MAKING AN IMPACT..

Not just a house, but a home and a future.

In 2016, OCCHC/SteppingUP’s celebrated its 39th year committed “to transition extremely low-income families towards greater self-sufficiency by assisting them with HOUSING and EDUCATION” with the help of 118 volunteers and interns donating over 4,500 hours valued at an estimated $106,600.

1,600 low-income individuals served earning an average household income of $30,836

Affordable Housing

- 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2017
- 226 FAMILIES HOUSED IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AT 26 SITES THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY
- 1,027 HOUSED BY OCCHC OVER THE PAST YEAR
- 101 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED FROM HOMELESSNESS IN 2016
- 85% WITH STABLE INCOME
- 88 NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN 2017

Financial Self-Sufficiency

- 900+ ADULTS EDUCATED WITH OVER 65 CLASSES & ONE-ON-ONES ON FINANCIAL LITERACY, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOMEOWNERSHIP
- 100 INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONED TO MARKET RATE HOUSING IN 2016
- 60 HOMEOWNERS SINCE 2003 WITH 3 FAMILIES BECOMING HOMEOWNERS IN 2016
- 1,800+ RESOURCES PROVIDED OVER THE PAST YEAR

College Awareness Program

- 10 YEARS OF ACADEMIC ADVISING
- 200+ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SINCE 2006
- 100% GRADUATION RATE WITH UC/CSU ELIGIBILITY
- 465+ STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY
- 65,000+ ADVISING HOURS PROVIDED SINCE 2006
- $2 Million+ SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED IN 10 YEARS

The 2016 year celebrated the groundbreaking of the 88 new affordable housing unit project at The Great Park, known as Espaira, in collaboration with FivePoint, Related, RCC Charitable and ETHIC, and the purchase of an additional 4-unit building in the Oak View Community of Huntington Beach that will house 88 underserved families in 2017.
Ground Breaking at The Great Park
The 2016 year celebrated the groundbreaking of the 84 new affordable housing unit project at The Great Park in Irvine. The project, known Espaira, is in collaboration with FivePoint, Related, RCC Charitable and ETHIC that will result in housing 84 underserved families in 2017. Espaira will be part of the master-planned, mixed use community adjacent to the Orange County Great Park that will ultimately include 1,056 affordable rental homes stepping up towards a brighter future. Grand opening is scheduled for late summer of 2017 where families with vulnerable children will not just be provided with a house, but a home and a future.

OCCHC Alumni Steps Up to UCI
At age 12, the courts removed Ann Marie from her parents’ home and placed her in the foster care system. She gave up on school and was living in a motel, using any savings she had and about to give up on her education again, until she found OCCHC. Within a year, her life changed. Ann Marie is now a Criminology, Law and Society major at UCI and in 2016 moved to campus living debt free with her daughter, Lily. She shares, “I can finally look back at my life and feel a deep sense of pride from how far I have come. I will always remember those who opened their hearts to someone in need such as me, at that time. I am so grateful for the kindness of the community and OCCHC. When my daughter and I needed a safe place they gave us a home of our own.”

CAP Graduate Awarded Full Scholarship to UCSB
Over $2 million has been awarded through financial aid, scholarships and grants including a full ride to UCSB valued at over $120,000 for CAP Alumni, Celine. Celine, pictured below, joined CAP at the beginning of her 8th grade year where she traveled from Norwalk to Buena Park every week to meet with her Academic Advisor. Celine’s resiliency is an example to many as she was disheartened to find that her mother lost custody of her at a young age, but the absence of her parents continued to fuel her motivation to want a better future for herself.

“I do not want to be a teenage mom; like my mother was. I wanted to move out, drop out, and not work towards my goals anymore. Tara, my Academic Advisor, made a difference in my life. After speaking to her, I decided that I would not let other people’s decisions discourage me from my goals and choices.”

Celine remained focused on the positive aspects of her life, remained committed to CAP and as a result received a full ride to UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2016. Way to go, Celine!

**CAP 2016 Alumni Graduate College**

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