

## MEDIA RELEASE

### PARTNERS IN VISION

#### Over 30 Community Partners Collaborate with the LACDA to Support Residents in the Path to Self-Sufficiency

Long Beach, February 18, 2020 – Last week, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) held a Partners in Vision brunch at the Carmelitos Public Housing Development to honor 31 onsite and off-site partners.

Through Vision Team meetings, a quarterly convening consisting of collaboration and creativity since 2008, these partners have been key to helping Carmelitos residents achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. During the recognition, it was shared that Carmelitos resident, Beverly Moon, was the first resident to utilize the services and sign up for the high school diploma for New Opportunities Charter school. She currently has three credits left to graduate. Emilio Salas, Acting Executive Director, said, “Part of LACDA’s mission, to *Build Better Lives & Better Neighborhoods*, is connecting individuals to resources. Through our partnerships, we can give residents the opportunity to continue their education, get the job they want, and live productive lives.”



services to the Carmelitos residents on a weekly basis

Honorees included Los Angeles County Fourth Supervisorial District, Long Beach City Council 8<sup>th</sup> District, California State Assembly 63<sup>rd</sup> District, Long Beach City College, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Special awards were given to Cottonwood Church, Women in Action Reaching Out, and For the Child, for their astounding onsite programming and continued partnership, as well as expansion of services throughout the years. These top three organizations provide

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