

An artist's rendering of Salerno, an affordable housing community being constructed by the nonprofit Irvine Community Land Trust. With 80 units to become available next fall, the project represents a unique opportunity for those interested in donating financially or through in-kind goods and services.

## **Donations of All Kinds Now Being Accepted for Irvine's Next Great Affordable Community**

Problems that affect an entire city often only can be solved by a community that joins hands and works together – and there is now a tremendous opportunity for the citizens and businesses of Irvine to come together for the sake of our veterans, developmentally disabled and homeless neighbors.

Irvine Community Land Trust (ICLT) has taken an active role in the community for 12 years and now has an expanding portfolio of affordable housing in Irvine. The organization's next development, Salerno, is set to open in the fall of next year at Nightmist and Sand Canyon Avenue.

Addressing such a great need in the community isn't a simple task, but it is made possible through partnerships ICLT has forged with others who share its passion. In the case of Salerno, Chelsea Investment Corporation has stepped up to help make the leap from vision to reality. Thanks to Chelsea's commitment, 80 families with scant other options can find comfort knowing they'll have a place to rest their heads come next fall. The Land Trust is extending an invitation to anyone with a stake in Irvine to join the cause and enrich the community by helping to provide shelter for the city's most vulnerable populations. As ICLT gears up to tackle more projects, it is going to need more friends to lend a hand – not just financially, but through services, materials, equipment, appliances, furniture and other in-kind support. This is a golden opportunity – particularly for local businesses with strong Irvine roots.

Practically speaking, tax deductions from working with a nonprofit can provide businesses and individuals with savings. Furthermore, there is a very real return on investment for addressing workforce housing and homelessness – affordable housing has been demonstrated to enable destitute families to become financially self-sufficient and contribute greatly to the community. Even more significantly, you'll have a chance to show how much you care for the city's future – and people are sure to take notice.

Are you ready to make a difference? Contact the Irvine Community Land Trust at info@irvineclt.org.

Still, there is much more work to do, and it can't be done alone.

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