home to our corporate offices since 1997) we get to open 134 new affordable homes this year, including 86 apartments for individuals and families that have experienced homelessness.

Long Beach Gives is a 24-hour online giving day and your opportunity to help welcome and equip residents for a future where they can stabilize and thrive. All donations go to our Welcome Home program, which provides household necessities such as bedding, dishes, bath towels, and grocery gift cards. Join the cause on September 23!

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

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