SAN BERNARDINO: Affordable housing project to celebrate anniversary

Time for a Change Foundation celebrates the opening of The Phoenix Square in San Bernardino on July 25, 2012. Those attending the ribbon cutting included San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris, in gray suit, and TIME For A Change Foundation Board President Beverly Earl, standing behind the red ribbon. The affordable housing project is celebrating its first anniversary.

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Time for Change Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing housing and leadership development to homeless women and children, will observe the first anniversary of its first affordable housing project, The Phoenix Square, at 10 a.m., July 3, at 657 N. F St., San Bernardino.

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“We have had no turnover and the place is immaculate,” said John Kunkel, communications director for the foundation. “It just goes to show that low-income people take pride in their housing when given a chance.”

The anniversary event also will celebrate the graduates from the Positive Futures Project. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, the Positive Futures Project uses evidence-based programming and evaluation to study the positive outcomes for women coming home from prison and reentering the community.

“This project’s success and data collection will be used by the federal government to influence funding at the national level. We are excited at the possibility of being recognized as a true national model for others to replicate,” Carter said. “We invite the community, particularly the ones that are afraid of low-income housing, to join us and celebrate life’s success.”

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