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**LOS ANGELES DREAM CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW SITE FOR WOMEN VETERANS TO CALL
HOME**

*RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF A LOS ANGELES
WOMEN'S VETERANS HOME*

Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles Dream Center is pleased to announce the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 25 at 11 A.M. to celebrate the expansion of the current Dream Center Veterans Program. This Veterans Program will now provide for women veterans the same transformative support and resources currently offered for male veterans, including the addition of a local women veterans home on site. Notable public figures such as all-star third baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers Justin Turner and other prominent corporations will be present to commemorate this new opportunity for local servicemen and women.

Launching this Women's Veterans Home is yet another testament to the Dream Center seeking ways to serve their surrounding Los Angeles communities. The quiet, quaint house overlooking the Los Angeles skyline will house 18 women veterans, with the purpose to equip the women with skills necessary to transition back into civilian life, similar to the existing residential program for male veterans. Landscaping and gardens surrounding the home create a relaxing and therapeutic environment for the residents throughout their stay. The entirely free-of-charge program entails individual assistance and mentorship, community outreach, classroom-based instruction and support, and connection to local employment resources and benefits.

Director of the Los Angeles Dream Center Veterans Program, Anthony Worley, urges the importance of giving back and truly helping those who have already given so much. "Los Angeles has one of the largest populations nationwide of homeless veterans and the need is great...[Dream Center] focuses on the spiritual healing and needs of the individual rather than just treating the symptoms," said Worley.

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With the ever-growing needs for homeless veterans in California, (homestate to the largest population of homeless veterans in the United States), the Dream Center established the Veterans Program for male veterans since Fall 2015. Now the dream of this new home and increased resources for women veterans has become a reality through the generous support of organizations such as the Justin Turner Foundation and Jentezen Franklin Media Ministries. Mattress and bedding company Leesa Sleep will also be donating the 18 new mattresses for the women.

With these additions to the housing facility, a new total of 45 residents from any military branch may access the resources and support they need at the Dream Center. Women veterans are encouraged to apply for a spot in the new home and resource program on the Los Angeles Dream Center website. All applicants are given a personal intake assessment and a program plan designed to meet their unique needs. Clarissa Chase, a woman veteran at the Dream Center expressed her appreciation for the program and excitement for its future impact toward other women. "I have been able to educate myself by becoming a certified Peer Support Specialist and completing a managerial training course. I never would have heard of these programs or had the opportunity to complete them if I wouldn't have come to the Dream Center. Because of my stay here I know I will be well equipped for my future, whatever it brings," stated Chase.

Co-founder of the Dream Center, Pastor Matthew Barnett will lead the ceremony, including various participation from others like U.S. military veterans, Executive Director of Dream Center Programs Kelli Bradley, Leesa Sleep and Justin Turner. All media interested in attending the ceremony can learn more about the Dream Center via www.dreamcenter.org.

About the Los Angeles Dream Center

The Los Angeles Dream Center is a faith-based non-profit organization located in Echo Park, dedicated to transforming lives and the underserved communities in the city of Los Angeles. By offering residential and outreach programs to individuals, families and communities in the areas of homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, domestic violence, education, and human trafficking, the Dream Center is committed to enabling immediate and long-term transformation. The Dream Center welcomes those in need into our community completely free-of-charge with the resources, training, and support they need, regardless of faith, age, gender, orientation, nationality, or any other defining factor.

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