

WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

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A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope that you and those dear to you continue to be healthy and safe.

The holiday season is upon us. I am mindful that the ongoing pandemic is changing the way we celebrate this year. But there is much to be joyful for.

At WHCHC, we have a culture of gratitude. I'm grateful for every member of the WHCHC family—residents, staff, service providers, board members—and the collective impact we have on so many lives. No matter the season, we are busy building homes and providing services that move community members from insecurity to stability.

We continue, as we have for nearly 35 years, because the need does. Our Real Estate Development Team continues to create beautiful new homes. Our Asset Management Team continues to operate our properties safely and diligently. Our Resident Services Team continues to deliver supportive services that stabilize and enrich our diverse and expanding resident population. Homes prevent homelessness. With your help, even more people will get housed and stay housed.

On the following pages you'll learn about Rampart Mint, which opened its doors last month. You'll see what a few of our residents have been up to and how support is vital to their wellness. You'll also get an update on some of our projects in development, with even more on the horizon.

We look forward to 2021 as we prepare to welcome 93 families to their new home, Elden Elms, in January. We thank you for your support and wish you health and happiness in the new year.

Thank you & kind regards,

Jesse Slansky

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President & CEO

Support Reimagined in 2020

Faced with an unprecedented year, WHCHC Resident Services Coordinators have adapted their critical support to our 900+ residents of all ages and needs. We applaud their heroic accomplishments in helping our residents stay remain housed.









Just as we begin to wrap up 2020, residents are starting anew at Rampart Mint. We are very excited to welcome people to their homes at our newest apartment community, which offers housing for formerly homeless and chronically homeless individuals with special needs. In addition to 22 brand new rental units, amenities at Rampart Mint include a community room with a kitchenette, a computer area, a rooftop garden with amazing views of the city, a manager's office, and a social services office. Rampart Mint also includes energy-efficient appliances.

This newly completed project is built on formerly City-owned land in the Rampart Village neighborhood of Los Angeles. Rampart Mint was co-developed with the building manager Affordable Living for the Aging. Through our partner, Heritage Clinic, voluntary supportive services are available to all residents free of charge. The services offered will help people thrive, stay housed, and stay comfortable. Much like at our other apartment communities, our staff at Rampart Mint does much more than just handing someone a key. Our residents receive critical support to ensure everyone, including those with special needs, live a fulfilling life safely at home.

Rampart Mint: At a Glance

Units

23 including manager's unit

Population

Permanent Supportive Housing for formerly Homeless Individuals with Special Needs

Architect

KFA

Contractor

Dreyfuss Construction

Co-Developer

Affordable Living for the Aging

Lenders & Funders

JP Morgan Chase

City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department

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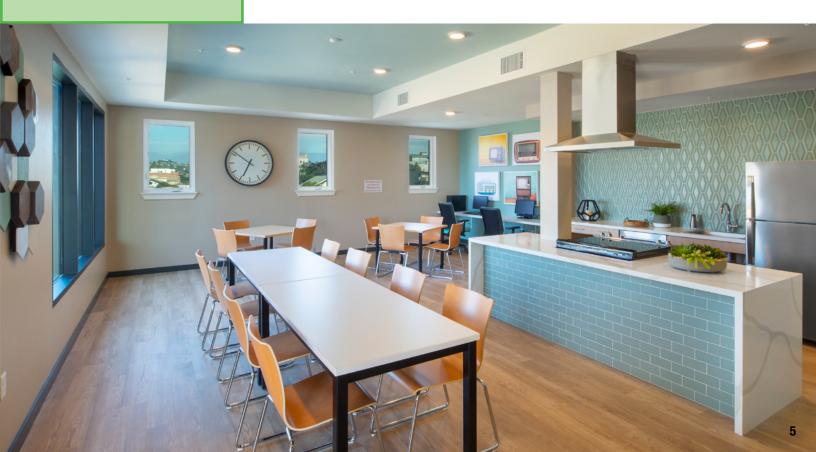
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Harmony at Home

Raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Jonathan moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dreams of working in the entertainment industry. He fell on hard times for about three years, becoming homeless and spending months in a local shelter. "I was left in the dark, and I didn't know where to look." Thankfully, Jonathan recently landed right back on his feet when he moved into Rampart Mint. Having just settled into his brand new apartment in mid-November, he is thrilled to have a space to call his own. "I'm getting used to having my own space again. I'm getting used to calling this home."



Having grown up in foster care, it means a lot to Jonathan to show people that they can achieve their dreams. "I wanted to show people that you can do it: You can transform your life. It's best if you just allow it, and you put your best foot forward." With Jonathan settled in to his very own apartment, he's ready to continue following his passions of making music. "I have my liberty back."



Resident Spotlight

Angelo has worked as an actor for years, performing gigs including *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Disneyland. He's a native New Yorker that who spent years living in the area. Afraid of being priced of his community, as rents started getting higher and higher, Angelo knew it was time to take his next step forward. He has lived at **The Courtyard at La Brea** for nearly seven years and can still remember the day he first saw his apartment like it was yesterday.

"The universe sent me what I needed. It sent me the rent I needed. And the beautiful apartment. It feels like my sanctuary," Angelo said. He spreads his optimism to his neighbors. "When someone has a bad day, I say, 'Yeah, but look where you live'!" Angelo reflected on the beneficial and fun services organized by RSC Julio, prior to a world of social distancing. "Julio asked, 'What could you guys use?' He'd have lunches in the community room. He'd host meals at the barbecue pit downstairs. We used to have yoga in the community room. Everything the instructor taught I do every day."

Angelo feels thankful to be where he is. "Thank god for the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation. That's seriously all I have to say," Angelo said, expressing how he feels safe, supported, and happy. "I look out on my patio and thank the universe. I'm so lucky."













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Elden Elms

On track to welcome residents in early 2021, **Elden Elms** includes 93 units for individuals and families. This upcoming WHCHC apartment community will include 30 three-bedroom units, 15 two-bedroom units, and 48 one-bedroom units, 15 of which will be reserved for the formerly homeless. Construction of Elden Elms will be completed in December 2020, and move-ins will begin in January 2021.

Berendo Sage

Having just broke ground in November 2020, **Berendo Sage** will include 42 units with half reserved for formerly homeless households. This WHCHC apartment community is located on a vacant formerly City-owned lot in the Koreatown/Pico-Union neighborhood of Los Angeles.



Mariposa Lily

Also located in the Koreatown/Pico-Union area on a vacant formerly City-owned lot, **Mariposa Lily** will have 41 units, with half reserved for formerly homeless households. This upcoming project will break ground in April 2021.





Miramar Gold

In the Westlake North neighborhood of Los Angeles, **Miramar Gold** will include 94 units, 47 apartments of which reserved for formerly homeless individuals and families, and 47 units for low-income households and families making up to 50% of the area median income.

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