When I met 69-year-old Wendy Brooks last week, she radiated joy. Wendy had been homeless for five years, but she’s finally home. She is one of more than 70 seniors who have found a safe and comfortable place to live in the new Athens Vistas Apartments, a homey and cheerful building in the Athens Westmont area of unincorporated Los Angeles.

“This is a slice of paradise in South Central,” Wendy said last week, as we celebrated the opening of the building she now calls home.

Athens Vistas Apartments, a new supportive housing development, has 74 units and houses individuals with limited means and formerly homeless seniors.
The Salvation Army and the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles are located onsite and provide critical supportive services that help our seniors stay active, engaged and healthy.

Like many new supportive housing developments, this apartment building came to fruition with a combination of government funding sources, including $5.9 million from the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). More information about the project is available here.

It’s imperative that we continue to support and build affordable housing for seniors.

The latest data shows that in the last year alone, senior homelessness has increased by 8%.

Athens Vistas Apartments helps fill a critical need for Los Angeles County and ensures that our seniors can thrive in their golden years with dignity and a safe place to call home, but we aren’t done.

Wendy agrees.

She said, “Help us continue to build more opportunities like this one.”

Thank you for your support as we work to bring our neighbors home.

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Thanks to you...
... housing units have been created by the LACDA using the Affordable Housing Trust, formed in 2015, for special needs populations, including seniors. There are 1,110 units currently under construction and another 1,098 units in the pipeline for construction.

People helping people

Wendy Brooks, who had been homeless, shows off her cozy home at Athens Vistas Apartments. Click on the photo to learn more about the people who live at Athens Vistas.
In case you missed it

- The gym at Bassett Park in La Puente will be converted into a winter shelter from Dec 1. to March 31.
- The Nightingale, a 30-unit supportive housing community in Florence-Firestone recently opened its doors to formerly homeless individuals.

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts and ideas.

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