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SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP TO HOUSE NINE HOMELESS FAMILIES ON SKID ROW

***Union Rescue Mission and its affiliate Eimago, Inc. unite in a historic partnership
between the County and City of Los Angeles***

LOS ANGELES – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded a new project designed to provide emergency housing for nine families that are experiencing homelessness on skid row.

The operation called “*Project Restart*,” is being funded by the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$1.2 million for the sole purpose of getting vulnerable families off of the dangerous streets of Skid Row and into a safe family environment.

Through a new grant program administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Eimago Inc., a public benefit corporation that works with the historic Union Rescue Mission to serve those who find themselves homeless, a triplex and duplex donated by the City of Los Angeles’ Community Redevelopment Agency has been transformed which will accommodate families in need.

About a hundred community members and residents celebrated the launch of *Project Restart* with an Open House and tour. The Project Restart Emergency Housing Program provides an environment that promotes healing for families experiencing homelessness.

Families will be placed in safe housing, where support staff will assist them in getting back on their feet.

“The mission is to provide a wide range of supportive case management, housing advocacy, employment assistance, children’s tutoring and after-school programs, along with other needed services,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

“Our goal is to remove the obstacles for these vulnerable families, so they can return to permanent, independent housing.”

Service providers will also partner to offer a variety of resources and services, including educational support, financial management, medical, dental, legal, life skills training and mental health support.

“This program is a historic partnership between the City and the County. We need more often to see these two bodies come together in one accord to tackle a problem like homelessness,” said Andy Bales, CEO of Eimago and the Union Rescue Mission.

Since 1891 The Union Rescue Mission has provided a variety of services to those who find themselves homeless and impoverished in Los Angeles.

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