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## Santa Ana Veterans Village | Community Partners Fact Sheet

As Jamboree's first dedicated property for veterans, when complete, the Santa Ana Veterans Village will be Orange County's largest housing development exclusively for veterans. In collaboration with the City of Santa Ana, the County of Orange, the Veterans Administration (VA) and other leading veterans service organizations, Jamboree's design concept for this innovative development is "to be a sanctuary of stability and a hub of hope" for some of Orange County's most vulnerable veterans. This concept will be brought to life with a U-shaped, three-story, elevated residential building of 75 one- and two-bedroom apartments that opens onto a spacious courtyard, nearly 10,000 square feet of active open space – including a community garden and reflection walk – and a 4,500-square-foot community center that will be home to a veterans services collaborative.

With the creation of the Santa Ana Veterans Village Collaborative, Jamboree's innovative approach to community impact brings together – *in one place* – some of Orange County's leading veterans service agencies to support residents as well as veterans throughout the community. This collaborative approach to a veterans services center will provide onsite mental health counseling, wellness services, employment services, and legal assistance to the residents as well as veterans living in the surrounding neighborhood.

**Goodwill of Orange County's Tierney Center for Veterans Services...** *is honored to be an official partner of Santa Ana Veterans Village. The Village will serve and support deserving Orange County veterans, and we are proud to offer employment assessment, training and job placement for all veterans in need.*

**ABOUT: Goodwill of Orange County's Tierney Center for Veteran Services** takes a holistic approach to serving veterans and their families. They serve all veterans in Orange County, including military personnel and their families at no cost. The Tierney Center works with veterans, military personnel, and their families to identify and address barriers to success. Some of those include employment and career counseling, education services, housing assistance, health care and benefits, legal services, and financial Counseling. For more information, visit <https://www.ocgoodwill.org/tierney-center/> and on Facebook at @tierneycenterforvets.

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**Step Up on Second...** *is proud to be a part of the Santa Ana Veterans Village team. Step Up is committed to ending veteran homelessness in Southern California – as well as across the country – and permanent supportive housing like this project, which uses a housing first approach, is the solution.*

**ABOUT: Step Up** envisions that all individuals, families, and communities affected by serious mental health issues, and persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness, will have the opportunity to experience recovery and a sense of belonging, and that permanent supportive housing will be available to everyone.

Step Up delivers compassionate support to people experiencing serious mental health issues, and persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness, to help them recover, stabilize, and integrate into the community. Through dynamic partnerships, we provide positive social and learning environments, vocational training, permanent supportive housing opportunities, and recovery services to empower individuals to cultivate lives of hope and dignity. We exercise innovative leadership and advocacy to increase public understanding, support, and acceptance of all people living with serious mental health issues. For more information about Step Up on Second, please visit [https:// www.stepuponsecond.org](https://www.stepuponsecond.org), on Facebook at @EndHomelessnessNow, and on Instagram at @stepuponsecond.

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**Strength in Support...** *For years, we have known that Orange County's homeless veteran population is rapidly growing due to the conflicts post 9/11. A holistic and collaborative approach to address homelessness is the most efficacious. Our veterans and their families have earned and need our community's very best support. This can be found all in one place at the Santa Ana Veterans Village: A place where their mental health, wellness, housing, employment and legal needs can all be found under one roof. Strength in Support is honored and excited to be a part of this collaboration with some of Orange County's strongest veteran organizations.*

**ABOUT: Strength in Support's** founding board members have served veterans and their families in Southern California for decades through their private clinical practices and informal mentoring. In the last few years, as they saw how military funding did not meet the needs of the simultaneous wars over the past decades – and how lack of funding impacted veterans services available and wait-times and reduced advocacy for military families – they knew something needed to change. Thus, a small group of passionate people, including veterans, military family members, therapists, and businesspeople formed Strength In Support (SIS).

SIS serves all military and family members, including active, non-active, reserve, guard, or veteran, from any branch of the military to address their challenges in a timely, competent, and supportive manner. SIS welcomes all ages, and no family will be turned away. As described in their mission statement, SIS structures its programs on three pillars:

- **Counseling:** Building on the experience of its founders in offering low fee and pro bono mental health services to veterans and their families, SIS allows our military, our vets and their families to receive low-cost (and free if necessary) individual, couple, family, or group therapy and counseling each week.
- **Mentorship Program:** There are many reasons why our clients choose to enter our mentorship program. Our mentorship program can help you manage conflict and stress, as well as ease the transition of deployment or reintegration into civilian life. Our mentors are veterans and spouses of veterans who can act like a friend and guide.
- **Educational Workshops:** SIS workshops are founded in the belief that not everything therapeutic happens in a counseling room. Often the social, educational and physical components of our workshops offer just the right help a veteran needs.

For more information, visit [www.strengthinsupport.org](http://www.strengthinsupport.org), on Facebook at @StrengthInSupport, and on Twitter at @StrengthSupport.

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**Veterans Administration (VA) Long Beach Healthcare System...** *is proud, encouraged and motivated to work with the Jamboree team on the shared mission of caring for our veterans. This groundbreaking, and the critical housing needs it represents, is a tangible demonstration of the collaboration and commitment needed for our communities to actualize the often said, "we support our Veterans." It is our hope that others in our community will join with the VA, Jamboree and our partners to ensure the 1% are truly supported by the 99%.*

**ABOUT:** The VA Long Beach Healthcare System is the provider of choice to over 48,000 Veterans living in the Southern California area. With an area of operation that spans the Eastern edge of Los Angeles County to the Riverside and San Diego County borders, VA Long Beach provides comprehensive health care to Veterans of all era's including World War II to Post 9-11. Services include Primary Care, Specialty Care, Mental Health Care with special programs as a national leader in Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders and one of VA's newest Blind Rehabilitation Centers. For more information, visit <https://www.longbeach.va.gov/> an on Facebook at @VALongBeach.

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**Veterans Legal Institute...** *firmly believes in the power of collaboration and holistic services to empower veterans in need. The Santa Ana Veterans Village is a prime example of several passion-focused, veteran-serving organizations working together to create more than just housing for vets – but a home where they can thrive personally and professionally through the utilization of holistic services.*

**ABOUT: Veterans Legal Institute® (VLI)** provides pro bono legal assistance to homeless, at risk, disabled and low-income current and former service members to eradicate barriers to housing, healthcare, education, and employment and foster self-sufficiency. The Veterans Legal Institute has five Core Values:

- **Outreach:** VLI brings together military members, veterans, and the concerned public at large through volunteerism, education, outreach, and policy advocacy.
- **Compassion:** VLI is committed to showing compassion and understanding regarding the unique set of military specific issues associated with traumatic combat deployments.
- **Quality:** VLI is dedicated to providing high quality legal services and advocacy.
- **Leadership:** VLI raises the standard in the legal industry by providing legal services at the upmost levels of professionalism and excellence for the benefit of its clients and the overall veteran community.
- **Empowerment:** VLI empowers its clients through direct legal services.

For more information, visit <https://www.vetslegal.com/>, on Facebook at @veteranslegalinstitute, and on Instagram at @veteranslegalinstitute.

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