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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF PROGRESS PLACE APARTMENTS

New \$3.6 Million Facility Provides 8 Units of Housing and Supportive Services for Transition Age Youth



CDC Manager Blair Babcock (right) presents a certificate to Andrea Marchetti, Executive Director of Jovenes, Inc.

Los Angeles, July 13, 2012 – Supervisor Gloria Molina joined the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and Jovenes, Inc. (Developer), to tour the grounds of the new Progress Place apartments. Designed to support the Developer's mission to empower youth to succeed, the new facility will provide seven shared units of affordable housing for transition age youth, plus one on-site unit for the manager, providing a

home for 14 youth beginning their journey toward self-sufficiency.

According to population estimates from the California Department of Finance, there were approximately 2.3 million transition age youth (ages 11 to 25) living in Los Angeles County in 2010, with the largest percent increases seen in the 14-15 and 16-18 age groups. The Developer aimed to create a permanent supportive housing

development to assist youth who have graduated from their emergency and transitional housing assistance programs. Along with providing the comforts of home, residents will also be able to access supportive services such as employment training to encourage job retention, and mental health support, all of which will prepare them for an



Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, pictured with Fr. Richard Estrada, founder of Jovenes, Inc., celebrates the opening of Progress Place.

independent adulthood. The CDC helps develop and rehabilitate affordable housing for renters, homeowners and special needs populations, such as transition age youth, by administering federal, state and local financing programs. For Progress Place, the CDC provided \$1 million in construction and permanent financing to

reconfigure the eight one-bedroom apartments into eight two-bedroom units.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, stated, “The County has a responsibility to protect and support youth who have struggled to secure a stable living environment. Through projects like Progress Place, young adults can transition into self-sufficiency with confidence, and the necessary tools for a successful future.”

For additional information on Progress Place, please call (323) 260-8035. All media should contact the CDC’s Public Information Officer, Elisa Vásquez, at (323) 890-7415.

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