Mar. 15, 2013

Message from the President & CEO

Years of hard work to create a one-stop center to efficiently and effectively address the issue of homelessness culminated this week with the grand opening of Connections Housing Downtown. It is a historic day for San Diego and connections to our homeless community.

Connections Housing Downtown represents the creativity, innovation and teamwork needed to create solutions for our homeless. And I am pleased to tell you SDHC will continue to resolve the issue of homelessness.

Connections Housing Downtown is a demonstration of what is possible when we work together to address one of the most pressing problems facing our society.

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission

Connections Housing Downtown Grand Opening

More than 500 people attended the March 11 grand opening of Connections Housing Downtown, 1250 Sixth Avenue, which combines 150 low-income hotel rooms and 150 permanent studios with convenient access to multiple supportive services and a community health clinic under one roof.

SDHC has provided 89 federal housing vouchers to support the permanent residential units at Connections Housing Downtown and is expected to support another 50 vouchers this year.

Connections Housing Downtown Grand Opening

Myron – A Formerly Homeless Veteran Finds a Home

A small man born about 30 years ago, U.S. Army veteran Myron Wiltz had struggled to get by, living on the streets of San Diego and seeking help at the city’s Veterans Winter Shelter.

Today, after 11 years homeless, he has a permanent place to call home at Connections Housing Downtown.

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Please note that my team and I, along with all staff members, are committed to working on proposals for a permanent housing voucher program that will be able to serve the thousands of people who are on the waiting list.

Sincerely,

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