THE BEGINNING

Long before Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) was born, before the City of Long Beach was established or the creation of the California missions and the Spanish land grants, Native Americans known as the Tongva had at least three villages—Tevaxa’anga, ‘Ahwaanga and Povuu’nga—within the present boundaries of Long Beach. According to Jimmie Castillo, a spiritual leader for the Tongva, “Povuu’nga is a sacred place where the first people were created and where Chingishnish, the major deity of Tongva religious beliefs, appeared to give the people their creation stories.” It seems the idea of a Village has been a work in progress for centuries.

CVC has worked to ensure that this legacy of community continues into perpetuity. To this day, the Tongva legacy is alive at the Villages through the American Indian Changing Spirits program.

NAVAL STATION TARGETED FOR CLOSURE

Base Realignment and Closure Commission of the U.S. Department of Defense closes 28 military bases, including the Long Beach Naval Station.

NEW COLLABORATORS

• City officials, together with a group of nonprofit organizations, create a collaboration of agencies to advocate for a community benefiting the homeless population in Long Beach
• Century Housing invests more than $13 million
• Villages at Cabrillo property conveyed to CVC
• New collaborators join.

THE VILLAGES OPENS

• The Villages is fully operational and on-site partners are in place, forming a continuum of care for homeless veterans and families.
• Affordable housing development Long Beach Savannah Housing, an adaptive reuse of the former naval housing stock, is completed.

A VISION DEVELOPS

Long Beach Shipyards and their adjacent facilities such as Savannah Housing Complex (now the Villages at Cabrillo) are conveyed to City of Long Beach.
• Local community and city officials develop vision for a new community.
• Century Housing emerges as nonprofit to continue financing the development of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals.

COMING TOGETHER

LA VETS convenes monthly service provider meetings, a “grass-roots effort to craft a common vision, ensure cooperation rather than competition in the funding process.” Group now known as Villages at Cabrillo Collaborative (VACC).

CASA DE CABRILLO OPENS

Casa de Cabrillo open, providing independent living accommodations to 200 formerly homeless veterans, doubling the number of veterans served.

OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS

Oasis Community Center opens as an on-site community-wide resource center providing drop-in services to adults and children living at CVC.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON RESIDENCE EXPANDS

Catholic Charities’ Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence emergency shelter for families expands to meet the needs of a growing population.

ANCHOR PLACE OPENS

Anchor Place provides dignified and service-enriched living quarters to 120 households, including veterans and families.

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OUR VISION

Homes are the cornerstone of a thriving and just society.

The Villages at Cabrillo Collaborative is a partnership of 35 dedicated agencies working together to promote the healthy transformation of individuals, families, and the community.

The Villages will always be a place of creation, where life begins anew, as the Tongva believe. CVC will continue to expand and grow, working with its partners to end homelessness and creating new opportunities for transformation in the lives of many.
A former Naval housing base, Century Villages at Cabrillo is now a 27-acre community on the Westside of Long Beach that is home to more than 1,500 veterans, families, and individuals on any given night. Our community offers affordable, dignified housing with an array of services and amenities benefiting our residents and are increasingly a placed based asset enriching the greater Long Beach community.

CAMPUS AMENITIES

In addition to housing and supportive services, the Villages features community gardens, an Urban Forest with an exercise trail, a yoga and fitness studio, fitness centers, community gathering and game rooms, and a weekly farm stand to support community engagement. A variety of programs are also available for adults, seniors, and youth including summer camps, boys scouts, cooking classes, yoga, and walking groups, and much more to promote community health. CVC and its partners also utilize our Social Hall Grant team to build a community for those in need, such as a health fair, fall festival, community-wide Thanksgiving dinner, winter festival, back to school event and more throughout the year. The many service provider partners you see here all contribute to supporting our community in the heart of West Long Beach.

The Villages at Cabrillo Property Office provides residents of our community assistance with rent payment, maintenance and janitorial assistance, recertification services, grievance mitigation packages, and offers the community and visitors general information as needed. (562) 388-7840

PROGRAM HOUSING

Provides shelter and care to individuals or families in crisis, from 30 days to two years. Program Housing seeks to support clients and foster independent living skills and self-sufficiency, helping to prepare residents for permanent, independent living arrangements.

- American Indian Change Spots is a 26-bed residential recovery program targeting American Indian men and women who suffer from alcohol and/or drug addiction. (562) 388-8118
- Catholic Worker Herbert House is a 36-bed temporary transitional housing facility for formerly chronically homeless individuals. (562) 200-7316
- U.S.VETS Social Independent Living Skills (SILS) is a residential program for up to 122 veterans who face significant barriers to obtaining employment and need assistance in developing skills necessary for independent living. (562) 200-7316
- Harbors Interfaith Services provides 29 affordable apartment homes for formerly chronically homeless individuals, as well as on-site case management. (562) 388-8000
- Anchor Place provides 120 affordable apartment homes for veterans and families, including 75 VASH, 18 Housing for Health, and 26 affordable units. CVC’s Oasis Residential team provides on-site case management. (562) 388-8000
- Cabrillo Gateway provides 85 affordable apartment homes for families, including 58 homes for those with mental health disabilities identified through Dept. Mental Health (DMH). CVC’s Oasis Residential team provides on-site case management. (562) 388-8000
- Cabrillo Plaza provides 200 affordable apartment homes for single veterans. U.S.VETS provides on-site support to residents. (562) 388-8000
- Family Commons at Cabrillo provides 80 affordable apartment homes for families, including 40 apartments for families with physical and/or mental disabilities who were previously homeless. (562) 388-8000
- Long Beach Savannah Housing (LBH) provides 130 affordable apartment homes for veterans. U.S.VETS provides on-site supportive services to residents. (562) 388-8000

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A permanent home, for both families and veterans, is the final step in the housing continuum. Our permanent housing is enriched with supportive services, ensuring that individuals, families, and children have critical resources at their disposal to facilitate continued growth.

- U.S.VETS Crisis Bridge Women’s program is a residential transitional housing program for non-veteran women in partnership with the LAHSA that offers treatment for substance abuse and sexual trauma. (562) 200-7316
- U.S.VETS ADVANCE Women’s program and Women with Children program is a residential program that addresses the unique needs of female veterans, offering 32 beds for homeless female veterans and 11 rooms for those with children. (562) 200-7316
- Harbor Interfaith Services provides 29 affordable apartment homes for formerly chronically homeless individuals, as well as on-site case management. (562) 388-8000
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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Residents within any stage of our continuum are supported by an array of nurturing programs and services. These services are geared around increasing independence and self-sufficiency.

- Hacienda of Hope is a short-term respite home that offers the space where peer-guests are able to stay briefly to work on their personal growth and wellness in a safe space free of charge. (562) 388-8177
- Veterans Village Recovery Center (VVRC) is a 38-bed, 30- to 90-day intensive substance abuse treatment program for veterans, operated by the Long Beach VA HCS with housing supported by the U.S.VETS. (562) 826-8460
- Comprehensive Child Development (CCD) offers quality early care and educational programs for children 0-5 years old whose parents work, are in job training, and/or are seeking permanent housing. (562) 388-8160
- CVC’s Oasis Youth and Family Center Offers afterschool and summer programming for youth (K-12), family support services, and specialized programming for Transitional aged youth. Also, home to CityHAART’s Resource Center, available to residents through their case manager. (562) 388-8080
- LBUSD’s Head Start Bethune Center offers high quality early learning programs serving income eligible children from birth to age five who are residents of Long Beach and Signal Hill. (562) 426-8144
- Los Angeles Habilitation House (LAHH) offers employment in building services and contract management services to persons with disabilities within a supportive working environment since 2008. (562) 388-8073
- U.S.VETS Career Center and Administration Offices Provides supportive services for U.S. veterans that includes transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, job placement, housing services, case management, and counseling. (562) 200-7316
- V.A. Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is a satellite outpatient clinic for veterans and managed by the Veterans Administration. (562) 826-8415
- The Children’s Clinic and Serving Children & Their Families (TCC) Family Health Center is a federally qualified health center, open to the CVC and the greater Long Beach community. (844) 822-4646
- Long Beach Multiservice Center (MSC) led by the Long Beach Health Department, houses 12 organizations working together to foster the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The MSC is the primary point of entry for persons seeking homeless services assistance in Long Beach, located at 1351 West 12th Street, Long Beach. (562) 570-4500