



AP RECOVERY'S HAVEN HOUSE AND PROJECT 180'S KRESS HOUSE JAIL DIVERSION – COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING

It is not surprising that options are few for justice-involved persons with mental health disorders. Even fewer for those who are found incompetent to stand trial. SSG is proud to be part of a historical collaboration between the Office of Diversion & Reentry (ODR), LA County DA's office, LA City Public Defender's office and the LA County Mental Health Court to provide community based diversion programming including supportive housing specifically to restore competency to justice involved individuals facing misdemeanor or felony charges.

This innovative model provides the clients with needed comprehensive behavioral health services at the housing sites and is a promising alternative to incarceration.

Project 180's Kress House: In operation since October 2018 with a total of 30 forensic beds (male).

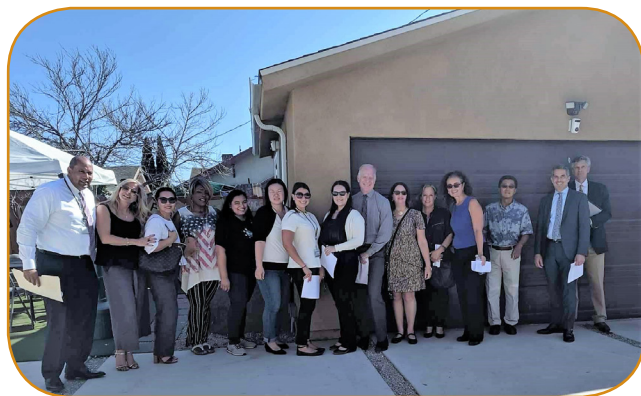
AP Recovery's Haven House: In operation since Feb. 2019 with a total of 18 forensic beds (female).

On September 13, 2019 representatives from the LA City Public Defender's office, LA County DA's office, ODR, Honorable Mental Health Court **Judges James Bianco, Robert S. Harrison, and Laura Streimer** visited both of these sites to see their vision in action.

Herb Hatanaka (SSG Executive Director), **Hayley Levy** (SSG Dir. Of Admin. and Clinical Services), **Angela Kang** (AP Recovery Division Director) and **Emily Bell** (P180 Division Director) were in attendance together with staff and clients for an inspiring day.



Pictured: Gilbert Wright, Head Deputy, LAC DA's Mental Health Division enjoying a game of ping pong at P180/Kress House.



Pictured (not in order): Judges, DA reps, ODR reps, residents, AP Recovery staff (with Angela Kang, Division Director) and SSG Executive staff (Hayley Levy and Herbert Hatanaka) on 9/13/19 at Haven House.



SSG BOARD CORNER

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veteran's Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday honoring military veterans and is celebrated annually on November 11.

SSG salutes all veterans including long-time SSG Board Member Fernando Del Rio. Together with other Korean veterans, Fernando was honored for his service during a 2016 ceremony in San Pedro, California.

Daily Breeze

The South Bay's choice for 117 years

South Korea honors American Korean War veterans in San Pedro ceremony



Fernando Del Rio receives a peace medal from the Republic of South Korea Honorable Major General Shin, on Saturday morning at the Korean Friendship Bell in Angels Gate Park, San Pedro, April 23, 2016. (Photo by Brittany Murray / SCNG)

Officials from the Republic of South Korea, including Honorable Major General Shin, participated in an awards ceremony on Saturday morning at the Korean Friendship Bell in Angels Gate Park in San Pedro.

Ambassador for Peace Medals were presented to Korean War veterans as mementos for those who returned to South Korea through the Revisit Program. The program has since been extended to include veterans who cannot travel the long distance to Korea.

The medals were given by Korea for "the sacrifices, service and friendship" of American service men and women who served in the conflict from June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953.

SAVE THE DATE



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SSG Agency Wide 2020 Appreciation & Networking Event For Interns & Field Supervisors

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

9:30 am to 11:30 am

SSG Core Office

905 East 8th Street, Room 105

Los Angeles, CA 90021

Join us for a fun and casual event including continental breakfast, internship reflections and raffle prizes!

Alliance • AP Recovery • APAIT • APCTC • APIFM • BACUP • CRS • HOPICS • IBHT • OTTP-LA
OTTP-SF • PAADP • PALS for Health • PNYF • Project 180 • Research & Development
SSG Riverside Counseling Center • SILVER • Weber Community Center

OTHER HAPPENINGS

AL-IMPICS 2019



Congratulations to HOPICS on another successful annual AL-Impics event held on Saturday, September 2019 at LA Harbor College. Look out for a recap and event pictures in the next newsletter publication!

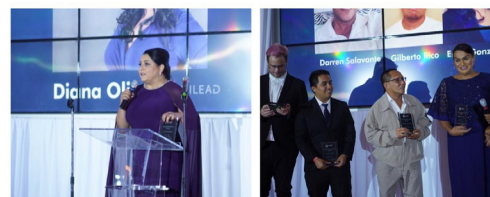
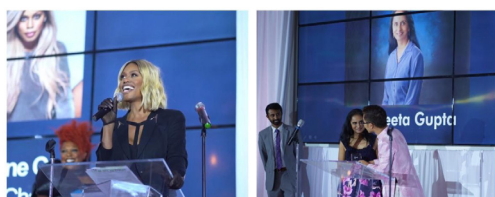
*Celebrating Recovery
through Athletic Competition*



APAIT

OC 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

September 19, 2019, at The Venue, Huntington Beach - SSG/APAIT celebrated 20 years of community service in Orange County with its signature fashion show event featuring four distinct designers including **Son Gi**, **Veejay Floresca**, **Andrew Christian**, and **Jacky Tai**. They honored: (1) four consumers with the Transformation Award, (2) **Dr. Geeta Gupta** of UC Irvine with the Guardian of Life award; (3) **Diana Feliz Oliva** of Gilead Sciences with the Corporate Impact award; and (4) Emmy-award winning actress, producer, and trans activist **Laverne Cox** of Netflix's *Orange Is the New Black* with the Vanguard of Change Award.



P180

VISIT BY LA COUNTY CEO SACHI HAMAI



Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Sachi A. Hamai** has been doing a CEO Tour at various innovative programs throughout 2019. On October 11, 2019 together with representatives from the LA County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) Housing Program, as well as LA County DHS she visited Project 180's South Park Housing Program serving forensic clients.

P180's South Park opened in March 2019 providing residential housing and supportive services for 20 justice involved individuals. Under leadership of P180 Division Director **Emily Bell**, South Park has been noted for its caring staff and a clean and comfortable environment

Hamai, the first Asian American woman to serve as LA County's CEO, was appointed CEO in 2015 and oversees a county budget of \$36.1 billion and a workforce of nearly 113,000. She oversaw the launch of the Homeless Initiative, a broad and unprecedented response to the region's homelessness crisis, and led implementation of the voter-approved Measure H, which since 2017 has helped move more than 16,000 individuals and families into permanent housing and 31,837 enter crisis, bridge or interim housing.

"I commend LA County and specifically CEO Sachi Hamai for her vision and commitment to serve forensic clients in partnership with community providers like SSG/P180. It is an unprecedented time in LA history and I am proud SSG is part of the solution" noted SSG Executive Director **Herb Hatanaka**.



APCTC

25TH ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING CONFERENCE



Chair Dr. Silvia Yan with Commendation from LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger

In collaboration with LA County DMH and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, the Consortium on Asian American Mental Health Training held the 25th Annual Asian American Mental Health Training Conference at Almansor Court in Alhambra, CA on Oct. 10, 2019. Congratulations to Dr. Silvia Yan, APCTC Program Director who served as Chair for this historic 25th anniversary conference! And congratulations to APCTC's **Never Stop Band** for providing their musical talents at the conference. APCTC has been a leading presence for the Consortium since its inception in 1994. A shout-out to APCTC and all of their amazing team members.



APCTC's Never Stop Band. Pictured L-R: Jeffrey Lim, Al Choi (drums), David Jain, Elsa Pena, Jun Park, Rudy Cueva, Lolita Namocatcat and Steven Jeon



SERVING ASIAN-AMERICAN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN RIVERSIDE



APCTC Program Director (5th from right) Dr. Karen Cheng-Lim at KITE meeting in Riverside.

APCTC has recently launched the KITE (Keeping Intergenerational Ties in Ethnic Families) program in Riverside to serve families with school aged children and adolescents with a research-supported parenting program for diverse Asian-American immigrant groups. The 10-session parenting group or course is offered in Korean, Mandarin Chinese and Tagalog (Filipino) languages.

The KITE program was profiled in the Riverside University Health System's Quarterly PEI Newsletter (V. 2, Issue 3, October 2019). For more information please contact Luciana Hsu at 951-837-0125.



APIFM

APIFM SUMMER MIXER



The APIFM Summer Mixer was held on Wednesday, August 28th at Wolf and Crane and it was packed with social justice warriors and APIFM supporters. Getting the location ready for the event was a busy time, with people organizing tables of fresh produce and food from local businesses, creating prize bags, and setting out pins and t-shirts for purchase. Once the clock finally hit 6pm, people started rolling in. The crowd continued to grow as folks filed in, laughter filling the bar until it was finally time to watch *A Taste of Home*, a short film produced by our Food Roots team. Following the film, we premiered an exclusive interview of a local API farmer that Food Roots partners with. A panel then presented, once the two films completed, and we got to hear from the main actress of *A Taste of Home*.

Thanks to APIFM's Advisory Board, staff and everyone who attended, we exceeded our goal and raised over **\$5,600!** We also appreciate everyone who came and joined our APIFM family by becoming monthly Sustainers! We owe a big thanks to **The California Endowment** for their continued support of our fundraising events and community partnership, as well as Wolf and Crane for hosting us for this thrilling event.

If you weren't able to come, it's not too late to become an APIFM Sustainer! Just visit our website and you too can support our work AND unlock special perks and prizes.



VOICES CONFERENCE



APIFM Interim Director **Kyle Tsukahira** recently had the unique opportunity to attend Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum's (APIAHF) Bi-annual VOICES conferences as a Health Rising Leadership Institute (HRLI) fellow. The conference presenters addressed visiting members of congress and highlighted the health equity issues and needs of the AANHPI communities we serve. Kyle joined the Los Angeles contingent with **Leslie Toy** of Asian Americans Advancing Justice of LA, and **Dorothy Vaivao** of the Samoan National Nurses Association. They had the chance to meet with **Ellen Hamilton** of Congresswoman **Judy Chu's** office and **Charlie Amowitz** of Congressman **Jimmy Gomez's** office to chat about each organizations work to address health disparities within the AANHPI community in LA.

DIAMOND BAR COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPO



Nearly 200 community members attended the Diamond Bar Community Health Expo on October 12, 2019 and visited APIFM's booth! A handful of attendees were more than happy to take a survey, sign our petition and get more information about forming a coalition. It was a joy to gain support in our health campaigns that will hopefully pass comprehensive laws to diminish secondhand smoke exposure in outdoor areas.



NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Detail of Rabbit Hunt
ca. 1940 By Pablita
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National Monument.

November is Native American Heritage Month, also referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This month, we aim to celebrate the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. Archaeologists estimate the first widespread settlement of the Americas by Native people dates back to nearly 11,000 years ago. As we honor

the rich history, culture, and traditions of indigenous peoples, we must also recognize the centuries of violence and discrimination Native Americans have suffered from and the injustices these communities still experience today. To learn more about how you can pay tribute to Native American Heritage Month please visit <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>.

2019 Notable Honor in Native American History



The Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden appointed Joy Harjo the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry in June of 2019. Harjo is an enrolled member of the Muscogee Creek Nation and the nation's first Native American poet to serve in the position. Hayden says

Harjo's poems tell "an American story of tradition and loss, reckoning and myth-making. Her work powerfully connects us to the earth and the spiritual world with direct, inventive lyricism that helps us reimagine who we are." To learn more about Harjo, visit <https://www.loc.gov/poetry/laureate.html>

Local Celebratory Events in LA

November 12th

2019 Native American/Alaska Native
Mental Health Conference
Tue, 8 AM - 4 PM | The California Endowment

November 20th

Corn Husk Dolls - Learn & Create
Wed, 5 - 6 PM | Florence Library | Los Angeles

November 24th

Movie Night - "Smoke Signals"
Sat, 3:15PM | Harbor City/Gateway - LA Library

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign held in October that raises awareness about employment issues for people with disabilities, and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

In 1945 Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

In a 2015 Presidential Proclamation, President Obama stated, "America is at its strongest when we harness the talents and celebrate the distinct gifts of all our people. This October, let us pay tribute to all who fought for better laws, demanded better treatment, and overcame ignorance and indifference to make our Nation more perfect. In their honor, and for the betterment of generations of Americans to come, let us continue the work of removing obstacles to employment so every American has the chance to develop their skills and make their unique mark on the world we share."

During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts recognizes the indispensable contributions people with disabilities have made and will continue to make in our economy. Employment opportunities and legal rights should be made available to all people, regardless of disability, race, creed, color, national origin or gender.





OTTP-LA

OTTP-LA ATTENDS LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTEE RECEPTION



The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture awarded OTTP \$7,300 for the 2019-2020 Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG) program. The CIAG aims to support arts programming taking place at nonprofit social service and social justice organizations in a wide variety of settings outside of a traditional arts environment.

OTTP Division Director, **Suzanne Afuso-Sugano**, MS, OTR/L and Occupational Therapy Manager, **Dana Granado**, OTR/L, joined the LA County Board of Supervisors, LA County Department of Arts and Culture, and fellow Arts and Culture Grantees at the CIAG Grantee Reception Event held on October 1st. Pictured with LA County Arts and Culture Commissioners (L-R), Dana Granado, **Helen Hernandez**, **Pamela Bright-Moon**, **Norma Provencio Pichardo**, Suzanne Afuso-Sugano.

This grant funding will be used to support the 9th Annual OTTP Client Art Show in May 2020. The Art Show is a festive “one night only” gallery presentation of OTTP client artwork and will include live music performances by OTTP clients that will be enjoyed by family members, staff, and the community. We are honored to have been selected as a grantee among 58 other local nonprofit organizations and look forward to planning the 2020 Art Show!

OTTP-LA ART EXHIBIT

If you have stopped by the Core Office lately, you may have noticed a new set of Client Art Exhibit in the main lobby. Since October, the walls of the lobby and stairwell are now filled with colorful and original art pieces created by OTTP-LA clients. Many of the artworks were featured in the OTTP- LA Promoting Possibilities Art Showcase 2019 calendar.

The revolving art exhibit displayed at the SSG Core Office creates a dynamic visual experience for visitors, clients and other division employees conducting business at SSG headquarters. Further, the art exhibits provide a creative opportunity to educate and stimulate discussions about many of the services we provide at our SSG Divisions. One young artist stated, “Art inspires me to see my mom happy and inspires me to do better not only in art but in education too”.



Pictured L to R: Sylvia Kimball, Suzanne Afuso-Sugano and Alicia Abbott

SILVER

SSG SILVER PARTICIPATES IN THE ALZHEIMER'S WALK



SSG SILVER joined Alzheimer's Greater LA Sunday October 20, 2019 to raise awareness for Alzheimer's and dementia. The team participated in an event to raise critical funds for local programs that help tens of thousands of

families in Los Angeles facing an Alzheimer's diagnosis. SSG SILVER and Alzheimer's Greater LA are long-time partners in the effort to mobilize needed resources for growing local older adult population. Team page: <https://connect.alzheimersla.org/team/261383>





OTTP-SF

OTTP-SF 20TH ANNIVERSARY STAFF RETREAT



OTTP-SF held a staff team bonding retreat on Thursday, September 19th in honor of our division's 20th anniversary. Our 20th year of operation would not have been possible without all of SSG's support!

HOLIDAY RECIPE

BIBINGKA – FILIPINO COCONUT-RICE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

2 cups/320g rice flour
 ½ cup/55g glutinous rice flour
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 banana leaf (optional)
 3 eggs, lightly beaten
 1 salted duck egg, sliced (optional)
 1 cup/80g grated queso de bola or Cheddar cheese
 ½ cup/52g grated coconut, for topping (optional)
 1 ½ cups/355ml coconut milk



¾ cup/150g granulated sugar

1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing pan

Visit cooking.nytimes.com for full instructions.

BACUP

BACUP HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AND ARTIST RECOGNITION

BACUP hosted a Halloween lunch party for clients and staff on October 31, 2019. The fun included music, food, party games and a costume contest. **Vera Calloway**, BACUP Division Director shared that, "After the party ended, BACUP staff agreed our Halloween event was a success. I was really proud of the entire team and its ability to show guests a great time. Toward the end, individual clients and even a couple of BACUP staff recounted their difficult histories and eventual paths toward recovery. Sharing experiences was incredibly powerful as guests freely opened their hearts and uplifted each other with intention and love. Who knew that Halloween could touch people so deeply?"

In addition, SSG Executive Director, **Dr. Herbert Hatanaka** and SSG Board Treasurer, **Glen Pacheco** presented certificates of recognition to BACUP artists who recently had their artworks displayed in the lobby of SSG's Core Office. The certificates presented to BACUP artists who exhibited their work at the SSG Core Office recognize individual talent and each artist's commitment to recovery and artistic growth. "I'm not sure that Herb and Glen realized the impact their presence had on party guests and the artists who received certificates," said BACUP Director, Vera Calloway. She added that "One artist wept tears of joy over being recognized by SSG at its highest levels. But, I told her that's the SSG way, and the art on display gave employees at SSG's Headquarters the chance to see some of the results of their collective work in support of BACUP clients and recovery."



The Development Team

Growing SSG

- Connecting Your Vision to Fundraising -

Amazon Smile

OUR SSG FAMILY SHOPS. AMAZON DONATES.

SSG Family,

The holiday season is upon us and we are continuing the tradition of participating in AmazonSmile! As you start your holiday shopping list, we encourage you to select SSG as your AmazonSmile charity of choice!

It's easy, visit Amazon at:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1716914>

to select SSG and then return to smile.amazon.com every time you shop for gifts and home essentials.

Please spread the benefit by inviting your friends and family to shop with the SSG Family: pass along the link or share it on social media.

#1 holiday hack:

When you shop at
smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

From September 15, 2019 to November 1, 2019
SSG has been recommended
for the following grants:

Funder	Program	Division
LAHSA	Interim Housing for Women & Older Adults	HOPICS
Southern California Gas Company	Clean Air SGV	APIFM



THE SEVEN STEPS TO EARTHQUAKE SAFETY FOR HOME AND OFFICE

Earthquake safety involves being prepared and knowing what to do. Practicing earthquake safety at home and office by creating disaster safety kits before the next earthquake are crucial to your family and co-worker's safety. Prepare for an earthquake with these recommended seven steps.

Prepare

No one can predict when or where an earthquake will strike, but you can be prepared before the next big one hits. The following earthquake preparation tips take a few hours to create a plan and organize supplies that will keep you safer.

	Step 1: Secure Your Space Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.
	Step 2: Plan to be Safe Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.
	Step 3: Organize Disaster Supplies Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.
	Step 4: Minimize Financial Hardship Minimize financial hardship by organizing your important personal documents, strengthening your property, and considering residential insurance.


Recover

Once the earthquake is over and it is safe to move around, check to be sure everyone is safe and not injured. Start first aid for any injuries and/or get immediate medical attention.

Be ready for aftershocks, which are normal following an earthquake.



Check for fire and take appropriate action. Examine electrical wires, appliances chimneys, and utilities for damage. Check to see that sewage lines are intact and working.

Remain calm and wait for further instruction from public safety officials.

	Step 7: Reconnect and Restore Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage, and rebuilding community.
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Survive

Survive when the earth shakes by practicing and performing Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Protect your head and neck by sheltering under heavy desks or tables. Stay away from windows and bookshelves. Do not move until all the shaking has ended, or an all-clear signal is given.

	Step 5: Drop, Cover, and Hold On Drop, cover, and hold on when the earth shakes.
	Step 6: Improve Safety Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured, and preventing further damage.

Additional Important Earthquake Safety Precautions

- When an earthquake starts, grab your emergency preparedness kit. Remember, Drop, Cover, and Hold On.
- Keep clear of windows—glass may shatter from the shaking.
- Never stand under objects that can fall on top of you like a large bookcase.
- If you're in bed, cover your head and neck with pillows. If you are home, don't go outside. Stay off the roads.
- If you're outside, move away from buildings which can collapse. Stay in an open area.
- If you're driving when an earthquake strikes, pull over to a large open area that's not under trees or power lines.
- If you're at school, work, or any shopping area don't take the elevator. Take the stairs.

For additional information on earthquake safety, please contact **Laura Horton** at safety@ssg.org or your division's safety coordinator.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



YOU DID IT!

Congratulations to Julie Harbutte of OTTP who graduated with her Doctorate in Social Work from USC August 15, 2019.

SSG NEWSLETTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Hi SSG family! Here is the July-August 2019 Connecting the Dots - SSG Newsletter Scavenger Hunt. Are you ready to win some prizes?! The multiple choice challenge will be hosted on an online game app called Kahoot! The scavenger hunt will begin as soon as the SSG newsletter is emailed out - be sure to read this newsletter first. The first 4 SSG employees to answer all 4 questions in the challenge quickly and most accurately will each win a **\$25 gift card!** If you've won 2 consecutive times you must sit out the next round.

Instructions: Please visit: <https://www.kahoot.com> on your smart phone, click on "Play!" at the top and enter the following game pin# **0745487** to access the challenge. You will need to download the free app. When the game begins it will ask you to create a "nickname". Be sure to use your SSG employee number listed in ADP. The **timed** challenge will begin as soon as you click "Ok, go!". You'll need to be fast! Members of the SSG Newsletter Committee are not eligible. The quiz will be open until **December 6th at noon** and the winners will be notified by December 12th.



Happy reading & Good luck!

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

11/1 Dia De los Muertos	12/1 World AIDS Day
11/5 US General Election Day	12/3 Giving Tuesday / National Disability Day
11/11 Veterans Day (SSG Holiday)	12/21 Kwanzaa
11/13 Caregiver Appreciation Day	12/22 Chanukah
11/23 National Adoption Day	12/25 Christmas Day (SSG Holiday)
11/28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday (SSG Holiday)	1/1 New Year's Day (SSG Holiday)

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