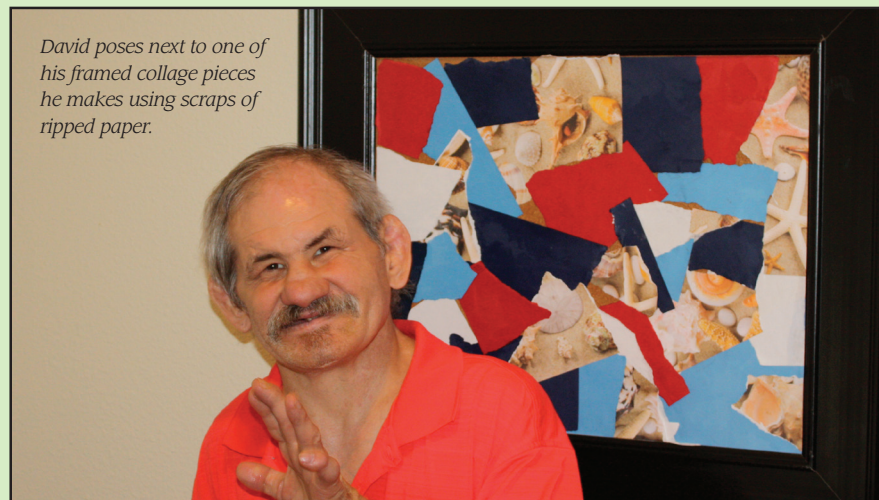


A REASON TO CELEBRATE

Stacy Schafer, SCIHLP



In April 2013, David Whetstone moved into his new home in Cerritos, CA. David had been living at Lanterman Developmental Center in Pomona since the age of four. One of David's support staff, Michaela Cosley, stated "David has made real connections with us here at his home. He shows excitement and really enjoys laughing with us." She goes on to explain that David has certainly adjusted well to his new home and his new community. David enjoys shopping, watching airplanes at the Long Beach airport, getting coffee and strawberry lemonade from his favorite restaurants and having friends over for a BBQ. He is eager to help out around his home, too. Michaela reports that David is very helpful with his laundry, taking care of his bedroom, recycling, and cooking a variety of food in his kitchen.

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David's father, Bill Whetstone, lives nearby in La Mirada. "We are just so happy and grateful that David has this opportunity," reports Bill. He also expressed that he has seen a lot of growth in David and that he is making choices about what he wants to do in his life. "Sometimes we just don't believe that this is real – it's just so wonderful," says Bill. It's apparent when you meet David that he is extremely comfortable and content – his huge smile is his testimony.

Since moving into his new home, David has also developed a special artistic talent. With help from Michaela and the other support staff, David was able to begin the craft of decoupage. He loves shopping at Michael's Craft Store for patterned paper and then he tears it into various shapes and puts it on corkboard in a frame. David now has business cards for his craft and has already been commissioned to complete two special pieces. Michaela explains that through trial and error they were able to move David's propensity to tear things into a meaningful and productive craft.

In July of this year, David celebrated his 50th birthday in his new home. David's family, friends and support staff gave him a surprise party with a groovy 60s theme. It seems that David and his family have many reasons to celebrate this year – and many more years to come.

HOPE'S 6TH ANNUAL GOLF AND TENNIS CHARITY CLASSIC

The Sixth Annual Golf and Tennis Charity Classic took place on Monday, November 4th at Rolling Hills Country Club. The Tournament Committee was chaired by Jim Artiano, Vice-President of HOPE's Board, and volunteers, which included Board Members and community partners. The Tournament hosted 152 golfers and 20 tennis players.

KABC Sports Anchor Rob Fukuzaki served as the Tournament Master of Ceremonies, kicking off the shotgun start at 11 and completing the day with the silent auction and awards banquet. Bill Prassas won a 2013 Spark donated by Martin Chevrolet as an opportunity prize. Joe Giacomini of Martin Chevrolet won the Pebble Beach Vacation that was donated by Bob McGuire from Pathway. Over fifty volunteers participated on the day of the Tournament registering guests, bringing refreshments to golfers and tennis players, and working at the silent auction tables during the evening dinner.

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Tournament Master of Ceremonies KABC Sports Anchor Rob Fukuzaki.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kristin Martin

I am delighted to serve HOPE as its Executive Director, and 2013 has certainly been a fulfilling year. We have made great strides in all our programs, and have many exciting projects in the works. One of these is updating our informational and outreach materials, including an improved website. We are pleased to send out this newsletter to all our donors and supporters, and hope that within the next year we can offer this to you electronically. Please return the enclosed envelope and include your e-mail address so that we can keep you informed and involved in all of HOPE's activities.

The value of empowering individuals to live as active and contributing members of their community is at the very heart of HOPE. And there's no doubt – living a life as independently as possible changes people's lives. HOPE needs your support to continue to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities in your community. We hope you will begin next year by making a difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities by making a contribution to HOPE by December 31st.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WISH LIST:

- April is the month for HOPE's Annual Campaign! Look for special events in your area which will help to support HOPE and our programs.
- HOPE's Bacarro property in Long Beach is in need of some much-needed repairs – will you help us to raise the additional \$10,000 needed to complete the remodel?
- Are you interested in giving the gift of your time to help HOPE? If so we are in need of volunteers for our auxiliary, various committees and even the Board of Directors. Please contact us for more information.

HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT!

HOPE is thrilled to announce that we will be embarking on a 5 year Capital Campaign starting in 2014 to raise over 2.6 million dollars to purchase more properties for our Affordable Rental Housing Program. HOPE will be seeking out funds from cities, foundations and donors to purchase three properties. These purchases will result in allowing 15 people with developmental disabilities to move into an affordable property and pay no more than 30% of their income for rent.



The Grand Opening of the College to Career Program's first home provided eight individuals with a college dorm. The recent addition of the house on Heather Street brings the capacity to a total of 14 student-residents.

The purchase and renovation will take place in three phases over the duration of the 5 years, as funds are raised. For every two dollars raised HOPE will add on dollar from its existing reserves. If you are interested in supporting this very important effort please contact a member of the HOPE staff or Board to find out how you can help make the dream of independent living a reality for more people with developmental disabilities.



The Crenshaw duplex, home for four residents, receives a much-needed face lift and landscaping thanks to event participants.

SPECIAL EVENTS RAISE MONEY FOR HOPE RENOVATIONS

HOPE was lucky enough to participate in three special events over this past year. In March, HOPE was selected as the recipient of the Del Amo Rotary Club's "An Evening of Comedy and Charity" at the Hermosa Beach Comedy Club. The event raised nearly \$20,000 and featured dinner, well-known comics, and a live and silent auction.

In August, HOPE benefited from the efforts of two events sponsored by friends of HOPE. Harbor Regional Center held a Tupperware party, which raised over \$1,000, and The Gina M. Woodruff Gallery held an Art and Silent auction evening event, which raised over \$5,000.

Thanks to a matching grant from the Del Harbor Foundation of \$20,000, these events helped HOPE to complete the repairs at our Crenshaw duplex including new carpet, paint, garages, air conditioning, fencing and landscaping.

HOPE's 6th Annual Golf and Tennis Charity Classic (continued from page 1)

The Silent Auction's most popular item was the AEG LIVE package that included two A-Level Luxury Suite Seats for a Laker, Clipper or Kings game and dinner at Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill, which sold for over \$1,000. Other popular items included a foursome of golf at Calabasas Country Club, bed and breakfast at the Beach House in Hermosa, and seven days in a Worldmark property in Cabo San Lucas. The anticipated net from the Tournament will be \$110,000 – a 10% increase over last year.



(above) A foursome of golfers from City National Bank pose at the 18th tee. (right) Board Vice President Jim Artiano thanks Joe Giacomini, owner of Martin Chevrolet in Torrance for his generous donation of a 2013 Chevy Spark for the Tournament.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

We would like to thank those generous individuals and businesses who helped us to meet and exceed our goal of raising over \$100,000 for HOPE and its programs. This year we had over 45 sponsors who made the Tournament a success. Please join in giving a special thanks to our Platinum and Gold sponsors who gave a combined total of over \$82,000.



A VIEW OF FUND DEVELOPMENT – YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Barbara Robinson, *Fund Development Chair*

HOPE has grown a lot over the 19 years of its existence, and our fund development efforts have evolved along with it.

HOPE now has 20 homes rented directly to 60 individuals allowing them to experience what it means to live independently in their own homes. HOPE now owns over 40 homes leased to care providers in four Regional Center areas with the capacity for 140 individuals who once lived in a developmental center and now live in the community. We also now have two College to Career homes just off-campus of Long Beach City College where 14 students have a real college experience leading to future careers.

We have achieved these accomplishments by relying heavily on grants and one annual event. We continue to do well with our grant development program, which supports both remodeling our homes and our operating expenses. Four years ago we shifted our major annual event from a gala dinner to a golf and tennis tournament. This event has grown each year, and we've begun to add other smaller events. This year our golf and tennis tournament again netted over \$100,000.

We've recently initiated a planned giving program and the HOPE legacy Society. For the future, we're planning a Capital Campaign to enable us to purchase more homes to rent. In order to support this Capital Campaign, we're developing both an annual campaign and a major gifts campaign. Updates on all of these important programs will be forthcoming.

We appreciate your generous support of HOPE over the years, and we will soon have many new options for you to continue your support. Providing safe, affordable homes for individuals with a developmental disability is our mission – and we can't do it without you.



Students at the C2C house enjoy a study break.

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CHARITABLE GIVING CORNER

DID YOU KNOW...

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) provisions for 2012 and 2013 but only through this year.

This window of opportunity could be a perfect time to consider leveraging one of your largest and potentially most highly taxed assets to benefit your favorite charity and the work they do.

An IRA owner, over age 70 1/2 can exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of a QCD made for a year and a QCD can be used to satisfy any IRA required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. Also, the amount of a QCD excluded from gross income is not taken into account in determining any deduction for charitable contributions.

As always, consult the IRS and your tax person for advice on how you can make charitable giving work for you!



Visitors enjoy the Open House of HOPE's Property on 63rd Street in Ladera Heights. The residence will be the home of three people moving from a state developmental center.

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