In 2018, OCCHC/SteppingUP’s marked its 41st year in service committed to its mission “to transition extremely low-income families towards greater self-sufficiency by assisting them with HOUSING and EDUCATION” with the help of 128 volunteers and interns donating 2,437 hours valued at an estimated $60,170.

LETICIA STEPS UP TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Leticia came to OCCHC/SteppingUP as a single mother of 4 children in need of a home. With her current residence being sold at the last minute and a history of bad credit, she was in need of a second chance. At OCCHC/SteppingUP, Leticia learned how to repair her credit and obtained the tools to learn how to achieve economic security. She provided for her family, got involved in her community, became a resident representative and even an OCCHC/SteppingUP board member. Leticia is now a BUSINESS OWNER and this year became a HOMEOWNER. She purchased her dream home and is proud to share her success story to encourage others in doing the same. Congratulations Leticia!

Affordable Housing
- 40+ YEARS OF SERVICE
- 314 FAMILIES HOUSED 28 SITES THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY
- 1,365 INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 28 SITE THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY
- 166 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED FROM HOMELESSNESS IN 2018
- 43 AT-RISK FAMILIES WERE TRANSITIONED TO PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT OCCHC/STEPPINGUP IN 2018

College Awareness Program
- 569 YOUTH SERVED IN 2018 at 4 SITES
- 273 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SINCE 2006
- 100% GRADUATION RATE — WITH 76% UC/CU ELIGIBILITY — COMPARED TO 59% IN ORANGE COUNTY
- 60 COLLEGE GRADUATES TO DATE
- 314 PARENTS INVOLVED IN PADRE (PARENTS ACTIVELY REINFORCING EDUCATION)
- 80,000+ ADVISING HOURS PROVIDED since 2006

Homeownership Development
- 533 ADULTS EDUCATED WITH 22 WORKSHOPS FOCUSED ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT INCLUDING SPENDING PLANS, CREDIT, BANKING & HOMEOWNERSHIP
- 647 ONE-ON-ONES WITH OVER 331 COUSSELING HOURS FOCUSED ON CREDIT, BUDGETING & FINANCIAL LITERACY
- 68 HOMEOWNERS SINCE 2003 WITH 5 FAMILIES STEPPING UP TO HOMEOWNERSHIP IN 2018
- 2,000+ RESOURCES PROVIDED IN 2018

2,261 low-income individuals served earning an average household income of $39,318
OCCHC/SteppingUP transitioned 43 families on the brink of homelessness in 2018 including three families, in collaboration with Illumination Foundation who were identified as homeless by the children’s schools in the City of Anaheim and once living in the Santa Ana Riverbed. The stability and affordability of housing now offers an opportunity for each family to rebuild their lives.

Move in day was an especially joyous occasion for the Antunez Family, as not only was this one of the daughter’s birthdays, but they were also able to celebrate finally having a place to call their own. After losing his wife a few years ago, Mr. Antunez tried his best to provide for his daughters. Increased rents and stagnant wages led to homelessness for him and his girls, who now live in their own 3-bedroom unit and have a place to call home.

MEET LIZBETH...

Lizbeth came to OCCHC with her family after living in a one bedroom apartment with two other families. Their family always dreamed of having their own place to call home. Her father shares that today, “We live with a peace of mind that we have our own safe home where our children can do their homework and live comfortably. The SteppingUP Program has helped us parents understand the educational system in the US so we are better equipped to help our children.”

This year, Lizbeth, became the first generation in her family to step up to college. shares “SteppingUP has given me the opportunity to see a variety of colleges, have weekly academic sessions and a better understanding of our complex educational system.”

Her parents dream is for their family is to graduate high school and college, be someone in life with a successful career and in the future, own a home. Lizbeth will attend CSUF in the fall and would like to be a Spanish teacher. She is paving the way for her younger siblings and their future. Next up, homeownership!

CAP COLLEGE GRADUATES ’18

Adelina A. - CSU Dominguez Hills, Public Administration
Alba R. - San Jose State University, Communications
Andres L. - Cal Poly Pomona, Chemistry
Arlette P. - CSU Long Beach, Child Development
Cinthia I. - CSU Fullerton, Human Services
Daisy R. - CSU Long Beach, Child Development
Jesse V. - San Francisco State University, Mathematics
Josue L. - CSU Long Beach, Sociology
Karly M. - CSU Dominguez Hills, Psychology
Liliana M. - CSU Long Beach, Recreational Therapy
Michelle S. - CSU Fullerton, Psychology
Miguel Z. - CSU Fullerton, English/Chicano Studies
Sarai A. - CSU Fullerton, Health Science
Sheila S. - CSU Fullerton, Health Science
Victor L. - CSU Fullerton, History