HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Event Held to Recognize Agencies Who Provide Services and Donations to Public Housing Residents

Long Beach - April 18, 2013, The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) held its annual Partners Luncheon today to show appreciation for the generous donations and services, provided by its partners, benefitting public housing residents.

Over 50 non-profit agencies, local businesses, and County departments, including Shelter Partnership, Target, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Prevention Program, attended the event where they received Certificates of Recognition for their valuable contributions. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development were also in attendance.

The significance of the collaboration between HACoLA and its community partners was further reinforced during testimonials offered by public housing residents.
whose families have benefitted from the services, and who are now on their way toward educational and economic achievement.

Oscar Valeriano, Jr., Vice President of East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Student Services, was the keynote speaker. In his early years, Oscar was a resident at the Nueva Maravilla public housing development. He has worked at ELAC for the last 15 years helping students to succeed.

HACoLA’s Executive Director Sean Rogan stated, “We are very fortunate to have partners who are engaged and truly care about enhancing the quality of life for our public housing residents. We cannot provide these valuable services without their support.”

The Resident Services Program operates in each of HACoLA’s public housing developments, primarily at: Nueva Maravilla in East Los Angeles, Carmelitos in Long Beach, Harbor Hills in Lomita, and South Scattered Sites located throughout South Los Angeles. The program’s mission is to promote residents’ self-sufficiency and a better quality of life for the children, families, seniors and persons with disabilities.

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