Drop-in Center for Homeless Youth/Young Adults

Ruth Teague’s vision was “no youth left un-housed,” said Ishimine Caldwell, Support Services Manager, CRCD. “This drop-in center is a testament to Ruth’s legacy. She wanted to create a place that would give homeless youth access to resources such as housing and healthcare. Ruth’s Place is a one-stop shop that helps address multiple issues and creates positive change in the community.”

About Ruth

In 2005, Ruth Teague co-founded CRCD to address critical needs in the Vernon-Central neighborhood, including programs for youth who are homeless. Her bold vision helped build our dynamic organization into the thriving force it is today. Ruth’s legacy lives on in Ruth’s Place on the ground floor of Broadway Apartments, 4775 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.

Ruth was a brave, courageous, visionary leader, dedicated to fighting poverty and empowering individuals and communities. She was an early advocate of permanent supportive housing for our most challenged populations – including homeless youth and families, and those with mental health diagnoses. That work led to the permanent supportive housing model being wholeheartedly adopted by government, philanthropy and the public.

About Ruth’s Place

Named in honor of Ruth Teague, Ruth’s Place is a resource for homeless youth and young adults in South LA’s Vernon-Central neighborhood, located on the ground floor of Broadway Apartments, 4775 S. Broadway. Called Ruth’s Place, this drop-in center provides showers, a lounge, a game room, laundry, and access to support services for youth and young adults who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness.

Young people who come to the center can use the community space to rest, take a shower, do laundry, or access the computer lab. A lounge, game room and kitchen are also available. Services offered at Ruth’s Place include housing assistance, case management, life skills workshops, mental health assessments, and referrals. Above Ruth’s Place, Broadway Apartments provides 10 units of permanent supportive housing for youth/young adults, and 5 affordable housing units for other low-income households; CRCD and Little Tokyo Service Center are the co-owners.

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