

INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING PROFILE: ANITA MAY ROSENSTEIN CAMPUS & ARIADNE GETTY FOUNDATION SENIOR HOUSING LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

Project Summary

The Anita May Rosenstein Campus encompasses two permanent affordable housing developments (one for older adults and one for transition-age youth), a senior services center, a youth center, an emergency shelter for youth, a commercial kitchen, a cafe, and a school. It also has an elevated outdoor space and small gardens for gathering. There are a variety of housing options available on campus, including, traditional affordable housing for seniors, a drop-in center for young adults experiencing homelessness, 25 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units for formerly homeless youth aged 18-24, emergency and transitional shelter beds for youth and 98 units of affordable housing with 25 units set aside for PSH for older adults who have experienced homelessness.

Location: Los Angeles, California

Project Type: Intergenerational Affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing



Aerial View of Anita May Rosenstein Campus
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Innovative Intergenerational Supports and Programming

Tenants have access to case management; home-delivered and group meals; in-home care; housing navigation; employment assistance and benefits assistance; connection to health and mental health care; HIV support, wellness counseling, and support groups. There is a café which is a social enterprise run by the on-site culinary arts training program. The program prepares both older and younger participants for restaurant jobs. They are testing other career tracks to develop capacity and determine fit for youth and older adults. Other intergenerational programming has included holiday events, photography, small business development courses, career fairs, dinners, and internship opportunities for youth and older adults.

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“In the LGBT community, often people come out but they don’t have any members of their biological family who are queer. As a younger person, you don’t necessarily have another gay person in your direct life to mentor you. So the opportunity for some of our seniors to mentor and support our youth, it’s really powerful in a community that doesn’t have that.”

– Kiera Pollock, Director of Senior Services

Financing

The total costs of the campus exceed \$141 million. Financing the project includes Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), \$57 million in private donations, and \$9.5 million from New Market Tax Credits.

Story of Impact

Mejia Vijil was initially placed in the Center’s emergency overnight shelter, then moved into one of the apartments for young adults. He completed an English as a second language program held at nearby Hollywood High School, then enrolled in the culinary arts program on the Rosenstein campus. “The culinary classes are in English, and I was just learning English. I tried real hard,” he says. “The older people were co-workers, and we talked like friends. They really respected who I am.” Mejia Vijil now works as a line cook at a popular restaurant in LA and lives in his own apartment in Hollywood.

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