

# Why Homes 4 Families?

- + Homes 4 Families builds Veteran Enriched Neighborhoods<sup>®</sup>, a pioneering and **outcome-proven** model that has been endorsed and adopted by recognized regional, state and federal representatives for providing housing and **services tailored to veterans'** specific physical, emotional and mental needs.
- + Homes are designed with **veteran-specific well-building modifications** that are key to well-being, for example, no fluorescent lighting and individualized master bath accommodations.
- + For many veterans (those employed but living in cars or couch-surfing, recently returned, and those at crossroads), **homelessness can be prevented** with housing, training and hope. A study found that at least 40% of service members leave the military without having identified permanent housing. We can either provide housing and skills for them to move up the economic ladder now, or we can continue to deal with the growth of veteran homelessness.
- + Homes 4 Families partners with existing resources so as not to duplicate services, but in addition has developed **key programs and services that are copyrighted and that leverage the powerful comradery and peer-to-peer support** of the veteran community. Homes 4 Families capitalizes on the **latest research** to drive measurable long-term impact for veteran families.
- + Homes 4 Families model was **adapted by CalVet as a pilot program** under the title CalVet REN. Five projects were selected in the original pilot. The **financial literacy training, low loan to value ratio, and <1% foreclosure rates** in the decade of research outcomes meet many underwriters' criteria.
- + Researchers have determined that veterans and others with PTSD find more resiliency, better reintegration and less severe symptoms in an environment that provides strong social support. They go on to report that this social support is best coming from both community as well as close interpersonal relationships (David Joseph, Ph.D.). Current efforts therefore are to **house veterans in veteran specific facilities, apartment buildings, and neighborhoods** since there will be a **better success rate for veterans' reintegration** with family and outside community.
- + Homes 4 Families is currently building 68 more homes for families in Palmdale and North Hollywood, and the nonprofit organization remains **committed to empowering low-income veterans and their families to enter the middle class** through affordable homeownership and holistic services that build resiliency, self-sufficiency and economic growth.