



# *Grace at Work*

## *May 2022*

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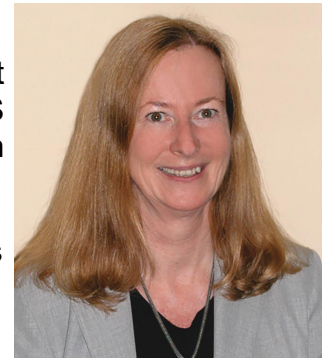
### **CEO Corner**

### **Healthcare & Housing - Our New CalAIM Program**

**Carol Roberts, PhD**

Housing is healthcare. There is no question in my mind about this. Numerous studies show it, and our experience at LSS with people experiencing homelessness provides us with actual examples.

Individuals experiencing housing instability have limited access to preventative care and are more likely to have infectious diseases and chronic health conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease. They are often undernourished or malnourished. Many cease renewing prescriptions that keep themselves medically regulated, and they are less likely to seek regular medical care. Instead, they rely on emergency care. Even those who are Medi-Cal patients with healthcare plans often fall into this because of the traumatic nature of their lives.



California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a long-term commitment overseen by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to transform and strengthen Medi-Cal, “offering a more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered approach to maximizing their health and life trajectory.” CalAIM has three goals:

- Identify and manage comprehensive needs through whole person care and social drivers of health
- Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities and transform the delivery system
- Make Medi-Cal a more consistent and seamless system for enrollees to navigate

The overall intention is to help enrollees live healthier lives.



After many years of planning, this new program started in January 2022, and thus far, LSS is partnering with three health insurance providers (Anthem, HealthNet and Molina) to provide Enhanced Care Management (ECM) –whole person care services, and Community Supports (CS) —housing transition navigation services, deposits and tenancy and sustaining services—in Sacramento, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.

In this program, the health insurance provider refers prospective ECM/CS participants to LSS. These individuals meet with LSS staff for an introductory assessment of need. Then, LSS staff partner with each individual to stabilize their housing, locate housing if needed and build healthy, stable lives. Because housing is healthcare, the cost is covered by Medi-Cal.

Caring for our participants' health needs is not new to LSS of Northern California. Our case managers have always partnered diligently with our participants to ensure that they are making and keeping medical appointments (often driving them), refilling their prescriptions and addressing all physical and mental health needs. It is this experience that has drawn healthcare providers to us.

Our initial service number for all three partnerships is about 900 individuals, but there is no limit. We can serve as many as we have capacity to serve. There will also be future opportunities to serve in more counties in our region. We are very excited to be on the forefront of this important and cost-effective line of service and look forward to growing with it.





Please join us to celebrate the art of LSS participants,  
and support them as they build stable lives

### **Refreshments included**

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Thursday, June 16, 2022  
5:30-8:00pm  
191 Golden Gate Ave  
San Francisco, CA

<https://e.sparxo.com/Art-for-Life-SF>

**SACRAMENTO**  
Sunday, June 26, 2022  
1:30-4:30pm  
2114 P Street  
Sacramento CA

<https://e.sparxo.com/Art-for-Life-Sacramento>

**Tickets: \$25**

Raffles held every 45 minutes.

Special Wine Raffle in which one lucky winner will receive at least *20 bottles of assorted wines*.

Tickets for the Wine Raffle are \$50 each, with only 100 tickets sold. Winner need not be present to win.

[Wine Raffle Tickets](https://www.lssnorcal.org/news-events/art-for-lifes-sake-wine-raffle.html)

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**Art for Life's Sake -**

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## Marc Is Housed and Full of Hope



**Video found on our Youtube Page:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4WvDijwio>**

Marc was born and raised in government housing by a single mother until he was in the fifth grade. At that time, his mother had built a better life for him and his three siblings, and they moved into their own residence. He graduated high school, secured employment as well as work as a musician, married and had two children. During a period when he could not find work, he started drinking alcohol, and then became a heavy drinker. He lost his family and his employment. For several years, he moved into and out of different living situations. But his regularly unhoused situation exacerbated his health. His medical provider, Anthem, referred him to LSS for housing and the support services he needed to remain healthy and housed. LSS program staff met Marc and were able to secure an apartment for him.

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### **Our Mission**

To promote stability and honor the dignity of those we serve by providing supportive housing services that lead to self-sufficiency.

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