



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE PLACENTIA VETERANS VILLAGE**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – The City of Placentia, in partnership with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions for Veterans, celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Placentia Veterans Village today. The celebration included the unveiling of a new plaque at the entrance of the facility, as well as a new “Welcome Home” sign at the entrance to the facility. Placentia Veterans Village is a permanent supportive housing development designed to serve military veterans who are homeless or disabled.

“As a Navy Veteran, the Placentia Veterans Village is very personal to me,” said Placentia Mayor Craig S. Green. “It was with great honor and pride that I celebrated the first anniversary of Placentia Veterans Village. After sacrificing so much, our veterans deserve a place that they can call home, and I’m so proud that home is right here in Placentia.”

The City of Placentia partnered with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions to plan, design, construct and administer the Placentia Veterans Village. The development site was formerly on a 3.65-acre unimproved site comprised of two parcels. The Orange County Flood Control District owns one parcel, and a private party owned the adjacent parcel. Veterans Village opened its doors to residents in July of 2020.

The development includes 50 furnished apartment homes (49 for veterans and 1 for a one-site management unit), a courtyard, community garden, recreation room, energy-efficient design and appliances, computer room, and resident services offices. The state-of-the-art development is LEED Gold certified, utilizing energy-efficient design principles and building materials. In addition, veterans have access to comprehensive on-site supportive services, including case management, physical and mental health services, employment services, life skills training, and counseling.

“We are so proud of the Placentia Veterans Village and the impact that it has already made on the lives of veterans in just one year of being open. We look forward to celebrating the successes of our veterans at Placentia Veterans Village for many years to come,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. “Placentia is proud to play a small but significant role in ending veteran homelessness in Orange County and beyond. Our hope is to be able to inspire other cities to build their own Veterans Villages in their communities.”

Another part of the one-year celebration included renaming the Community Room the “Craig S. Green Community Room.” Upon visiting the El Monte Veterans Village, Mayor Green was inspired to work with the Placentia City Council and City Staff to bring this Veterans Village to Orange County. He continues to champion and raise donations from various organizations to help support the residents

of the Placentia Veterans Village. This community room is dedicated in his honor for his unwavering contributions and dedication toward this development.

For additional information about Placentia Veterans Village, visit [www.placentia.org/veteransvillage](http://www.placentia.org/veteransvillage) or call the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8264.

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