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## COUNTY HELPS CEDAR SPRINGS WELCOME TRANSITION AGE YOUTH TO THEIR NEW HOMES

New Housing Development Offers 36 Affordable Units  
and Wrap Around Supportive Services

La Verne, October 28, 2016 – Officials from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined officials from the City of La Verne, and A Community of Friends, to celebrate the grand opening of Cedar Springs Apartments, a 36-unit affordable housing project located on the campus of David and Margaret Home.



The CDC provided over \$2.6 million in HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds, and a \$224,000 Homeless Bonus Funds provided by the Fifth District for the construction of 25 permanent supportive housing units for Transition Age Youth (TAY) that are homeless

or at risk of homelessness. Fifteen units will be reserved for youth suffering from a mental illness. Additionally, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) provided 28 project-based vouchers, which allowed the 25 TAY units to be targeted to persons earning 30% of Area Median Income, and three additional units for persons living with a mental illness who also have a family.

Cedar Springs Apartments will contain a separate community room building, staff office, property manager office, barbeque area, and computer lab. David and Margaret Home will be the lead service provider and will work with community partners that have committed to providing tenant supportive services such as mental health, healthcare, substance abuse counseling, and employment training.



“Cedar Springs Apartments adds to the growing portfolio of successful projects resulting from the 15-year partnership between the CDC and A Community of Friends,”



stated CDC Executive Director Sean Rogan. “We look forward to continuing to improving the lives of Los Angeles County residents through the development of high quality affordable housing. ”The

development is pursuing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum designation for its green features including drought tolerant landscaping, permeable pavement, energy star lighting, environmentally friendly products for floors and

cabinets, and high efficiency appliances. Most impressive, Cedar Springs Apartments has a unique dual graywater system that provides water to the site's irrigation system and toilets. The system is the first of its kind in Los Angeles County, and will save the site over 700,000 gallons of water annually.

For more information on Cedar Springs Apartments, please call (213) 480-0809. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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