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**GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATED AT  
BELL STREET COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS**  
*Agency-assisted project addresses the continuum of  
affordable housing in a cooperative living environment*



**Sacramento.** Residents of the Bell Street Apartments joined County and State officials to cut the ribbon on their newly renovated complexes at 1208 and 1210 Bell Street. The apartments are owned and managed by Transitional Living and Community Support, Inc., (TLCS).

“This is all about the differences we make in people’s lives,” said TLCS Executive Director Jane Ginsberg.” The mission of TLCS is to provide housing and supportive services to mentally disabled adults. Bell Street provides a safe and clean living environment for 29 individuals with psychiatric disabilities that choose to be in a cooperative living environment. Residents able to access the services of onsite Program Advisors as well as those services from TLCS’ Life Skills Coach.

“It’s so important for us to have places for people who want to live independently and have a place for themselves,” said Supervisor Muriel Johnson. “This is exactly the kind of place where people can live normal lives.”

The \$1.1 million renovation project received \$633,000 from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and \$488,500 from the Low Income Investment Fund. The project involved handicapped accessibility modifications, roof replacement, deferred maintenance improvements and health and safety upgrades. The project exemplifies the County’s continued commitment to support the establishment of a true housing continuum for people who are making the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Housing and supportive services specifically targeted to mentally disabled adults is a unique housing type that is in limited supply in the County.

“It’s a very unique opportunity to address our continuum of housing and to provide self-sufficiency for a part of our community,” said SHRA Deputy Executive Director Cassandra Jennings. “But it also enables us to create livable places that provide comfort and warmth.”

TLCS, Inc. provides supportive services and property management with funding from Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, and Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA).

**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 13 redevelopment areas throughout the city and county, and is the region’s leading public developer of affordable housing. The Agency provides a variety of programs for first-time homebuyers and offers several loan programs and other assistance to the business community. SHRA owns 3,600 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,700 rental assistance vouchers per month. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees.