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UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES HONORED FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS

HUD Announces Recipients of Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships

San Diego, Calif. — United Way of Greater Los Angeles has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with the Council on Foundations, as one of 10 recipients of the Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships. The award honors philanthropic funders for their innovative public-philanthropic collaborations designed to address housing and community development challenges.

The awards were announced today during the Council's Fall Conference for Community Foundations in San Diego.

"Home For Good is a true team effort, so we're thrilled and honored to accept this award on behalf of the more than 100 partners from the nonprofit, public, philanthropic, and business sectors that make up Home For Good," said Elise Buik, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles. "We've already made tremendous strides in our first two and a half years, housing nearly 10,000 chronically homeless people and homeless veterans throughout L.A. County. We are confident that, together, we will end chronic and veteran homelessness in our region."

HUD and the Council on Foundations developed the award to recognize philanthropic organizations for enhancing the quality of life for low-income and moderate-income families. The projects addressed issues concerning housing and neighborhood improvements, education, health and recreation, transportation, arts and culture, public safety, sustainability and economic development. An expert panel selected the ten winners.

Home For Good, which is led by United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and includes more than 100 partner organizations, is an action plan to end chronic and veteran homelessness in L.A. County by 2016. The plan was launched in December 2010 by the Business Leader's Task Force on Homelessness. So far, the Home For Good Funders Collaborative has rallied more than \$200 million in public and private resources, yielding permanent supportive housing for nearly 10,000 chronically homeless individuals and homeless veterans.

"These awards provide us all a moment to reflect on the good work that foundations are doing to advance communities across the country," said Vikki Spruill, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations. "I am grateful to HUD and Secretary Donovan for recognizing the many different ways that foundations are thoughtfully responding to the needs of those around them."

"It's organizations like these that are doing the heavy lifting to improve neighborhoods, often without much thanks. Today, we say 'thank you!'" said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "These foundations are teaming up with public and private partners to bring about positive change and lasting solutions that are making a real difference in their communities."

[Learn more about the award recipients and the HUD Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships.](#)

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United Way of Greater Los Angeles is a nonprofit organization that creates pathways out of poverty by helping homeless people move into housing, providing students with the support they need to graduate high school prepared for college and the workforce, and helping hard-working families become financially stable. United Way identifies the root causes of poverty and works strategically to solve them by building alliances across all sectors, funding targeted programs and advocating for change. For more information, visit www.unitedwayla.org.

The Council on Foundations (www.cof.org), formed in 1949, is a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations. Council members include more than 1,700 independent, operating, community, public and company-sponsored foundations, and corporate giving programs in the United States and abroad. The Council's mission is to provide the opportunity, leadership, and tools philanthropic organizations need to expand, enhance, and sustain their ability to advance the common good.

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers, meet the need for quality affordable rental homes,

utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life, build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business. Anyone who believes they have been the victim of discrimination should contact HUD at 800-669-9777 (voice) or 800-927-9275 (TTY). More information about HUD and its programs is available at www.hud.gov and <http://espanol.hud.gov>. You can also follow HUD on twitter [@HUDnews](https://twitter.com/HUDnews), on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HUD, or sign up for news alerts on [HUD's News Listserv](#).