

"Our Town, Your Town, Koreatown. Improving Quality of Life for Over 35 Years."

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## Grand Opening takes place in Koreatown for Menlo Family Apartments Koreatown and Little Tokyo organizations collaborate to develop Permanent Supportive Housing

(Los Angeles, CA) On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) and LTSC Community Development Corporation officially opened the Menlo Family Apartments, a brand new affordable community serving a variety of populations, including homeless and low-income families, transition aged youth, and children with mental illness. The 60-unit apartment complex is a certified green building with rooftop solar panels, and provides permanent supportive housing in the Koreatown area.

The project is at the forefront of new housing policies integrating families and individuals of all incomes and those with mental or developmental disabilities. The brand new community provides homes for families with low-incomes, struggling with homelessness, or raising a child with mental illness, as well as support for transition aged youth to live stable and independent lives. KYCC will provide after-school programs, family literacy, computer and workforce training, counseling and supportive services on-site to support the ongoing health and wellness of the future tenants.

More and more families are facing economic hardships as the economic recovery slowly drags on, and are more vulnerable than ever to homelessness. For the transition aged youth population, those under the age of 26 and coming out of foster homes, institutional settings, or living on the streets, there are scarce housing and resources to support their unique needs. "Menlo Family Apartments provides beautiful, permanent, and healthy homes for families to regain their footing in these difficult economic times," stated Johng Ho Song, Executive Director of KYCC. "KYCC and our service partners look forward to being a part of stabilizing these families' lives."

Menlo Family Housing would not be possible without the following funders: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee; Union Bank; Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; California Housing and Community Development; California Housing Finance Agency; Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Housing Department; Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles; Los Angeles County Community Development Commission; Enterprise Community Partners; Century Housing Corporation; and Corporation for Supportive Housing.

Koreatown Youth and Community Center was established in 1975 for recently immigrated, at-risk youth. Since then, it has grown enormously, with children and family services, economic development, environmental, childcare, and affordable housing units. The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving



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needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community. Today, KYCC serves over 11,000 people each year, most of whom are first-generation immigrants from Latin America and Asia.

LTSC Community Development Corporation is a non-profit community-based organization, which has been providing services for over 30 years to the greater Los Angeles community. Programs include senior services, assistance for victims of domestic violence, support groups, child abuse and neglect outreach, children and family services, affordable housing, and community redevelopment.

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