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*Awards
Celebration*

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About ACOF

Since 1988, A Community of Friends (ACOF) has been building Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). These apartment communities provide a stable home and a supportive network for people experiencing homelessness and mental illness. A leading nonprofit developer, owner, and manager of PSH in Southern California, ACOF is widely recognized for leadership and excellence, as it pursues its mission to end homelessness for people living with mental illness. ACOF tenants achieve housing stability through their tenacity and resilience, and are supported with services including case management, recovery programs, children's activities, and workforce development. ACOF currently operates 53 apartment communities providing homes for more than 3,400 tenants, in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. A further seven projects in the development pipeline will build 266 new units, and rehabilitate 127 units. Thanks to the generous support of donors and funders, ACOF continues to lead the way.



Number of Tenants

2,611 adult tenants; 794 children and youth



Number of Buildings

53 apartment communities, 2,467 units



Number of Units in the Future

7 projects in predevelopment and construction;
393 units in predevelopment and construction

Tonight's Program

DINNER & COCKTAILS

OPENING REMARKS

ACOF President and CEO Dora Gallo

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PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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Helena Jubany
NAC Architecture

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Adoris Wilson
Veteran & ACOF Tenant

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PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Los Angeles County Supervisor

CLOSING REMARKS

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Chair, ACOF Board of Directors

COCKTAIL HOUR & RAFFLE

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U.S. Bank



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In Los Angeles, through philanthropic support, collaboration and employee engagement, U.S. Bank has supported organizations like A Community of Friends for years. A nationally recognized investor and lender in the new construction and renovation of affordable rental housing, U.S. Bank is committed to affordable housing development as a pathway to healthier communities and brighter futures. Over the past three decades, U.S. Bank has invested \$22 billion in Low Income Housing Tax Credits, \$4.2 billion in affordable housing loan commitments, and financed over 210,270 affordable housing units.

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR



Los Angeles County Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis is a lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley and the daughter of immigrant parents from Guatemala and Mexico. Supervisor Solis has dedicated her career to public service, serving on the Rio Hondo Community College Board of Trustees before serving in the California State Assembly, State Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2009, she made history as the first Latina to serve in a U.S. presidential cabinet when she was appointed Secretary of Labor by President Barack Obama. She now serves as Chair for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and represents the First District, which spans communities from

East Hollywood to Pomona in the East San Gabriel Valley.

Supervisor Solis accelerated the County's efforts to combat homelessness and allocated funding to build thousands of affordable housing units in her district and around the County. For instance, she spearheaded the opening of the Hilda L. Solis Care First Village, which provides interim housing and wraparound services to individuals experiencing homelessness and consistently supports affordable and supportive housing in her district. She is also leading the transformation of the former Puente Hills Landfill into a regional park that will bring new green space to surrounding communities, and the reimagining of Los Angeles County's historic General Hospital and its surrounding campus into a Healthy Village that will combine affordable housing, healthcare access, and economic opportunity.

Supervisor Solis is a graduate of La Puente High School, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and the University of Southern California.

Helena Jubany

NAC ARCHITECTURE

Helena Jubany, FAIA, is Managing Principal of NAC Architecture's Los Angeles office and Chair of the firm's Board of Directors. With more than three decades of experience, she has advanced a collaborative, inclusive design approach that champions diversity and elevates public architecture in pursuit of a more humane and equitable built environment.



Ms. Jubany is also the CEO of Fresco Community Markets, an initiative focused on bringing access to fresh groceries to underserved food desert communities. Under her leadership, Fresco has created meaningful workforce opportunities by partnering with the Los Angeles Mission's back-to-work program, hiring individuals who have experienced homelessness and supporting their path to stability. She has served on the Board of A Community of Friends (ACOF) for over 22 years, including seven years as Board Chair, supporting the organization's mission to provide permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and mental illness. Her long-standing commitment to community service was recognized with the AIA Los Angeles Citizen Architect Award (2022).

Ms. Jubany's leadership extends across professional and civic organizations. She was the founding president of the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) Southern California Chapter, former President of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association, and served as President of Commissioners for the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Commission.

Adoris Wilson

VETERAN & ACOF TENANT

Born in Louisiana and raised in Mississippi, Adoris Wilson joined the U.S. Army two years after graduating from high school and proudly served his country for nearly a decade. Following his military service, he learned a trade and worked as a welder for Lockheed Martin. However, the lasting effects of post-traumatic stress disorder led him to self-medicate with alcohol, resulting in years of hopelessness and homelessness.



Five years ago, Mr. Wilson moved into Firestone Phoenix, where he began rebuilding his life, though challenges remained. Recognizing that his substance use placed him at risk of homelessness once again, he made the courageous decision to seek help through ACOF's Substance Use Recovery Services (SURS) program. He entered residential treatment and gained the tools and support needed to achieve sobriety.

Today, Mr. Wilson actively participates in ACOF's weekly recovery program, attends community 12-step meetings, and volunteers his time assisting seniors at a local community center. Through his recovery journey, he has developed greater self-awareness and discovered the profound impact that helping others can have on his own healing and growth.

In recognition of his resilience, perseverance, and commitment to serving others while building a stable and healthy life, ACOF's Tenant Advisory Council proudly presents Adoris Wilson with this year's Achievement Award.

ACOF Services

ACOF provides supportive services to tenants to help them reach their goals and maintain stability in their housing. For the thousands of people who call an ACOF apartment community home, their experience is enriched by having access to programs to help them overcome obstacles in their lives.

ACOF Case Managers work hand-in-hand with tenants to help **set and achieve** goals around stability, health, and well-being. With almost 800 children and youth living in ACOF apartment communities, **the Family & Children's Services** team creates **a fun and supportive learning environment** through after-school and summer programming.

Tenants are actively supported in making **healthy living choices** through the **Health and Housing Program**, with workshops and support on topics including nutrition and cooking, smoking cessation, diabetes awareness and management, physical activity, and medication safety. Securing **work, school, or volunteering** opportunities is a top priority for many tenants. The **Professional Development Program** is there to help, with a 12-week curriculum and an active alumni program.

Many tenants are ready to **transform their relationship with alcohol and other drugs**. The **Substance Use Recovery Services** runs a range of programs to support tenants in their sobriety or harm reduction journeys. Tenants also receive support through **Peer Support Advocates**, tenants who complete ACOF's training program and are there to **support their neighbors** to achieve substance use recovery and other life goals.

Permanent supportive housing is also cost-effective! An Orange County study by the University of California-Irvine, United Way and Jamboree Housing concluded that there is a 50% cost saving when a person moves from the streets into permanent supportive housing, and that providing PSH to a tenant who has been chronically homeless cost just 12% the annual cost incurred if that person were to remain unhoused. That's a win-win for tenants and the community.



96% of children in the Family & Children's Services Program found that participating in this program was a positive experience



92% of tenants participating in the Substance Use Recovery Services program said it made a meaningful difference in their recovery

Fund a Mission

This year, ACOF is bringing special awareness to our Services and Programs, essential resources to ensure tenants remain stable in their new homes. Your support is crucial for our success.

\$10,000

Can provide Welcome Kits containing essential items for formerly homeless individuals and families moving into their new homes.

\$5,000

Can provide support for Substance Use Recovery group sessions for tenants who are working to reduce their dependence on drugs and/or alcohol.

\$2,500

Can provide essential technology, such as a computer or printer for a building's community room to support tenants who do not have access to personal electronic devices.

\$1,000

Can provide snacks and treats for kids attending after school tutoring sessions through our Family and Children Services Program.

\$500

Can provide office supplies and materials for tenants enrolled in the Professional Development Program as they prepare to head into the workforce.

\$100

Can provide ingredients and supplies for tenants enrolled in the Health and Housing Program showing them the importance of making healthy living choices.



43% of graduates in the Professional Development Program are ready and willing to step up as mentors to other tenants



92% of ACOF tenants stay housed for longer than three years



Daniel Kinno

Daniel Kinno is a comedian, writer, and producer. Born in Ukraine, he moved to America as a teenager, first settling in Columbus, Ohio and then moving to Los Angeles to pursue a career in comedy.

As a comedian, he has appeared on late-night talk shows, cable comedy shows and countless comedy festivals around the country. Stand up comedy has taken him worldwide as well, including a USO tour entertaining US and international forces in Afghanistan. In 2015, Daniel wrote the screenplay for *Bad Night*, a feature film starring Molly Ringwald and Matt Walsh. In 2019, *Magic For Humans*, a show he wrote and produced with magician Justin Willman, received a Critic's Choice Award nomination.

Daniel believes that bringing levity to serious conversations can stimulate creative problem solving and help people communicate their ideas better. He currently lives downtown and spends his weekends in San Pedro getting his sailboat ready for a trip to Catalina. He swears it's finally going to happen this year.



Que Madre

Maryann "Que Madre" is a DJ, curator, and cultural organizer from East Los Angeles with roots in Durango and Jalisco. A multi genre DJ grounded in vinyl culture, her sets weave together nostalgia, rhythm, and resistance.

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