



*“Our Town, Your Town, Koreatown. Improving Quality of Life for Over 35 Years.”*

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**Groundbreaking Ceremony takes place in Koreatown for Menlo Family Housing  
Koreatown and Little Tokyo organizations collaborate to develop Permanent Supportive  
Housing**

(Los Angeles, CA) On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) and LTSC Community Development Corporation officially broke ground on the Menlo Family Housing project, consisting of 60 units of affordable housing serving a variety of populations, including homeless and low-income families, transition aged youth, and children with mental illness. The new development will highlight innovative green building practices and permanent supportive housing in the Koreatown area, replacing what was once a nuisance motel.

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 developers are constructing a community which will provide 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 falling victim to the economic downturn, 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. Currently, there is an estimated 51,340 homeless in the City of Los Angeles, and many more households with low or extremely low incomes.

“The development of Menlo Family Housing will help anchor families and young people for years to come,” stated Johng Ho Song, Executive Director of KYCC. “Upon completion, the project will provide healthy, green homes with supportive services to enable these deserving families to achieve their goals”.

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; Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Housing Department; Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles; Los Angeles County Community Development Commission; and Corporation for Supportive Housing.

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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 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 but are not limited to: assistance for victims of domestic violence, support groups, child abuse and neglect outreach, emergency food and shelter assistance, affordable housing, and community redevelopment.

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