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Sun Country Builders, One of Southern California's Leading Affordable Housing General Contractors, Celebrates 45 Years

Carlsbad (July 18, 2024) – [Sun Country Builders](#) (SCB), the general contractor that has built or renovated more than 6.5 million square feet of quality multi-family housing units throughout Southern California, is celebrating 45 years in business.

Carlsbad-based SCB has completed properties ranging in size from compact seven-home communities to 300-unit complexes throughout San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Riverside Counties since president John Ahlswede founded the company in July 1979.

“Our dedicated team has been the driving force behind our success. To date, we have completed a total of more than 8,700 multifamily housing units – or the equivalent of 114 football fields worth of affordable homes. What we do is so much more than erecting a structure, though; it's about helping our developer partners in providing a safe and secure place to live. Everyone deserves a place to call home, where memories are made, and bonds are formed – that's why we are so passionate about our work,” said Ahlswede.

Properties built by SCB are designed to house families, seniors, special needs adults, veterans, and the formerly unhoused. Several recent SCB projects for the formerly unhoused have been funded by California's [Project Homekey](#).

Experts in navigating the intricate process and requirements of building successful attached housing projects, SCB maintains long-term relationships with many prominent developers in the affordable building space including Urban Housing Communities, Wakeland Housing, MAAC, LINC Housing Coalition, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition and San Diego Interfaith Housing Foundation.

The company is experiencing notable growth. In the last three years, the company's revenue has doubled, with projects built totaling more than \$316.3 million. SCB recently completed City Heights Place and Plaza Del Sol with Wakeland Housing and Development. The two buildings with 135 new units for low-income families in San Diego's City Heights neighborhood was recently named “Project of the Year” by San Diego Housing Federation.

SCB is committed to partners' green building goals to ensure a sustainable future. In 2023, [Villa Hermosa Phase III](#), a project built for Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, was nationally recognized with a Zero Energy Ready certification from the U.S. Department of Energy. Sun Country Builders also built Solara, what was believed to be the first apartment project in the nation fully powered by the sun. Solara was awarded an Award of Excellence by the Urban Land Institute.

SCB and Ahlswede have been lauded as an Outstanding Development Partner three times by the San Diego Housing Federation. SCB has also received nine Pacific Coast Builders Conference Awards, including best affordable project, best apartment project and best sustainable community.

About Sun Country Builders

Founded in 1979, Carlsbad-based [Sun Country Builders](http://suncountrybuilders.net) (SCB) has built or renovated 117 multi-family housing projects, helping house more than 8,700 people throughout California. In 1987, SCB built one of two projects awarded tax credits in the first round of awards in California's history of allocating the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. SCB and its founder John Ahlswede have received multiple awards for their work – lauded three times by the San Diego Housing Federation as an Outstanding Development Partner. SCB has also been the recipient of nine Pacific Coast Builders Conference Awards, including best affordable project, best apartment project and best sustainable community. SCB was also the general contractor for a project recently recognized as a Zero Energy Ready Apartment Home by the U.S. Department of Energy.

To learn more about Sun Country Builders, visit suncountrybuilders.net.

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