

## **Tod Lipka, President and CEO**

### **Step Up**

With nearly 30 years in managing nonprofits, Mr. Lipka is a seasoned executive. He has been President and CEO of Step Up since 2001. In that time, Step Up has increased ten-fold in its breadth of service operation and expanded from one supportive housing project to eleven projects with another ten in development. Step Up now provides services in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties as well as Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. He was a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, and Step Up's work was recognized and endorsed personally by President Clinton in 2010 and 2013 as well as recognition by Kobe Bryant and the Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation.

Mr. Lipka oversees all aspects of the Step Up entity which includes permanent supportive housing, mental health services, property management to over 3,000 people in four states, most of which serve individuals with serious mental health issues experiencing chronic homelessness. Step Up is a premier Housing First organization. As an innovator and thought leader, Lipka educates and advocates directly on behalf of the individuals Step Up serves through sharing powerful personal stories from the field, increasing awareness and sharing best practices in the area of mental health, chronic homelessness, and permanent supportive housing.