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**CENTER FOR INNOVATION
AND WELLBEING**

About The Center

- The [Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing](#) (FPCIW) is part of Front Porch, one of Southern California’s largest not-for-profit providers of senior housing. The FPCIW was founded in 2009 on the belief that innovation and wellbeing play a vital role in enhancing each individual’s ability to “live life my way.”
- The FPCIW grew out of Front Porch’s commitment and dedication to innovation and aims to develop technology into adaptive solutions to enhance the aging experience in our communities and beyond.
- The FPCIW is a signature program of [Humanly Possible](#)[®], Front Porch’s commitment to do everything humanly possible to creatively meet the evolving needs of those we serve.
- The FPCIW strives to harness technology solutions that support and enhance wellbeing in older adults.
- The FPCIW’s core initiatives focus on how technology can: assist in maintaining brain health; enhance social connectedness; promote engagement and growth; empower control over health and wellness; prevent emergencies or serious events; and increase resources and support for formal and informal caregivers. At the core of our work is a commitment to listen to the individual. To examine ideas. To think holistically. Our mission is to be experts in identifying and understanding real-world human needs and working through cultural and socio-economic barriers to craft novel solutions that change lives and make a difference.

- According to a U.S. Census Bureau brief on data from the 2010 Census, in 2011, the first Baby Boomers turned 65, launching an era where more Americans than ever are entering their retirement years. By 2030, the number of Americans over 65 is expected to double and will represent nearly 20 percent of the population. Technology innovation and adaptation will become especially important during this time to help this generation age better.
- The FPCIW's process of introducing new technologies into its communities and into the broader community is three-fold. First, the FPCIW team works collaboratively with residents and staff, as well as researchers, academic institutions and other care providers, to identify the needs of older adults that can be met with the help of technology solutions. Secondly, based on its findings, the FPCIW works in partnership with solution providers to identify existing technology solutions, sourcing the most creative ideas and finding ways to apply them with older adults in innovative ways. And lastly, the FPCIW also works in partnership with solution providers to develop these types of technologies.
- For nearly two decades Front Porch has created communities that serve the needs of individuals – physically, emotionally and spiritually. And today, the FPCIW is weaving innovative and empowering technology into the lives of these individuals by supporting wellbeing and helping them thrive.

A few of the FPCIW's projects include ...

- **It's Never Too Late (iN2L):** A touch screen platform that provides access to engaging, entertaining, educational, spiritual, and personalized content that are appropriate to a user's level of cognitive, physical and technical ability.
- **Model eHealth Community for Aging:** An award-winning, unique collaborative approach supported by broadband-enabled technology that improves access to care and supports the health and wellness needs of underserved seniors.
- **PARO:** A robotic seal that employs a CPU and sensors that recognize touch, light, sound, temperature and position. Used primarily for people experiencing memory impairment and social withdrawal, Paro is shown to enhance social behavior and decrease anxiety and medication use.

- **CyberCycle:** An “exergame” bike that uses interactive, computer-simulated environments to promote engagement, teamwork, and wellness through competition, leaderboards, and physical activity.

A complete list of FPCIW projects can be found at www.fpciw.org/impact

- The FPCIW believes technology by itself is not the answer to solving problems. The key is finding ways to creatively apply technology as a tool that individuals can use to help live life their way in the place they call home. Identifying touch points and delivering real-world solutions that meet these critical needs is what the FPCIW is all about.

About Front Porch

[Front Porch](#) is a not-for-profit ‘human serving’ organization based in Glendale, California, that serves individuals and families through full-service retirement, active adult communities, affordable housing communities and related management and development services. Front Porch retirement and active adult communities offer options ranging from independent living to skilled care, including assisted living and memory care. Front Porch holds a BBB+ credit rating from Standard & Poor’s. Founded in 1999, Front Porch embraces a leading-edge approach to enhance wellbeing with innovative communities and programs that meet the changing needs of people as they age. Front Porch’s ‘human serving’ capabilities are epitomized by [Humanly PossibleSM](#), Front Porch’s commitment to cause-based innovation that harnesses the innovative spirit of all of its staff in an effort to do whatever is humanly possible to meet emerging needs now and in the future. Specialized outreach programs like the Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing, Social Accountability *in Action*, Front Porch Gallery and affiliated Centers for Spirituality and Aging support the Front Porch belief in understanding and meeting the needs of the individuals and communities we serve.

Front Porch Communities and Services is comprised of 10 full-service retirement communities in California and two adult living communities: one in Louisiana and one in Florida. Front Porch also serves individuals and families through more than 20 affordable housing communities managed by CARING Housing Ministries, a division of Front Porch.