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Introducing Berendo Sage



A Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe the holiday season is already upon us! We always look forward to this time of year. Our resourceful resident services team is busy creating wonderful gatherings for our residents. At our family-focused apartment communities it started with Halloween. And just days later we hosted our first Thanksgiving gathering at Laurel Norton in West Hollywood. It can't be overstated how joyous it feels to be celebrating in person again. We know that bringing people together curbs social isolation, creates a vibrant sense of community and promotes wellness. It is even more impactful knowing that for some residents our celebration might be the only holiday event on their calendar.

The importance of gathering together was viscerally evident at our 35th Anniversary Gala in September. We enjoyed an incredible evening of mingling, music and storytelling. There is no better way to celebrate 35 years of community service than with the many people who've supported WHCHC along the way—past, present and future.

What we heard that night continues to fuel our mission. Thanks to WHCHC—thanks to you—we heard countless times how **“My life has improved.” “I don't have to worry.” “We now have opportunities.” “It's a dream come true.”** Please take pride in being part of the solution to housing affordability and homelessness.

And yet, the need for housing that is affordable is overwhelming. We received a heartbreaking 7,200 applicants for Berendo Sage, our newest affordable community. As we go to press, Berendo Sage is still welcoming its new residents home. In the following pages, you'll learn more about this beautiful building and meet a family whose lives just changed. There is no better way to transition into 2023 than by welcoming home these residents with housing stability and critical supportive services.

As we continue to expand our resident population, we hope that you will join us in being a part of the solution. Your contribution to WHCHC has direct, positive impact on our residents by providing these life-sustaining supportive services. Help us make their season merry and bright.

From our family to yours, thank you for your support and here's to a happy and healthy new year.

Thank you & kind regards,

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

Jesse Slansky
President & CEO

A Season of Gratitude



Celebrating their Fall Festival, West Hollywood's **Laurel Norton** residents enjoyed good food, live music and gifts to go.

Laurel Norton



West Hollywood Mayor Lauren Meister got into the Halloween spirit with delighted residents at **Hayworth House**.



Hayworth House



Vermont Manzanita

Congratulations to Lamar from **Vermont Manzanita** in Los Angeles for winning his very own custom designed Vans at the annual STOKED showcase! STOKED is a yearlong youth empowerment program.

Welcome Home to Berendo Sage



Just in time for the holidays, excited residents recently began moving into Berendo Sage, a forty-two unit affordable apartment community in the Koreatown/Pico-Union area of Los Angeles.

The rooftop community room has a stunning, breathtaking view furnished with sliding glass doors that open into a lushly landscaped sky deck. The modern design offers an easily convertible indoor/outdoor social lifestyle including a kitchenette, barbecue and seating area. Other amenities include a convenient computer area and laundry room. The lobby at Berendo Sage includes the building manager's office, two social services offices, onsite resident services and a mailroom.

Twenty-one of the units provide homes for families who have experienced homelessness. Twenty units house low-income households and families making up to 50% of the area median income (AMI). Berendo Sage is a mix of one, two and three bedrooms, with one two-bedroom unit reserved for a full-time onsite building manager. All of the units incorporate universal design principles to be functional and practical for people both with and without mobility impairments.

Berendo Sage

At a Glance

Units

42 including manager's unit

Population

Families, including those who have experienced homelessness

Architect

Urban Architecture Lab

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A Place Called Home

Although new resident, Shalanda, is shy about being photographed, she did wish to share her enthusiasm, excitement, and relief at being one of the lucky ones selected for Berendo Sage. The mother of two feels “extremely blessed” to be able to have a brand new, stable home after losing her job in the early days of the pandemic.

As they prepare to move in, Shalanda is especially thrilled about the stability this housing offers to her two sons. She’s already had an initial meeting with WHCHC’s Resident Services Coordinators and will soon start working on a plan to take advantage of the myriad programs and services offered at no cost to all residents.

With a passion for cooking, Shalanda is so happy to have a brand new kitchen to create family meals and lasting memories.



35TH

ANNIVERSARY GALA

Thank you for celebrating with us.



Love,

Patricia Arguette



Be a Part of the Solution



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Watch What's Happening Now

Mariposa Lily

Koreatown/Pico-Union, Los Angeles

On track to complete in spring 2023. 41 units for families with half reserved for households formerly experiencing homelessness.



Miramar Gold

Westlake North, Los Angeles

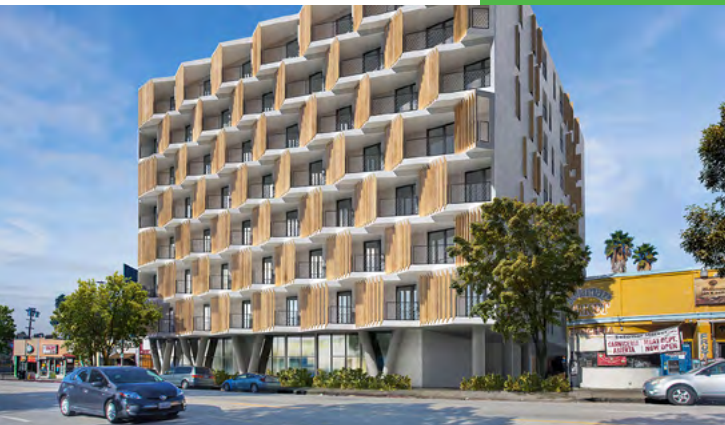
Construction is underway! Broke ground in November 2022. 94 units for low-income households, with half reserved for people formerly experiencing homelessness. Scheduled to be completed in summer 2024.



Aloe Palm Canyon

Palm Springs

Planned to break ground in spring 2023. 71 units for seniors, with 25 reserved for seniors formerly experiencing homelessness. Planned for completion in fall 2024.



Third Thyme

Westlake North, Los Angeles

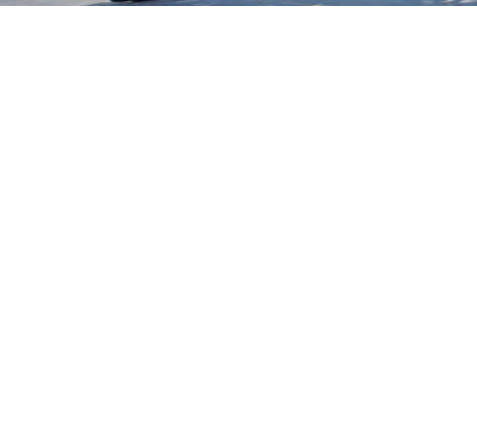
Scheduled to break ground in spring 2023. 104 units for seniors, with half reserved for formerly homeless households. Scheduled for completion in spring 2025.



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West Hollywood

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





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