

“My name is Daniel Castilleja, and I’ve been a resident of SAMOSHEL and The People Concern for a few months now, awaiting housing. I am very grateful and appreciative of the opportunity SAMOSHEL/The People Concern has given me, as well as the efforts and assistance they have offered me - giving a warm bed, 3 meals a day, medical services, etc. Everyone at SAMOSHEL - Christina, Gigi, Mike, and all the other staff - They greet residents by name. SAMOSHEL has a steadfast commitment to improving the lives of The People Concern residents.

I would like to dedicate this to Director Sara Veilleux, Assistant Director, Christina Dias, Case Manager’s, Mike, Gigi, Anna. Support Staff Jay, Myron, Keith, Larry, Ashley and the rest of the great staff at SAMOSHEL/The People Concern.

There are several very good programs out there, but what separates THE PEOPLE CONCERN by being the best from the rest is that they know you by name, not just another number. Plus their fast and rapid time to provide the residents with housing!”

I am also submitting a letter to this commission that was signed by about 45 other current residents of Samoshel.

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We are a group of Samoshel residents that wish to bring a message of gratitude to the City Council and the citizens of Santa Monica for their support of the Samoshel Shelter.

Over the past year, we have seen a number of very negative articles in local newspapers and are aware of the complaints from a few disgruntled clients that have been brought to the City Council. It is our experience that those outrageous complaints are completely without foundation. We want you to know the truth about Samoshel and The People Concern.

Samoshel is an excellent, safe facility with a caring, helpful and considerate staff. We have a clean, comfortable bed as well as a locker and storage bin in which to store our belongings. We have clean bathroom and shower facilities. There is ample food that is available 4 times each day and also upon request if you miss one of the meal times. There is a staff of Case Managers as well as medical staff on site every day. In addition, there is a staff of Shelter Monitors on site 24 hours a day to handle any issues that may come up. Several times each week, local churches and other organizations bring in wonderful meals and donate resources such as clothing, toiletries and more. There is a sense of family amongst residents that is encouraged by the staff.

And, perhaps most important is the overall sense that we are safe and cared for. This program is focused on a permanent solution to homelessness for each of us and we are provided with everything we need (and more!) to move forward. **THANK YOU!**

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