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A photograph of a woman with dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue, long-sleeved, ribbed top with a cardigan-style front. Her hands are resting on a light-colored countertop. The background shows a modern kitchen with wooden cabinetry, a white vase with green plants on a shelf, and a window with blue-tinted glass blocks.

Housing the
Workforce

A Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

The spirit of the holiday season is here!

Our resident services team is working hard organizing holiday parties and festivities across the portfolio. Preparations began as early as September and were kicked off at Movietown Square in West Hollywood, where the residents also celebrated their seven year anniversary! Almost all of these senior residents have been living at the property since its opening and were thrilled to celebrate.

There is so much to be grateful for. The grand opening of our newest affordable housing community in Los Angeles, Mariposa Lily, has welcomed home almost 100 new residents. In the following pages, you will learn more about this beautiful new building and hear from one resident who now calls the building home. "This is the best thing that has ever happened to me in my life," she says. "I've been stable in my employment for years, but it's never been enough to cover the constantly rising rents. I am very grateful to have this opportunity. I still well up with relief and gratitude."

Looking forward toward the future, Third Thyme in Los Angeles and Aloe Palm Canyon, our first affordable housing community in Palm Springs, both broke ground this year. We are thrilled to have four projects in development with more on the horizon. With every new door that we open, there are thousands more we still need to build. Our mission remains clear, even more now than ever. As long as there is a need, we will continue to build homes and provide services that move community members from insecurity to stability.

I want to sincerely thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your compassion. By reading these pages you are already a part of the solution. They say it takes a village to raise a child. I say it takes an entire city to build affordable housing. On behalf of over 1,270 residents, thank you, we could not do this without you.

From all of us at WHCHC, best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Thank you and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Jesse". The script is fluid and cursive.

Jesse Slansky
President & CEO



Joyful Festivities

Hayworth House

Celebrating their holiday party at **Hayworth House** in West Hollywood, residents enjoyed a delicious meal with sweet desserts that some residents created in a baking class!

Seven years of friendship at **Movietown Square**!

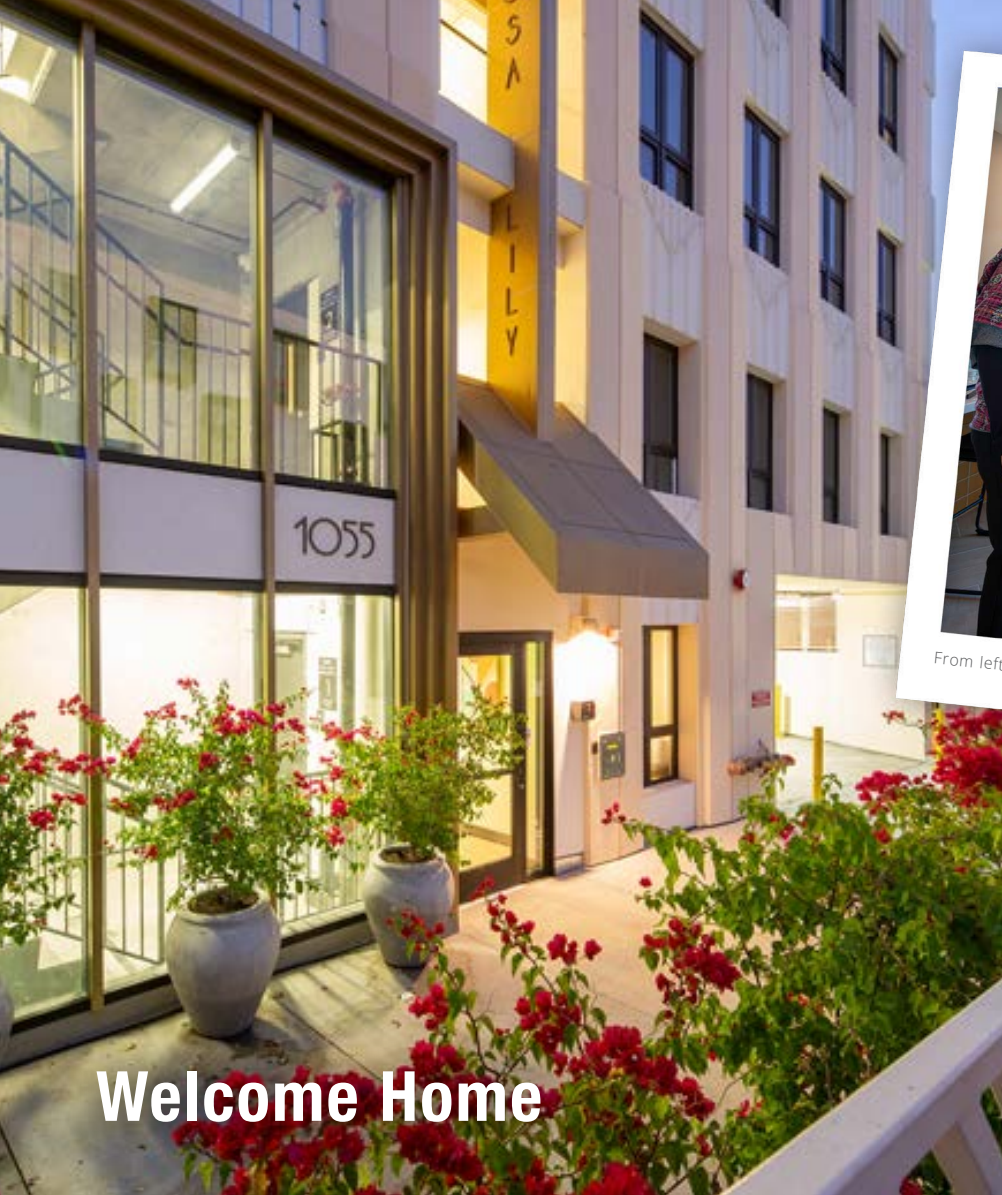


Movietown Square



Vermont Manzanita

Our little helpers at **Vermont Manzanita** and **Berendo Sage** in Los Angeles and **Glen Grove** in Glendale have made a goal to make 100 holiday cards by December. Once completed, they plan to distribute them to children in local hospitals. What a heartfelt way to give back during this season of giving!



Welcome Home

Kicking off this year's holiday season right, Mariposa Lily opened its doors to 41 units in the Koreatown/Pico-Union area of Los Angeles. As residents enthusiastically moved in, a welcome home warmth emanated throughout the community. The glamorous art deco designed building by HED is now home to more than 80 people, including seniors and working individuals and families.

With spectacular views of Los Angeles, the skydeck at Mariposa Lily includes lush landscaping, edible gardens, barbecues and numerous gathering spots for residents to enjoy year-round. It also contains a fully furnished community room with a kitchenette and computer area. Combined, the rooftop serves as a hub for group activities such as lifelong learning workshops, exercise and nutrition programs and social functions that combat isolation and inspire community connection.

Mariposa Lily includes one, two and three-bedroom homes, each with a private balcony, and universal design features to accommodate all physical abilities while allowing for residents to age-in-place. Built by United Building Company, Mariposa Lily received LEED for Homes Gold certification for environmental sustainability.



From left, Isela Gracian, Jesse Slansky, Resident Shontique, LA City Councilwoman Heather Hutt, Resident Roselia, Karl Lott, WHCHC Board Chair

Mariposa Lily At a Glance

Units

41 including manger's unit

Population

Individuals and families, including those who have experienced homelessness

Architect

HED

Contractor

United Building Company

Lenders & Funders

- Bank of America
- California Department of Housing and Community Development
- California Debt Limit Allocation Committee
- California Tax Credit Allocation Committee
- Citibank
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Los Angeles County Development Authority
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (No Place Like Home)
- Los Angeles Housing Department (HHH)

Resident Spotlight



My hope and happiness changed. This is the best thing that has ever happened to me in my life.”

- Shontique

A longtime member of the greater Los Angeles workforce, Shontique struggled to afford her own housing. Like so many she was in and out of transitional homes and staying on sofas with family and friends. “It doesn’t matter what kind of job you have,” she told us, “housing should be affordable for everyone.”

When the property manager called to say that her number was selected in the lottery, everything changed. “It has been a very long journey for me. It has been tiresome, but all of that feels worthwhile now. I am home,” Shontique declared proudly.

In addition to a stronger path to economic mobility, housing stability has given Shontique the freedom to enjoy cooking in her own kitchen and being able to plan for her future. She and her three adopted kittens are loving their new home. As the first person to move into Mariposa Lily, Shontique felt it was a sign, “I really feel like God was on my side.”



“

After sleeping on couches for such a long time, I finally have a place of my own. Thank you for supporting affordable housing, with your support I can now focus on helping my elderly parents.”

- Mariposa Lily Resident



Your Donation Has Impact



Donate today.

Your support keeps residents housed and thriving.

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Watch What's Coming Up

Miramar Gold

Westlake North, Los Angeles

Construction is 22% complete. 94 units for low-income households, with half reserved for people formerly experiencing homelessness. Scheduled to be completed in spring 2025.



Third Thyme

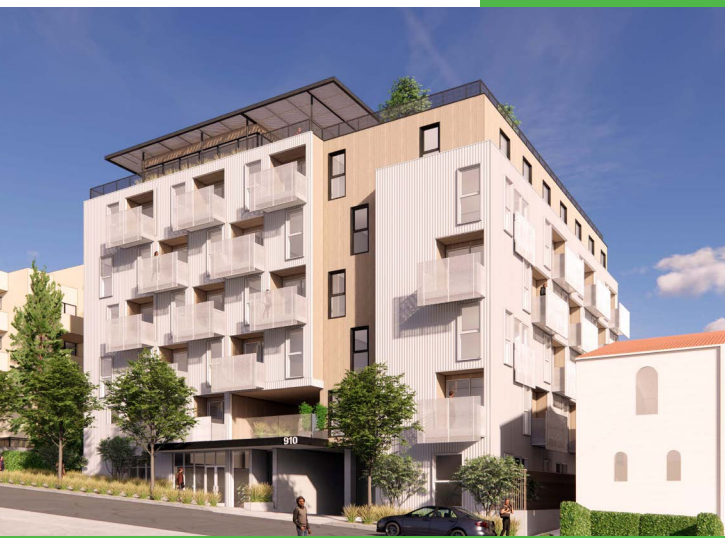
Westlake North, Los Angeles

In early stages of construction. 104 units for seniors, with half reserved for formerly homeless households. Scheduled for completion in summer 2025.

Aloe Palm Canyon

Palm Springs

Construction has begun! 71 units for seniors, with 25 reserved for seniors formerly experiencing homelessness. Planned for completion in fall of 2025.



910 Wetherly Drive

West Hollywood

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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