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Mirasol Village

USI’s approach to ensuring that all Mirasol Village residents are living in a community that provides employment and educational advancement opportunities is consistent with USI’s national approach. In addition to employing a tiered approach to engaging families in 2022, USI’s Sacramento Team continued to provide families with supportive services based on our direct

service mission to “develop trusting, goal-oriented and time-sensitive working relationships and offer excellent customer service to help original resident participants of revitalizing communities to remain stably housed and benefit from the reinvestment in their neighborhood.”

\$26,393 is the average annual median income for households



94% of residents have health insurance



42% of in-school youth were participating in youth enrichment activities



147 families are housed at Mirasol Village



Propelling Educational Success:

USI operates using The Theory of Aligned Contribution, which composites that conditions needed to improve complex problems like kindergarten readiness, proficiency in reading and math, and high school graduation for marginalized youth are more likely to occur if a group of cross-sector leaders are publicly accountable for a specific result and take aligned actions at a big enough scale that partners can achieve the result. At the conclusion of 2022 61% of parents with in-school age youth reported daily reading to their youth and 42% of in-school youth were participating in youth enrichment activities, an increase of 6% from 2021.

Improving Health & Wellness:

USI is committed to implementing intensive preventative health programming targeted at increasing the awareness of diseases that are most prevalent (high blood pressure and heart disease) and increasing access to health care services and insurance to cover long-term care. USI worked on implementing programs that aid residents in living a healthier lifestyle through health education and promoting physical activity. In conclusion of 2022, 118 (94%) of residents have health insurance and 115 (91%) of residents have seen a doctor within the past 12 months.

Moving Families to Economic Self-Sufficiency:

USI uses a continuous career counseling approach (pre and post-placements). Once a resident is placed in employment, USI staff maintains a relationship with the resident to reduce turnover and increase career advancement. Our Family Support Specialist team works with employed residents to set career goals and identify a specific task that increases employment stability and increases in income from employment. In practice, this means USI staff checking in with residents on an ongoing basis to ensure that any issues are addressed before they escalate into situations that may lead to severed employment. At the end of 2022, 48 (56%) of able-bodied residents were employed with 38 (79%) being full-time jobs and 41 (85%) of all employed residents have been employed for at least 1 year. On average residents are earning \$15.38 an hour or \$26,393 annually.



Relocation and Family Support:

During the relocation process, USI's goal is to provide additional close collaboration between the residents, stakeholders, various city departments, the larger community, economic forces, the Housing Authority, and the Development Team. USI will continue to play a key role in establishing these information exchanges and relationship-building opportunities. The USI Sacramento team will continue to engage as many residents and stakeholders during the relocation process in an effort to elevate the voices of leaders and key stakeholders as all work collectively toward consensus. Currently, 147 families are housed at Mirasol Village. Of the 147 families, 58 are returning USI residents with an additional 23 submitted to return. USI will continue to support families who have indicated their interest in relocating back on site.



All Families are Stable and Thriving

Our Experience with Choice Neighborhoods

Urban Strategies, Inc. partners with a diversity of stakeholders in Choice Neighborhoods sites to create and implement comprehensive neighborhood plans with a focus on human service needs. We owe our success with Choice Neighborhoods to our commitment to using a Results-Based Accountability framework that governs our approach to service delivery. We are using data to constantly measure and improve our programs for children and families

in real time. Using our LEARN (Learning for Effective Actions to Re-vitalize Neighborhoods) performance measurement system, Urban continuously builds evidence on what works best for the more than 30,000 families we serve. We aim to further build upon early successes with Choice to realize our organizational vision that "All families are stable and thriving".