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## Mark Hopkins Hotel To Host Thanksgiving Dinner For Crosby Hotel Residents

**San Francisco (November 2012)** – On Tuesday, November 20, at 6:00 pm, the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel will host Thanksgiving dinner for nearly 70 residents of the Crosby, a supportive housing unit of the Episcopal Community Services (ECS). In addition to providing Thanksgiving dinner for those who may otherwise have had none, the hope of this meal is to bring together residents in the Tenderloin area with staff of the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, located at the crest of Nob Hill.

Opened in 2006, **The Crosby (516 O'Farrell Street)**, is part of the Housing First Program and provides permanent supportive housing for 124 tenants. It is the largest of ECS' supportive housing sites. This site changed its name from The Coast to The Crosby in late 2012.

ECS is a leader in San Francisco's plan to create more supportive housing for homeless individuals and families. Supportive housing is permanent housing that includes on-site social, health, and employment services. These additional resources are particularly important for people who have experienced chronic homelessness and may have trouble adjusting to living independently.

Currently ECS operates or provides social services at nine supportive housing sites (three of them new construction), which provide permanent homes to over 1,000 formerly homeless men, women and children. The new construction sites are nationally recognized and promoted as model sites by the Corporation for Supportive Housing. All of the sites offer case management, mental health services, job counseling and access to adult educational and vocational services.

Located on the top of prestigious Nob Hill at the intersection of California and Mason Streets, the InterContinental Mark Hopkins, a historic landmark, is a regular stop on the California Street cable car line. Just minutes away from the financial and theatre districts as well as Union Square and Chinatown, this four-star, four-diamond hotel is also home to the Top of the Mark, the world-renowned 19th floor sky lounge that offers panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay Area. To reach the Mark Hopkins, Number One Nob Hill, San Francisco, Calif. 94108, call [415.392.3434](tel:415.392.3434) or 800.NOB HILL (662-4455), or visit <http://www.intercontinentalmarkhopkins.com>

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**About Episcopal Community Services:** Episcopal Community Services is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that operates the Sanctuary, Next Door, and Interfaith shelters; provides services at nine supportive housing developments; sponsors the Skills Center

and CHEFS programs; and runs the Canon Kip Senior Center and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Every year, Episcopal Community Services helps over 14,000 homeless and very low-income San Franciscans obtain the housing, jobs, shelter, and essential services needed to prevent and end homelessness. Our programs include supportive housing for families and single adults, senior services, shelters, and vocational training, including our CHEFS program that boasts an 85% job success rate for homeless adults.

For more information about Episcopal Community Services, see [www.ecs-sf.org](http://www.ecs-sf.org).