



Grace at Work May 2023

CEO CORNER: LSS of Northern California Featured in *Homecoming: Life After Incarceration* Video Series produced by HOPWA

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I am more than pleased to share with you that the HOPWA (Housing of Persons With AIDS) video series in which Deputy Director JP Soto, our Forensic Housing Program (FHP) staff and residents, and our Money Management Program staff have been participating is now available for viewing. The entire series focuses on incarceration and the challenges those who have been incarcerated face once they are released.

LSS's Forensic Housing Program is a partnership between the federal department of Housing and Urban Development through its Housing of Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program and the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to provide supportive housing to individuals with HIV who are re-entering society after incarceration. In fact, HSH has newly come to the partnership to ensure that those served by this supportive housing program may re-enter in the most successful, healthiest way possible. LSS staff provide the support and guidance necessary for each program participant to achieve their own level of stability and self-sufficiency in their own time, with most participants then moving on in their lives. This then frees up an apartment for someone else newly released.

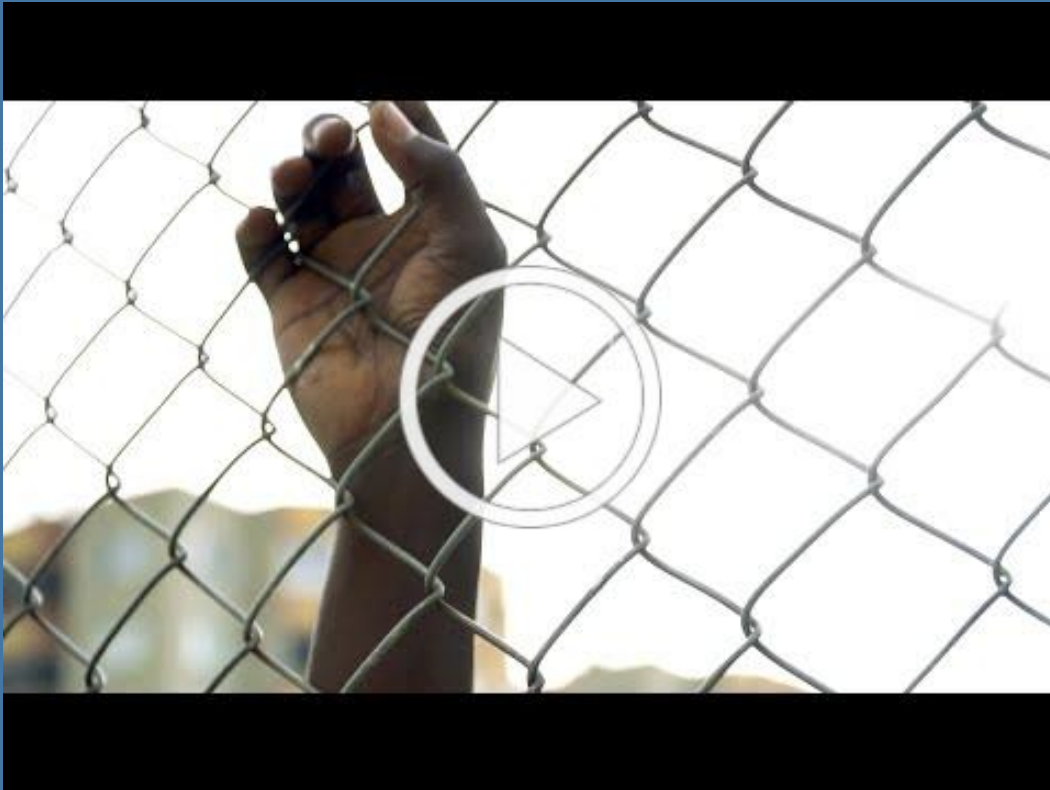
Importantly, the Forensic Housing Program provides a very safe place for members of the LGBTQ+ community who have been incarcerated to live, even though not everyone with HIV identifies as a person in this community. We have 30 studio apartments for this program.

LSS programs are included in four of the episodes of this ten-part series:

Episode 2 - *Housing* (included here) features the Forensic Housing Program, which is one of only two such HOPWA-funded programs in the country.



Homecoming: Life After Incarceration- Episode 2



Episode 6 – Trauma and Dignity includes several interviews with LSS participants who share their individual experiences with being incarcerated, having an illness and trying to maintain their dignity in life.

Episode 8 – Federal Housing Policy briefly talks about the uniqueness of the LSS Forensic Housing Program.

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Episode 10 – Money Management Services is dedicated exclusively to LSS's Money Management Services and the incredible way our staff in this program assist individuals in becoming and remaining stable.

Each episode runs from 30 to 40 minutes. We have created direct links to each episode.

We greatly appreciate series creators Jacob Mihalak and Josh Hayes for their compassionate consideration of the participants they interviewed for the series, and their incredible and thoughtful presentation.

Thank You for a wonderful Big Day of Giving!

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Thank you to everyone who attended our Big Day of Giving Art Show & Celebration!

There was wonderful art from our talented participants, live entertainment from local comedians & musicians and a great car show from local Sacramento lowriders!

Special thank you to event sponsors Turton Commercial Properties, Executech, LSS of Northern California's Board of Directors and Scott & Betsy Etzel.

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And thank you to everyone who donated during the 24-hour period to support the good work of the region. According to the Sacramento Region CommunityFoundation, Big Day of Giving raised \$13,783,609 for 763 organizations. LSS of Northern California raised nearly \$9,000 to support Sacramento programs. Your partnership makes a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in your community.

Did you see LSS on **Good Day, Sacramento**? Check out the coverage: [LSS on Good Day Sacramento](#).

What is LSS?

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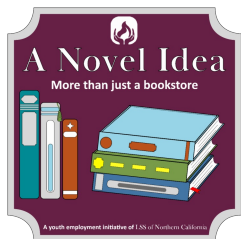


Housing

Our new LSS web page features images and information that introduces some of the amazing people that LSS serves and the breadth of how we guide and support them to their highest level of stability and self-sufficiency:

We are LSS!

LSS is also YOU!
Thank you for being part of our Northern California Community.



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Our book assortment changes every day, so you can find a good used book or two that fit your personality, mood or desire to learn something new.

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