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35TH

ANNIVERSARY GALA

Patricia Arquette

Advocate of the Year



A Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Summer is here! I hope this letter finds you basking in the sunshine and enjoying the warm weather.

Like the proverbial blue skies after a rainstorm, as we persevere through challenges, it's always good to look on the bright side. One of the lessons of the pandemic is just how important human connection is. It's not merely an enrichment; it is vital to our existence. As human beings we are social creatures.

For this reason our team of dedicated resident services professionals have reinstated in-person activities at all our housing communities. That's why we are thrilled to invite you to celebrate our 35th anniversary at an in-person gala this fall.

We have an outstanding honoree for our 35th anniversary celebration, Patricia Arquette. Please turn to page 4 to learn more about this remarkable activist, human and actress. Ms. Arquette doesn't miss an opportunity to use her platform, including some of the most viewed stages in the world, to speak up for the homeless, for transgender individuals, for gender equality and more. You'll learn more about this outstanding woman on the following pages.

It takes a village to advance our mission and our supporters have made all the difference. Without you our work would not be possible. And for that, we thank you.

Over these 35 years, WHCHC has evolved but our mission remains the same: building homes and providing services that move community members from insecurity to stability. With Berendo Sage welcoming approximately 85 new residents this month, we now serve over 1,250 people in 744 units in 21 affordable apartment communities in three cities. Our team is actively working on five new projects that will add an additional 399 units by the end of 2025.

As we look to the future it is more important than ever to sustain the critical services offered to every resident free of charge. Your support helps us keep residents housed, stable, and thriving. We could not do it without you.


Thank you & kind regards,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Jesse".

Jesse Slansky
President & CEO

Promoting Wellness


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Courtyard at La Brea residents in West Hollywood enjoy free fresh produce from Seeds of Hope.

Courtyard at La Brea

Older adult Korean speaking residents at **Westmore Linden** in Los Angeles participated in a workshop by Korean American Family Services which promoted the benefits of therapy.



Westmore Linden



Young residents at **Vermont Manzanita** in Los Angeles made their own skateboards! The yearlong program, STOKED, empowers youth to reach their fullest potential, instilling passion, resilience and determination.

Vermont Manzanita

Patricia Arquette

Giving Voice to the Voiceless

You can't help but notice Patricia Arquette when she walks into a room. WHCHC's Advocate of the Year exudes glamour and grace in all that she does. From riveting, multiple award-winning performances in both film and television, to rousing calls to action on behalf of the most vulnerable, Patricia is a powerhouse. Widely recognized as an outspoken advocate for women's rights, LGBTQ rights and housing for all, Ms. Arquette unapologetically uses her voice, her name, and her platform as a call to action to help others.



**I want to thank WHCHC
for all you are doing
every day."**

- Patricia Arquette

These causes are close to Patricia's heart for a reason. Behind the Hollywood spotlight, her sister, Alexis, faced many challenges. An openly transgender actress, Alexis was a resident of the WHCHC-developed Palm View Apartments until her untimely passing in 2016.

While her accolades are glittered with an Academy Award, Golden Globe, BAFTA, SAG, Emmy, New York Film Critics Circle, Los Angeles Film Critics and Independent Spirit Awards, Patricia is well known for addressing issues that most people shy away from, especially on the world's biggest stages. When she won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in 2019 for her role in Hulu's "The Act," Patricia addressed the persecution of transgender people while grieving Alexis' loss. She said in an emotional speech, "I will be in mourning for the rest of my life for you, Alexis, until we change the world so that trans people are not persecuted. And give them jobs! They're human beings. Let's get rid of this bias that we have everywhere."



In 1992, WHCHC developed the Palm View Apartments in West Hollywood. Groundbreaking at the time, Palm View was one of the first affordable apartment communities on the West Coast to exclusively house individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In the early 1990s, an AIDS diagnosis was expected to be a death sentence. Now, thanks to incredible medical and scientific advances, there are people with HIV aging-in-place throughout our portfolio, seniors living vibrant and healthy lives. Today, while no longer owned by WHCHC, Palm View continues to be operated by our former partner, the Actors Fund, housing low-income individuals with special needs.



Pioneering Critical Support Services

Palm View was WHCHC's foray into providing supportive services and the genesis of what would become our Resident Services Department. When the building first opened, we saw that some individuals needed a helping hand in order to live independently. We started with one services coordinator who connected these residents to resources and linked them to life-enhancing services, such as medical and mental healthcare. Learning that many residents across the portfolio faced similar challenges, we gradually expanded our supportive services program and now offer voluntary, on-site services to all residents, free of charge. WHCHC facilitates residents' mental, emotional and physical well-being through initial needs assessment, individualized service plans, lifelong learning workshops, and linkages to resources, such as overall healthcare, transportation, and food. With your financial support, these services keep people housed.

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Honoring

Patricia Arquette

September 14, 2022

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Berendo Sage

Ready to Welcome Residents Home

7,235 applications received.
The need is overwhelming.



Finishing touches are completing **Berendo Sage**—mirrors are being hung and final coats of paint are on the walls—as no detail is overlooked to welcome residents home.

Nearly completed, Berendo Sage is an all-new 42 unit affordable apartment community in the Koreatown/Pico-Union neighborhood of Los Angeles. Twenty-one (21) units are reserved for formerly homeless individuals and families. Twenty (20) units will provide stable housing to low-income households and families making up to 50% of the area median income (AMI). Berendo Sage includes one, two and three bedrooms, with one two-bedroom unit reserved for the onsite building manager. All of the units include universal design elements allowing residents to age in place.

The lobby at Berendo Sage includes the building manager's office, two social services offices and a mail room. The rooftop community room includes a kitchenette, computer area, laundry room and opens onto a landscaped sky deck with a barbecue and seating area. **Welcome Home!**



Watch What's Happening Now

Mariposa Lily

Koreatown/Pico-Union, Los Angeles

On track to complete this winter. 41 units for families, with half reserved for formerly homeless households.



Miramar Gold

Westlake North, Los Angeles

Scheduled to break ground in fall 2022. 94 units for low-income households, with half reserved for formerly homeless individuals and families. Scheduled to be completed in fall 2024.



Aloe Palm Canyon

Palm Springs

Planned to break ground early 2023. 71 units for seniors, with 25 reserved for formerly homeless seniors. Planned for completion in summer 2024.



Third Thyme

Westlake North, Los Angeles

Scheduled to break ground in spring 2023. 104 units for seniors, with half reserved for formerly homeless households. Scheduled for completion in spring 2025.



Introducing 910 Wetherly Drive

West Hollywood

Application submitted this summer. 89 units for low- and moderate-income households, including workforce housing and those with special needs.



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Building homes and providing services
that move community members
from insecurity to stability.

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