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## Century Villages at Cabrillo and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Host Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Family Shelter Project

*New family complex will provide emergency shelter to hundreds of individuals and families in Long Beach*

**WHAT:**

On Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. **Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC)** and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles will host a Project Kickoff event to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Family Shelter I and II projects in Long Beach. These projects, once completed in early 2012, will help to combat homelessness in the region.

Family Shelters I and II is a new emergency shelter complex on the west side of the Century Villages at Cabrillo campus. In partnership with Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, the new facilities will replace and expand the existing Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, which has operated at CVC since 1998 and served more than 2,000 families over its history. The new shelters will provide more appropriate space for the provision of shelter and supportive services.

Targeting the unique needs of the homeless, the facilities have been designed to help residents develop life skills as well as assisting them in finding and maintaining stable employment. The communal shelter complex features safe and secure family dwellings along with shared recreational play space, a community room, counseling offices, a commercial kitchen, and dining facilities. Combined, Family Shelters I and II will accommodate a maximum of 20,440 nights of shelter per year, and can serve a maximum of 448 homeless individuals each year.

Family Shelters I and II expands CVC's continuum of supportive housing which is structured around fostering self-sufficiency and independence. As families matriculate from Catholic Charities' shelter program, they are eligible to transition into the various transitional or permanent housing opportunities on the CVC campus.

For more information, please visit <http://centuryvillages.org/>

**WHO:**

- Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Supervisor, District #4
- Bob Foster, Mayor, City of Long Beach (Tentative)
- James Johnson, Councilman, City of Long Beach, District #7
- Ron Griffith, President & CEO, Century Housing
- Brian D'Andrea, President, Century Villages at Cabrillo
- Vanessa Romain, Shelter Manager & Director of Programs, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles
- Rebecca Matt, Program Manager, EHAP-CD, HCD, State of California

- Lois Starr, Director of Housing Development and Preservation, CDC, County of Los Angeles

**WHEN: Wednesday, April 6, 2011**  
9:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast  
10 a.m. – Program Begins

**WHERE: Century Villages at Cabrillo**  
2001 River Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90810

*The event will be held in the courtyard at the intersection of River and Williams. Street parking is available.*

### **About Century Villages at Cabrillo**

Century at Cabrillo Villages (CVC) is a residential, nonprofit community established to break the cycle of homelessness located in Long Beach. An affiliate of Century Housing, CVC's mission is to develop, manage, and serve as steward of a 26 acre supportive housing campus so that independent service providers can successfully help individuals and families overcome homelessness. Located on a former U.S. Naval housing site, CVC is home to more than 1,000 residents on any given night, including veterans, families, youth and children. CVC's housing continuum is enriched with supportive services and ranges from shelter, to transitional and permanent housing. **For more information, visit <http://centuryvillages.org/>**

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