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COUNTY HELPS ADD 25 NEW BEDS TO SANTA MONICA WOMEN’S TREATMENT PROGRAM FACILITY

The Expansion Added Dorm-Style Bedrooms and a Community Room for the Facility’s Residents, as well as Solar Panels to Increase Energy Efficiency

Santa Monica, December 13, 2012 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the CLARE Foundation to celebrate the renovation of the Women’s Treatment Program Facility (Facility).

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky contributed $1 million of the County’s Homeless and Housing Program Funds (HHPF), administered by the CDC, to rehabilitate and expand the Facility from 15 beds to 40. By doing so, the CLARE Foundation is now able to assist more women in the Santa Monica/Venice area suffering from substance abuse issues like drug and alcohol dependency. While at the Facility, the women, many of whom are homeless or at risk of homelessness, will receive non-medical detoxification and other recovery services to help them get back on their feet.
The HHPF also helped CLARE Foundation, who owns and operates the Facility, install a solar Photovoltaic system and a solar hot water system which will result in the reduction of operating costs. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said, “Expanding the Treatment Program Facility will offer more women the opportunity to improve themselves and strengthen their family and community ties through the supportive recovery services they receive and the relationships they build within the Center.”

Since the Program’s implementation in 2008, HHPF participating agencies have worked closely with the CDC to greatly improve the lives of hundreds of homeless individuals and families in Los Angeles County.

For additional information on the CLARE Foundation Women’s Treatment Program Facility, please call Tamara Pompey at (310) 314-6200, extension 3416. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762 for additional information on the event.

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