

Our Response is Greater!

A Message From Stephanie Klasky - Gamer | President & CEO

The 2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Count shows that Los Angeles has successfully stabilized the size of the homeless population across the region. But the number of people experiencing homelessness is still far too great and our work is needed more than ever. In the past few months, our city council members have pledged to build 222 units of permanent supportive housing in each district of our city, and have approved two ordinances that will make it easier to do so. LA Family Housing is an active partner in developing this new housing and providing services to the most vulnerable in our region.

"Yes!" Nearly 750 supporters said yes as they raised \$1.7 million at LAFH Awards 2018 in April. These funds will support the expansion of our work, including the opening of our new Bridge Housing for Women in Sylmar and the completion of our new Campus. The Campus will link healthcare, employment, and supportive services together as well as provide new Bridge Housing and apartments for the region.

The new apartment complex at The Campus, The Fiesta, is one of five new properties in our pipeline to open in the coming years. All of this activity moves



LA Family Housing came together with our community partners at City Hall to advocate for the passage of the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance and Motel Conversion Ordinance.

more people home and gives them the opportunity to experience the joy, safety, and security of a roof over their head and a bed to sleep in at night.

Yes, the need is great. But when we come together as a community, our collective response is greater. Thank you for everything **YOU** do to support our participants on their journey home. Together, we are making a meaningful impact in people's lives as we work to prevent and end homelessness.

With gratitude,



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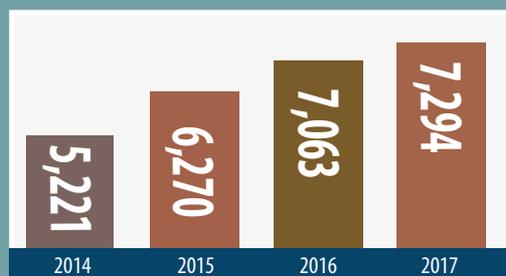
Check out the latest updates on The Campus.

TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING CHILDREN AND ADULTS FIND STABILITY

In 2017, we served **7,294** people.

The increase shows success and proves that **our work is needed more than ever.**

Thank you for your continued support to help us break the cycle of homelessness in people's lives.





In January, we hosted the Annual Homeless Count launch at our South Campus.



In February, we broke ground on Ormond Beach, supportive housing for 50 individuals.



In February, we hosted providers from across the National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness.

Now I Know Where I Am

by Ahmaya (Precious)



Ahmaya spoke about her family's search for permanent housing at LAFH Awards 2018. Here is her speech from that night:

LA Family Housing helped my family find a new home. Last year, my parents weren't able to afford our rent anymore, so we had to move out of our apartment the day before the last day of school. It was nerve-racking, since we weren't sure where we were going to live before school started. We'd lived there for so long, and we had built a life and made friends. I was working very hard on my goal of becoming the valedictorian of my high school. But it was hard to find a house in a decent area near our school that we could afford, so we stayed in motels and sometimes had to sleep in the car.

With my parents, my three siblings, and myself, there are too many of us

to stay in a car! I struggle with anxiety and it got really bad for a while.

But then my dad was put in touch with LA Family Housing, and it changed our lives. LA Family Housing helped us find a place we could afford in a decent area with decent schools and good people around. Now I don't have to wonder where I'm going to be next week. When I put my key in the door, I know where I am – I'm back home. I have my own room and my own space. I feel comfortable, secure, and safe.

Even though our family was in a rough situation that we hadn't expected, it turned out to be a positive learning experience for us, and helped me not take so many things for granted. I'm in a new school, but I feel calmer than I've ever felt. My grades are back up to straight A's, and I'm starting to hear from great colleges. I can be more of myself, and I can see my future!

More than anything, I'm grateful for my family. My parents try as hard as they possibly can to keep us happy and healthy, and to keep us together. They work so hard, and they try to better themselves and lead by example. They say that just because

you've gone through something rough in your life, it doesn't mean that your life should be on hold. It just means that you have to work even harder to make sure that you and your kids don't have to go through this later.

“Now I don't have to wonder where I'll be next week. When I put my key in the door, I know where I am – I'm back home.”

I'm grateful for my siblings too – they annoy me to death, but I would have such a boring life without them. They make me a better person, and they make me want to be a better role model.



Ahmaya with her dad, two brothers, and sister.

LAFH is grateful to receive these distinguished grants to fund our **homelessness prevention and housing stability efforts!**



Wells Fargo demonstrates commitment to our mission by supporting The Campus, LAFH Awards, housing placement and employment programs.



Liberty Hill Foundation accelerates our participants' path toward economic equality by supporting our housing services and development.



Pacific Western Bank invests in preventing homelessness by supporting comprehensive services such as outreach and housing stabilization.

750

Guests attended **LAFH Awards 2018** to help end homelessness for children, families, and single adults across Los Angeles.

321

Families will move home thanks to the generosity of our event donors!

107

Businesses, foundations, and individuals sponsored **LAFH AWARDS 2018**.

YOU RAISED \$1.7 MILLION TO MOVE PEOPLE HOME!



Thi and Nguyen Tran of Button Mash, along with seven other chefs from top restaurants around LA, donated their services to our event.



This year's Inspiration Award Honoree Dwayne Johnson received a lei from LAFH participant Joshua, in honor of his journey from adversity to success.



First Lady of Los Angeles Amy Elaine Wakeland was this year's recipient of the Sydney M. Irmas Outstanding Humanitarian Award.



LAFH participants Priscilla and Ryan told the audience how having a place to call home was lifesaving – allowing their son to receive speech therapy, and enabling Ryan to focus on going back to school.

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Thank You!

FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS IN PEOPLE'S LIVES



Board member Deb Kazenelson Deane and guests enjoyed cocktails and small bites from our chefs and mixologists.



Wayne and Holly Brander posed at United Way's #EveryoneIn door, a campaign encouraging everyone to support new housing in their communities.



Guests gave a record-breaking \$315,000 during our paddle raise.



Emcee PJ Byrne and event chair Blair Rich walked the red carpet with Stephanie Klasky-Gamer.

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IN THE NEWS

Los Angeles Times Don't let NIMBYs – or weak-kneed politicians – stand in the way of homeless housing

In a time where there is so much funding available for permanent supportive housing, we need to stand together to say YES to housing in our communities. Emily, an LAFH resident, spoke about the positive effects of supportive housing in this LA Times article.



"I had a miracle. I was put at LA Family Housing. These people didn't know me, but they fed me. They gave me a bed. They helped me heal. Permanent supportive housing, which I live in, is critical. Support services enable people to regain their self-esteem and their ability to function in a safe environment, where they may be able to go out and contribute to society in their own way."
- Emily, LAFH Tenant

Read more at lafh.org

UCLA Lewis Center

Proposition HHH and the housing- first approach to ending chronic homelessness in LA

Our CEO Stephanie Klasky-Gamer shared thoughts on how we can effectively use Proposition HHH and Measure H dollars:

"When supportive housing developments are proposed in different parts of Los Angeles, we will need community members who are courageous enough to say YES. YES to building permanent supportive housing in their community. YES to standing with our homeless neighbors who need the necessary services to live and thrive."

THE Hollywood REPORTER

Dwayne Johnson fights back tears recalling time when he lived in motels and stole steaks as a youth



Dwayne Johnson, Inspiration Award recipient at LAFH Awards, recalled his own history with homelessness and poverty.

A New Place to Call Home

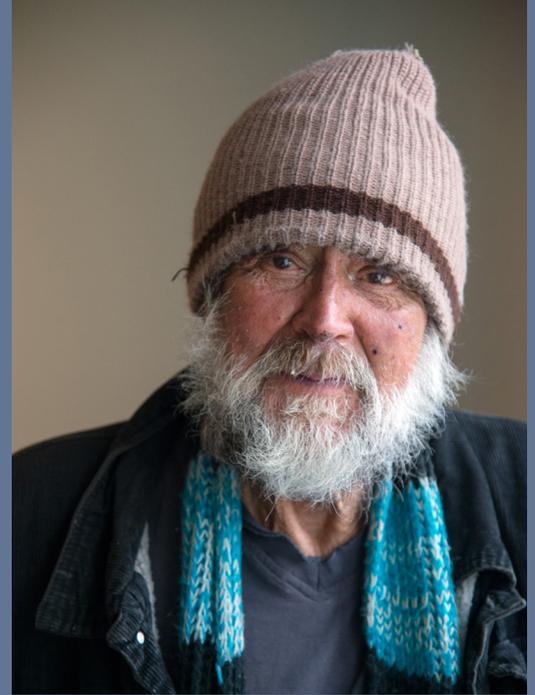
In January, LA Family Housing opened The Fiesta, home to 49 people who experienced chronic homelessness. Thirty-five of those individuals spent the previous night outdoors.



“LAFH gave me hope that I had forgotten I had. My key provides me with hope for my future, and it reminds me that I am somebody.”

JOHN, FIESTA TENANT

The Fiesta gets its name from the Fiesta Motel, a small 40-unit building purchased by a local interfaith group in 1983 for families to seek refuge while they regained their footing – the birthplace of LA Family Housing.



The community room art installation of keys inscribed with donor names reminds us that *together* is how we end homelessness.



City and county officials joined LAFH for a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Funders and partners received a gift for their role in making The Fiesta a reality.

We're Almost Home!



357 people have moved from our Bridge Housing to permanent housing in the past year.



Our Family Solutions Center helped **290 families** secure a home in 2017.



The Campus uses sustainable design methods, including solar hot water heaters, high efficiency water fixtures, and rooftop solar panels, as a LEED for Homes development project.

The Campus will allow us to serve more than 10,000 people each year with a new healthcare center, regional service hub, renovated Bridge Housing, and new apartments. Last year we completed our South Campus, containing our Family Solutions Center and Bridge Housing, and now we've completed The Fiesta, a new 50 unit apartment community for people who experienced homelessness. The final completion of the North Campus will include the regional service hub, new primary healthcare center and LAFH's headquarters.

With only \$1.5 million left to raise, YOU can help us make this vision a reality. We can't wait to celebrate the Grand Opening of the fully completed Campus with you this fall!

Help us close our campaign. Donate at lafh.org/thecampus.

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Watch our latest video about The Campus on LAFHTube!



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SAVE THE DATES!

ART & HOME September 26, 2018

Enjoy complimentary food and beverages and selected works of LA-based artists in a festive atmosphere of artistry, design, philanthropy, and musical entertainment hosted by Room & Board.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT November 1, 2018

Help PUTT an end to homelessness at LAFH's 8th Annual Golf Tournament. In addition to time on the green, try your luck at the Mega Putt contest and LA Fire Department Ball Drop.



CAMPUS GRAND OPENING November 2018

Join LA Family Housing in celebrating the completion of The Campus, representing three decades of experience and best practices to help people permanently end homelessness in their lives.

