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**NEW PARTNERSHIP RESTORING HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
PROVIDES HOPE FOR UNEMPLOYED VETERANS**

(Los Angeles, CA) - [New Directions, Inc.](#), a Los Angeles based non-profit serving disadvantaged veterans and [Preservation Arts](#), a company that restores historic buildings, have announced an employment partnership. Beginning promptly, Preservation Arts will hire and train formerly homeless veterans who are currently in New Directions' program.

The first project will begin with six New Directions veterans working to restore Victorian homes at Heritage Square in Highland Park. Specific training that Preservation Arts committed to provide their veteran employees with include: OSHA training, masonry, concrete expertise, and more, all of which will enhance a veteran's employment skills and opportunities in the construction arena.

Partnerships like the aforementioned come at a crucial time. As recent statistics report, the veteran unemployment rate is higher than the national average, especially among the returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. We hope this partnership will provide an example to other employers willing to train and employ veterans.

Founded in 1992, New Directions, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 public benefit corporation that provides comprehensive services to hundreds of homeless veterans each year in five transitional housing facilities. These services include housing, case management, clinical assistance, legal assistance, remedial education, money management, employment assistance and computer training. Today it is estimated that between 6,000 and 8,000 veterans live on the streets of Los Angeles.

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