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San Diego Housing Commission

Addressing Homelessness

LU&H Committee Presentation

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INVESTMENT PARTNER

Since 1979, more than \$60 million invested with development partners

- 40 properties, 1543 transitional beds and permanent supportive and rent restricted rental housing units.
- Families and individuals facing homelessness: youth, survivors of domestic violence, seniors, veterans, and those living with mental illness and HIV/AIDS.
- SDHC \$3.5 million loan to Father Joe’s Villages, a new 12-story development with 140 transitional beds and 64 permanent supportive housing units.



**“Father Joe’s Village”
15th &
Commercial
Streets**

**Includes Child
Care Center &
School
Classrooms**

**Grand Opening
December 8,
2011**



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PROGRAM INNOVATOR

Connections Housing, one-stop downtown homeless service center with on-site medical facilities and housing. Completion, 2012

- 150 interim beds, including *16 for chronically ill
- *73 permanent supportive housing units
- *89 SDHC Project-Based Vouchers (\$908,000 in rental assistance annually)
- \$34.5 million project, SDHC \$2 million loan
- Developers: Affirmed Housing Group, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) and Family Health Centers of San Diego



**Connections
Housing Downtown
One-Stop Center**

**SDHC organized
the volunteer
selection site
committee**



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HOUSING PROVIDER

Preserving Housing for Extremely Low Income Seniors

SDHC in partnership with the Centre
City Development Corporation
Historic hotel purchase/rehab

- \$12 million rehab project: \$6 million CCDC; \$6 million SDHC
- 39 SDHC Project-Based Vouchers, (\$154,000 in rental assistance annually)



Sandford Hotel
129 units to be completed March 2012





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SDHC PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS

•180 Project-Based Vouchers (\$1.2 million in rental assistance annually) are currently being used to help struggling families in designated housing developments

•22 of these Project-Based Vouchers (\$154,000 in rental assistance annually) support homeless youth, survivors of domestic violence, and families living with mental illness

| Future Permanent Supportive Housing Units Project-Based Vouchers | | |
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| Connections Housing “One Stop” Homeless Service Center | 89 | Homeless Adults |



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SUPPORTER OF VETERANS PROGRAMS

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program combines rental assistance for homeless military veterans with case management and clinical services.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) provides the services

- SDHC recipient of 360 vouchers provided to VASDHS to reduce homelessness among Veterans (\$3.1 million in rental assistance annually), includes 75 that were awarded July 14, 2011

- VA screens for eligibility
- SDHC enrolls Vets in the program
- Approved Veterans rent from private landlords



VASH program was created on December 26, 2007 by the federal government



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INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH VETERANS VILLAGE OF SAN DIEGO

SDHC \$8.7 million investment

- 320 transitional housing beds, classrooms, cafeteria and courtyard
- 24-bed facility for military veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to be completed in 2012



Veterans Village of San Diego



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LEAD ORGANIZER

Project Homeless Connect

Annual Resource Fair for Homeless Individuals and Families

SDHC provided website registration of
volunteers, agencies and donations
and \$15,000 to cover operating costs

- 660 individuals served
- 240 volunteers
- 54 health and social service agencies
- 125 dental screenings
- 108 flu shots



Project Homeless Connect
300 haircuts provided by volunteers
January 5, 2011

For the second year, the San Diego Housing Commission is the lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect, partnering with Family Health Centers of San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul Village, the Interfaith Shelter Network and other community organizations.



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FUND PROVIDER

Serial Inebriate Program Chronic Alcoholism

**(Since inception more than \$548,000
in Housing Trust Funds)**

Created in San Diego in 2000 by Mental Health Systems; now a national best practice using treatment versus jail

- SDHC funds up to 12 beds to treat people suffering from alcoholism
- SDHC in partnership with SD Police Department, Superior Court, City Attorneys Office and County Health & Human Services



Clients must remain in the program for 30 days



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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

City’s Homeless Shelter Programs and Services

\$1.8 million in operating costs from SDHC, CDBG and ESG funds in 2011 for winter shelters, family shelter, and adult day center

- City’s Emergency Winter Shelter for Adults & Veterans—four month operation
- More than 700 homeless men and women provided with shelter and services
- Second site served 330 military Veterans



Emergency Winter Shelter for Adults
December 2, 2010 – April 4, 2011



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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR— continued

- Year-round Emergency Family Shelter (Cortez Hill), 45 units: Temporary housing assistance for up to 120 days
- 150 families served in 2011
- City’s year-round Homeless Day Center (Neil Good Day Center): bathrooms, showers, laundry and mail services.
- SDHC \$500,000 operational costs FY 2012
- 1,000 individuals annually



Neil Good Day Center



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REGIONAL PARTNER

Hotel-Motel Voucher Program

- Winter Program that provides homeless families with temporary lodging
- SDHC contributes \$50,000 to the County of San Diego to operate the program
- 111 families in the City of San Diego assisted annually



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“MOVING TO WORK” AGENCY

Designated as a Moving to Work agency, SDHC is one of 35 HUD-approved housing authorities in the nation

- SDHC is able to create innovative programs such as Sponsor-Based Vouchers to provide housing to the most vulnerable homeless individuals in the City of San Diego
- SDHC partners with non-profits to deliver comprehensive supportive services with permanent housing



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KEY HOUSING PROVIDER

2010 Registry Week Survey of Downtown Homeless

Spearheaded by the Downtown San Diego Partnership and Centre City Development Corporation



**National Registry Week
September 19 – 23, 2010**
**1,040 homeless individual living on
the streets were counted**

- 395 surveyed individuals were found to be vulnerable based on health condition indicators using Common Ground’s Vulnerability Index
- SDHC provided 50 sponsor-based vouchers for those identified as vulnerable (\$1.15 million in rental assistance annually)
- SDHC provided VASDHS 75 vouchers for homeless veterans identified as vulnerable
- SDHC October 17, 2011: 75 additional vouchers committed



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MAJOR HOUSING PROVIDER

United Way “Home Again,” pilot program identified 25 chronically homeless individuals who were among the most frequent users of public resources

- SDHC provided 25 Sponsor-Based Vouchers (\$255,000 in rental assistance annually)
- Over a year-and-a-half, one chronically homeless individual consumed about \$100,000 in emergency medical services, according to a local study



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HOUSING PROVIDER

SDHC is rehabilitating one of its historic properties to provide housing for homeless adults

- \$3.1 million rehab project (HOME & CDBG)
- 22 SDHC Sponsor-Based Vouchers, (\$224,000 in rental assistance annually)
- Managed by supportive housing provider



Parker Kier, 33 units



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Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

\$5.7 million federal three-year grant
for longer term housing, up to
one year

- Assisted 543 families in danger of becoming homeless
- Includes 102 former winter shelter residents who were homeless



Will & Amanda, former winter shelter residents who qualified for the HPRP program



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HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

20 SDHC short-term housing vouchers, for up to 24 months (\$562,000 in rental assistance annually)

- Assistance to families who graduate from domestic violence transitional programs
- Developing program for HPRP former winter shelter homeless residents who need continued housing assistance after their HPRP rental assistance ends

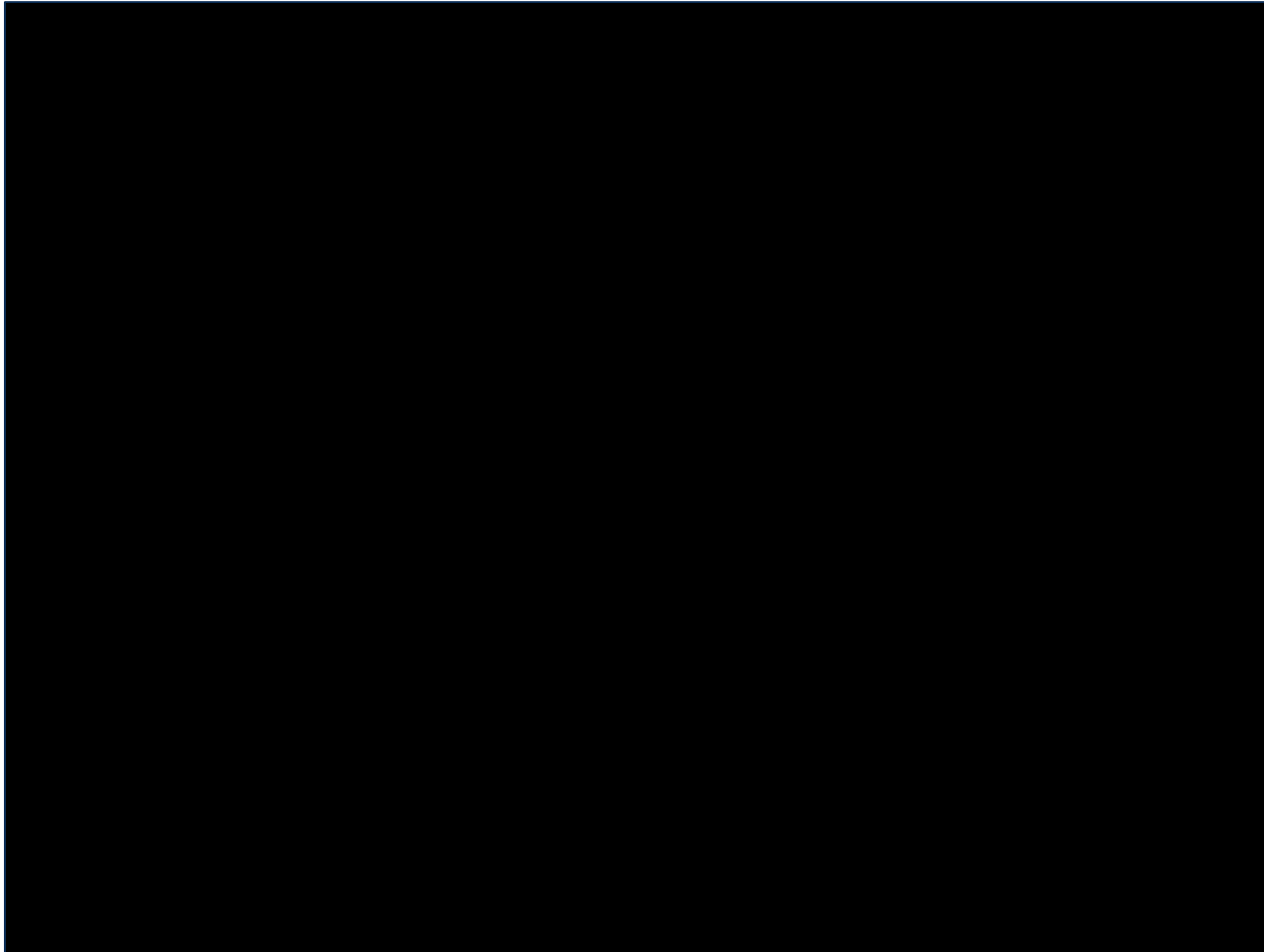


John & Malia
The last of 102 Former Winter Shelter Residents
HPRP Housing Voucher, up to 1 year
May 12, 2011





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