Ascencia serves survivors.

We serve people who have endured violence, emotional abuse, tragic setbacks, and economic devastation.

By the time a family or individual reaches Ascencia, they have lost nearly everything. There are no more friends to turn to or relatives who can help. The stress has taken its toll, and if there were no health problems when the crisis began, there are now.

Ascencia serves the greater Glendale area, including Burbank and the Los Angeles communities of Glassell Park, Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Atwater Village and Cypress Park.

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WHAT WE DO

Dignity: We begin with support. We listen and carefully explain our programs. We offer tangible options to help our clients make their way out of homelessness. We also provide counseling, stress management groups, trauma therapy and psychiatry to help our clients address the mental health and emotional barriers to progress.

Connections: Ascencia helps people reintegrate into society by drawing on effective community partnerships to provide employment services, ongoing health and mental health care, and other supports. Agencies and volunteers also come to us to provide on-site workshops in topics such as reproductive health, fair housing, and art therapy.

SERVICES

Outreach: Our team goes to the streets, libraries, hospitals and other public places to find and engage people who are homeless with services.

Access Center: Caring and tenacious advocates as well as creative problem-solvers, our staff offers a range of experience and training in benefits, advocacy, employment services, mental health, addiction treatment and veteran services. Using motivational interviewing techniques, we help the client craft a plan to get on track to housing and stability.

Emergency Housing: 40-bed, 60-day shelter serves families and single adults. Shelter residents continue to receive services through the Access Center. Screening and waiting periods apply.

Transitional Housing: 12 subsidized apartments assist homeless families up to one year while they work towards self-sufficiency.

Permanent Supportive Housing: 60 units and growing, this program provides housing and wrap-around services to our clients with disabilities.

Leadership: Ascencia is an active participant in national and local initiatives – including the 100,000 Homes Campaign, Home for Good and the 10th Decile Project – and works collaboratively to end homelessness in Glendale and surrounding communities.

OUR IMPACT

Ascencia serves over 1,200 homeless men, women and children from throughout Los Angeles County each year. Over 70% of our emergency housing residents move to permanent or transitional housing. 94% of people placed in our permanent housing programs remain housed after one year. In 2011, we led the way to reduce the homeless veteran population in Glendale by more than half. In 2012, Ascencia was awarded Organization of the Year by Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers: Hundreds of generous people support Ascencia each year with their gift of time and talent. In our Guest Chef program, volunteers purchase, prepare and serve meals daily in our shelter. Others tutor or provide writing clinics and other creative workshops.

Donation Drives: Outside groups organize drives to collect donated personal hygiene products, clothing, household goods, diapers as well as financial contributions for our program participants.

To learn more, please visit our website at ascenciaCA.org or call 818.246.7900 for questions or to schedule a tour.