



# Transforming a Campus into a Community

As we build the nation's largest supportive housing community for Veterans and their families on the West Los Angeles VA campus—from the units that will become homes to career and mental health programs—The Veterans Collective and its partners are proud to celebrate our progress as of May 2023.



**Building 207 opened and welcomed its first residents.** The 59 homes are fully furnished, "move-in" ready and include a central community space, computer room, central laundry facilities, fitness room and an onsite management office. Government officials and special guests attended a ribbon cutting that garnered wide media coverage.



Mission-critical **infrastructure upgrades**, including updated underground utilities and environmental clearances, are **now complete**.



**A master association was created** to build the structure of the community, including property management, safety, community rules and other systems to manage the resident experience. The association's governing documents, or CC&Rs, were recorded.



The **tenant selection plan was finalized** to ensure Veterans are chosen for occupancy in accordance with HUD/VASH requirements, paving the way for lease up to commence.



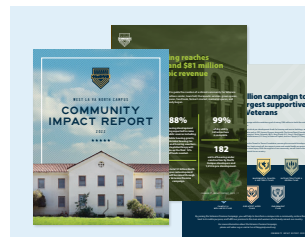
Buildings 205 and 208—which will accommodate 122 Veterans—were completed, bringing the **total number of supportive housing units on campus to 233**. With new construction and previous renovations, more than 500 homes for homeless or at-risk Veterans and their families will be available within the next two years.



The Veterans Collective secured a 501(c)3 designation, a specific tax category for nonprofit organizations exempting them from federal income tax.



The historic preservation analysis and schematic design for the Wadsworth Chapel was submitted to the California Office of Historic Preservation. Once approved, development can begin.



An inaugural **community impact report** detailing the progress of building a thriving community that delivers on the needs of our Veterans and families was distributed.



**\$503M has been raised to date**, including commitments by VA and federal, state, county and city sources, as well as \$6.3M in investments from community, corporate and foundation supporters. \$156M in tax credits and bonds received from the State of California, fully funded phase one.



Construction started on Buildings 402 and 404, which together will create **193 new apartments** for unhoused Veterans, with an opening date anticipated in late 2024.

## ABOUT THE VETERANS COLLECTIVE

The Veterans Collective, established and led by partners Century Housing, Thomas Safran & Associates and U.S.VETS, is expediting the redevelopment of the West Los Angeles VA campus into a supportive housing community for 3,000 Veterans and their families.

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