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Sarah Letts, Executive Director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a Restorer and Builder of Affordable Housing, Announced the Launch of Community Corp.'s New Website

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For more than three decades, Community Corporation of Santa Monica (“Community Corp.”) has made the city a more inclusive, caring, and environmentally sustainable place to live. A Santa Monica-based non-profit organization, Community Corp. restores, builds, and manages affordable housing for people of modest means. Their work, in partnership with the City of Santa Monica, local architects and builders, and a wide variety of resident services providers, improves neighborhoods, changes lives, and contributes to the distinct character of the city. Through its work, Community Corp. advances the values that Santa Monica residents share and enriches the community for all.

As part of its ongoing effort to be more accessible and transparent to prospective residents, current residents and members of the greater community, Community Corp. has completely redesigned its website, www.communitycorp.org. Literally rebuilt from the ground up, the website makes it easier to get to know the organization, its buildings, the services it provides, and its ongoing work to advance environmental sustainability in Santa Monica. By providing new information for those interested in applying for affordable housing through Community Corp., the organization hopes to facilitate the application process. Changes to the website include a more user-friendly description of the process, printable forms, FAQ’s, as well as relevant and helpful links to housing agencies and community services.

The new website also features many of Community Corp.’s award-winning residential buildings which are at the forefront of architectural innovation and green design. Sarah Letts, Executive Director of Community Corp., said of the new website, “We wanted our website to more clearly represent who we are: an organization committed to making Santa Monica a more inclusive and vibrant community. Making it easier for everyone to get to know us and readily access the information needed to apply for affordable housing is an important step toward these goals and fundamental to Community Corp. living up to its mission.”

About Community Corp.: Community Corporation of Santa Monica, (“Community Corp.”) is a non-profit organization that restores, builds, and manages affordable housing for people of modest means. Founded by community leaders in 1982, Community Corp. has pioneered the



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development of architecturally significant and environmentally sustainable affordable housing. It has built or restored more than 90 properties throughout Santa Monica, creating nearly 1,700 affordable homes and transforming the lives of more than 4,000 people every year. Our work contributes to the distinct character of Santa Monica, making it a more inclusive, caring, and environmentally sustainable city. For more information, please visit our website at www.communitycorp.org.

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COMMUNITY CORPORATION OF SANTA MONICA

LIVING OUR VALUES. BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY.

We are a Santa Monica-based non-profit organization that restores, builds, and manages affordable housing for people of modest means. For more than three decades, Community Corp. has made Santa Monica a more inclusive, caring, and environmentally sustainable city.

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OUR MARKETING LIST FOR HOUSING IS NOW OPEN

Signing up for this list is the first step in applying for housing. [Click here](#) to find out more.



LIVE

We manage properties and provide resident services to create an environment where people can thrive.

[Learn More](#)



THRIVE

We provide a range of services to enhance the lives of the people that live in our homes.

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BUILD

We have built 688 new apartment units in Santa Monica at the forefront of architectural innovation and green design.

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RESTORE

We restore neglected properties and preserve historically significant structures for the future.

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SUSTAIN

We advance the ethos of environmental sustainability in Santa Monica.

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RESIDENT SERVICES

Community Corp.'s Resident Services Department enriches lives by integrating programs on site at our properties and by linking our residents to existing programs and resources in the community.

Our Resident Services team currently coordinates services in 12 Community Corp. locations and provides information and referrals for the rest of the organization's properties. Resident Services are organized around six program areas, which support our residents' goals and enhance their quality of life.



Civic Engagement



Community Building



Early Childhood



Employment Readiness



Health and Wellness



Youth Development

See Below For Helpful Community Resources

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica
- Chrysalis
- City of Santa Monica
- Connections for Children
- St. Joseph Center
- Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District
- Venice Family Clinic
- Wise & Healthy Aging
- Westside Center for Independent Living
- Sojourn



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SUSTAIN

For three decades, Community Corp. has provided leadership to advance the ethos of environmental sustainability in Santa Monica and beyond. We are a Santa Monica Certified Green Business and a two-time Sustainable Quality Awardee, employing sustainable practices in all of our day-to-day operations.

A commitment to sustainability means a commitment to quality and constant improvement. We employ sustainable construction practices that divert and recycle construction waste and make use of resilient materials that last. We have pioneered the development of sustainable affordable housing, and created some of the first LEED Platinum Certified affordable buildings in the country - and we use the lessons learned in certified projects to inform choices we make on our other projects. Our buildings employ the latest green design features - from solar panels, to drought-tolerant landscaping, to water-saving plumbing. Those who live in our buildings embrace important practices of sustainable living, from community gardens to recycling to water conservation.



Colorado Court

Year Built: 2002

Highlights

- One of the earliest multifamily LEED certified buildings (LEED Gold)
- Designed to be off-grid, generating electricity from solar panels during the day and from a gas turbine at night
- Designed to be an interactive closed-loop building; heat exhaust from the gas turbine is used to pre-heat the hot water
- Passive cross-ventilation utilizes prevailing winds rather than active air conditioning

Community Corp Retrofits

- Replaced all toilets with ultra-high efficiency toilets using less than 1 gallon per flush
- Retrofitted all lighting to high-efficiency LED lighting to lower electricity use at the property
- Replaced standard boiler (60% efficient) with high-efficiency condensing boiler (90% efficient)

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SUSTAINABILITY WORK





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BUILD

Since Community Corp.'s inception in 1982, the Housing Restoration and Production Department (the "Department") has managed the rehabilitation and construction of nearly 1,700 affordable homes. By overseeing the acquisition of property, developing conceptual proposals, securing financing, and managing construction, the Department has increased and improved the City of Santa Monica's affordable housing stock. Community Corp.'s Housing Restoration and Production Department focuses on preserving historic and significant properties and constructing new housing that is sensitive to the scale and style of a community. The Department also strives to construct housing that is at the forefront of architectural innovation and environmental sustainability. In this way, we improve neighborhoods and strengthen communities.



The Tahiti

Description: The Tahiti is made up of 18 two-bedrooms and 18 three-bedrooms for a total of 36 apartments.

Year Built: 2008

Architect: Daly Genik Architects

Awards: American Institute of Architects California Council 2012 Merit Award for Architecture



RESTORE

Community Corp. works to restore neglected properties and preserve historically significant structures for the future. Renovating existing buildings improves neighborhoods and reduces the amount of natural resources used for housing – the greenest building is the one that has already been built. We are also constantly inspecting our properties to identify issues and implement on-going retrofits to improve them.



1038 2nd Street

Description: 1038 2nd Street, which is on the City of Santa Monica's Historic Resources Inventory, is made up of 11 studios and 4 one-bedrooms for a total of 15 apartments.

Year Built: 1921

Year Acquired: 1991