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### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### Save the Date: Wed. April 6th!

16th Annual Dinner Celebrating Our 20-Year Anniversary

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 6, 2005** to attend Shelter Partnership's 16th Annual Dinner at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Fritz Coleman will be our Master of Ceremonies for the 13th year. Details about honorees and entertainment will be announced shortly. For information on table sponsorship or tickets, please contact Tracy Wallace at (213) 943-4585. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

### Workplace Giving Campaign

Shelter Partnership is now a member of America's Charities, the most diverse workplace giving campaign being offered in Southern California. America's Charities and its members are listed as charitable choices for approximately 10 million employees in workplaces throughout the United States, as well as the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). America's Charities works with corporations to offer low-cost, effective and efficient workplace giving campaigns to employees, while offering a broad range of choices that reflect the diversity of the American people.

Shelter Partnership is proud and honored to be a member of this organization. We encourage you to check with your employer to see if they offer the America's Charities campaign. If you would like more information about America's Charities and how it benefits Shelter Partnership, please contact Rhonda Villanueva, Development Associate, at (213) 943-4579, or by e-mail at rvillanueva@shelterpartnership.org. ■

### New Lease Signed

Shelter Partnership is pleased to announce that we have just signed a five-year extension on the lease of our administrative headquarters, in the Pacific Center building, located in the heart of the Central Business District, in Downtown Los Angeles. We moved into these offices in 1994. The building was purchased last year by Holualoa Companies, a real estate investment and development company with offices in Los Angeles, Phoenix, Tucson, Paris and Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Special thanks to Holualoa's Asset Manager Bob Buckles for his assistance in our negotiations. ■

The Pacific Center, home to Shelter Partnership's administrative offices.



### 5th Annual RESOURCE BANK breakfast honoring VANS, Inc.



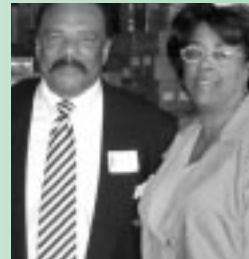
Irene Camarena, Playa Vista, and Alexander Kim, Office of the Governor



Bill Wardlaw, Freeman Spogli & Co. (left), and SP Board Member David Scheper.



From left, SP Board Members Peter Barker, David Scheper and Tom Lane (right) greet honoree Donald Petersen from VANS (second from right).



Breakfast Emcee Councilwoman Jan Perry and SP Staffer Nat Hutton.



From left, Martin Perez, Katherine Winter, Donald Petersen, Brenda Couch and Marino Sican from VANS, Inc., are honored for donating 20,000 pairs of new shoes to our Resource Bank.



Kathy Godfrey, Chief of Staff for Jan Perry (right), and new SP Board Member Sarah Dusseault.

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# CONNECTION

One-year old Marissa and her family are clients of Beyond Shelter, an agency that helps homeless families move directly into affordable housing. Recently Marissa showed us how she enjoys playing with the toys Beyond Shelter received from our Resource Bank project and distributed to its clients. During 2003, the Resource Bank distributed \$11.4 million in new products to agencies such as Beyond Shelter.

### A Fun Time Was Had By All

On October 27th, Shelter Partnership joined with our partner agencies and more than 50 of the participants of LA's HOPE to celebrate their achievements at a luncheon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Shelter Partnership staff conceptualized and wrote the federal proposal to help people who have been homeless for more than one year, and who have a diagnosed mental illness, and our staff chairs the collaborative. The participants are receiving apartments of their own as well as help in reentering the workforce.

The participants in attendance were thrilled with the direction their lives have taken since their enrollment in the program. One man told the assembled audience of over 100 people about how he had been diagnosed with a life threatening illness and became severely depressed and ultimately homeless. Living on the street he responded when Bonnie Roth, Program Manager with the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, reached out to him and offered him help. Now, seven months later, he has his own apartment and was just employed by a local security firm. He thrilled the crowd with a change of outfits to the popular song "YMCA" from his "homeless attire" of sweats to his security guard uniform.

The participants received gift baskets with some of the cleaning supplies that they will need for their new apartments, made up of goods largely from Shelter Partnership's Resource Bank. They also received a "Passport to Success" booklet with vouchers for such necessary items as clothing, transportation, and job tools, which are redeemable once they begin to focus on getting employment. When asked about the program and what it has meant to them, one client stated, "Where would we be without the Case Managers of LA'S HOPE?" Another one stated, "I don't think I could have gotten this far without this Project."

LA's HOPE is one of five projects funded nationally to evaluate what interventions are most effective in reaching people who are chronically homeless. In Los Angeles, we are using a "Housing First" model trying to get people into housing as soon as possible. We are also experimenting with a customized employment strategy to see how well this works for this population of disabled adults.

Collaborating agencies include Goodwill Southern California, the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department and its Housing Authority, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental and three community-based mental health agencies. Most of the participants are identified at the overnight shelters that operate year-round. ■



Dr. Jack Barbour, Co-Director of South Central Health and Rehabilitation Programs, enjoys a break from the rain with one of the LA's HOPE participants.



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## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Ruth Schwartz**

## Proposition 63 Passes: Major New Resources for the Homeless Mentally Ill

The Mental Health Services Act, Proposition 63, which appeared on the November ballot, passed by 53% of the electorate. Spearheaded by Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg of Sacramento, the Act provides funding to expand and develop innovative, integrated mental health programs for children, adults and seniors.

It is currently estimated that the Act will generate approximately \$250 million statewide this fiscal year, \$700 million in 2005-06, and increasing amounts thereafter. In Los Angeles County, this equates into \$82.5 million and \$231 million respectively.

The Act provides funding to expand the proven successful Integrated Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill program that was established in 1999, and now has more than 1,700 individuals enrolled in Los Angeles County through a network of more than a dozen community-based organizations. Besides receiving mental health services, the participants receive case-management support, around-the-clock crisis intervention, and help in securing housing. The vast majority of the enrollees to date have ended their homelessness and have also greatly reduced their use of emergency rooms, hospitals and jails, thereby reducing other public costs considerably.

Shelter Partnership has been working closely with the County and community agencies to develop innovative means of providing the permanent housing. And as one of the 60-member County's Department of Mental Health's



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Stakeholders group, I will be working with the County in developing more innovative housing programs so that we can see more people turn their lives around and leave the streets forever.

As you can see in this newsletter, a significant amount of Shelter Partnership's recent work has focused on the homeless with mental illness, who with children are the most needy among the homeless. Through more than 20 years of the homeless crisis in America, we now know how to end chronic homelessness; now in California we have the resources to really begin to implement that vision. ■

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This artist's rendering shows what the new Safe Haven complex in Santa Monica, which will provide housing to persons with a mental illness.

### Tributes/In Memoriam

Ava Bise & Kevin Flynn  
In honor of Laurie Boyer & Ron Rocha's 25th wedding anniversary

Pat & Jerry Malamud  
In memory of Betty Grauman

Edie Rubin  
In memory of Stan Rousso  
In honor of the help her many friends provided during her illness  
In honor of Sylvia Zalk's lasting friendship

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In honor of Darcy Antonellis

## Great Strides Made in Collaborative Project

In 2001, a collaborative led by Shelter Partnership, was awarded a grant from The California Endowment to replicate a unique program – the Community Model – and to

disseminate information on the program and the siting experience. The collaborative partners include Lamp Community – who pioneered the Community Model in Los Angeles' Skid Row neighborhood – OPCC

(formerly Ocean Park Community Center), and the RAND Corporation.

The Community Model is targeted to people who are homeless and living with mental illness, oftentimes with a dual diagnosis of substance abuse. The Model employs various housing strategies and offers an array of employment, recovery, and supportive services. It incorporates the tenets of harm reduction and all services are provided under a "no-fail, high tolerance" philosophy. The critical anchor and gateway of the Community Model is the Safe Haven, a drop-in center and shelter that takes people as they are, and does not place expectations on them immediately.

In late 2003, the City of Santa Monica, with OPCC, successfully closed escrow on a site at 26th and Cloverfield Streets that will provide the residential portion of the Safe Haven for up to 25 individuals. It is anticipated that rehabilitation of the building will begin soon and be completed in late 2005.

Additionally, Shelter Partnership recently launched an interactive web site on the Community Model program and the collaborative effort. You can visit the site at www.communitymodella.org. Later this year, Shelter Partnership will publish a Manual, providing insight and guidance to agencies interested in introducing all or portions of the Community Model into their existing programs. Also, Shelter Partnership, Lamp Community, and OPCC will host a series of Training Institutes in January and February. The Training Institutes will offer housing and service providers the opportunity to learn more about the philosophy of the Community Model and possible ways they can integrate the program into their existing organizations. ■