

# **Meet Community Corporation of Santa Monica!**

## Who is Community Corporation of Santa Monica?

- We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that restores, builds, and manages affordable housing for people of modest means. We were formed in 1982 by community leaders concerned about gentrification.
- For over four decades, we've worked to make Santa Monica and our surrounding neighborhoods a more inclusive and environmentally sustainable city.

### Mission

• Our mission is to improve lives and neighborhoods by providing quality affordable housing in high resource neighborhoods.

#### Value

- Opportunity:
  - Community Corp offers working families of modest means the opportunity to build a brighter future in a high opportunity neighborhood.
  - Community Corp integrates affordable housing with programs and services, such as free after-school homework assistance and gardening programs, changing the lives of our residents and their children.
- Inclusiveness:
  - We foster an inclusive, caring, and environmentally sustainable community, where each person has a home in which to live and thrive with dignity.
  - Our properties welcome people from different socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. This is what makes us unique. Families working in a variety of sectors, children and seniors all enjoy our vibrant community.
- Good-Neighborliness:
  - Community Corp improves neighborhoods. We preserve historically significant structures and replace neglected properties with award-winning buildings at the forefront of architectural innovation and green design.
  - We are long-term owners and operators and maintain all our properties ourselves, to ensure they live up to a high standard.
- Sustainability:
  - Community Corp buildings surpass green design standards –utilizing solar panels, drought tolerant landscaping, low-flow plumbing fixtures and recycled materials. Those who live in our buildings embrace important practices of sustainable living, from community gardens to recycling to water and energy conservation. All our new buildings are being built all-electric, with no natural gas.
  - We create opportunities for people to live near where they work, which enhances their quality of life and takes cars off the road for our entire region.

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