GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY HELD TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF TEAGUE TERRACE

A New 56-Unit Affordable Special Needs Housing Complex is on the Rise in Eagle Rock

Los Angeles, June 13, 2013 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined in the celebration for Teague Terrace, a 56-unit residential complex with 55 affordable units and one manager’s unit that will be constructed in the Eagle Rock neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles by Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services (WORKS). The project will serve very low-income persons with development disabilities and homeless veterans. The project will include a 2,000-square foot community room, an edible garden and laundry rooms.

The development is named after Ruth Teague, the former director of the Corporation for Supportive Housing, who passed away in 2012. Ms. Teague was an advocate for the homeless and developmentally disabled population that will find their
home at Teague Terrace. The “Ground Blessing” ceremony was a unique event which included a drum circle and dance to bless the ground and those who will help construct the development.

The CDC made a loan of $2.4 million in City of Industry funds, including $150,000 for the energy efficiency components which will help Teague Terrace achieve its goal of being designated as a LEED Platinum project.

Residents will benefit from onsite counseling, case management, mental health services, and alcohol/drug addiction prevention and treatment. To support the residents in their future endeavors, adult education programs, including job training and career development, will be offered onsite.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said, “Tying supportive services to affordable housing creates a support structure for persons who are struggling to get back on the path to self-sufficiency. At Teague Terrace, residents will have access to the tools they need to once again feel confident and comfortable within their environment.”

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