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Maximize Your Charitable Impact: Part 1

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We all want to make a difference and feel confident that difference is felt by both our favorite charity, and ourselves. In Part 1 of our series, we are going to look at two ways to give that help us to make the biggest impact on our charity, while also receiving the most favorable tax treatment the tax code offers to help us build wealth:

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• Giving appreciated stocks or mutual funds gives you two tax breaks. The first is the ability to deduct the current value of the investment as a charitable deduction on your tax return if you itemize deductions. The second is the avoidance of paying capital gains taxes on any profits that may have been realized.

As with any charitable giving technique, ALWAYS consult with your financial advisor, tax advisor, estate attorney, and many times, with the charities themselves to explore your options and find out how to maximize your gift and improve your bottom line, a win/win scenario for you and your favorite charity. Stay tuned for Part 2 of our series for two more giving techniques that could even further maximize your impact, and your tax savings...

A word of warning: even though you can take your time distributing your gifts to charity, you cannot take back your donations



ROB FUKUZAKI INVITES SAM SANDERSON, C2C GRAD, TO KABC 7

For those of you who don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Sam Sanderson and I was given an opportunity of a life time with the help of HOPE housing to meet ABC Sports Zone host Rob Fukuzaki and get an inside look of KABC studios in Glendale, CA and to top being able to see a live taping of Sports Zone.

The day was March 15, 2015. My dad and I were invited by Rob himself to come see the Sports Zone show. As a man who dreams and has aspirations of being involved in sports broadcasting / media, this was a moment that I do not plan on forgetting



anytime soon. My eyes lit up like a kid walking into a candy store, just seeing everything that goes into running a studio from the lights to the camera to the TV monitor to even the people running errands, it was an overall not just great, but a marvelous experience.

I would have to say the highlights of the day were seeing how Rob delivers information on the show and it all came down to little things such as the way he sat, his posture, his energy and enthusiasm, to the people in the background giving him information to talk about during the commercial breaks. Also getting to meet Lakers great Michael Cooper and Sparks great Lisa Leslie was a dream come true and to think Cooper remembered my dad as a spectator back when he use to attend games at the Forum. Pretty amazing!

I thank HOPE for providing me with this opportunity and helping me to find nice and affordable housing.

HOPE DEVELOPS MORE PROPERTIES WITH NEW RESOURCES

We are pleased to announce that HOPE has received over \$1.5 million dollars in HOME CHDO funds by the City of Norwalk to develop four affordable rental properties for people with developmental disabilities within the city limits. HOPE has purchased four three bedroom, single family homes in Norwalk that can house up to twelve adults with developmental disabilities.

HOPE has renovated the homes with private foundation grants from the Ahmanson Foundation and Del Harbor



Foundations, along with contributions from individual donors. HOPE was also awarded \$1,047,000 in HOME CHDO funds by City of Long Beach to purchase two multi-family units that provide up to nineteen units of affordable special needs housing for people with developmental disabilities.

HOPE continually reaches out to other cities such as Torrance and Santa Clarita to discuss further expansion into their cities. HOPE's goal is to double our current capacity of seventy-five tenants to one hundred and fifty in three years! We are grateful for the continued loyal support of our donors and volunteers, and so exciting that you have chosen to be part of our growth.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Kristin Martin

Our Board and other friends of HOPE are so amazingly supportive and do so much to help us ensure affordable housing for Harbor Regional Center clients.

For example, Wayne and Nori Dempsey. Nori gives her time as a Board member and part of our development committee. On June 6, 2015, she and her husband, Wayne, hosted our Casino Speedway Night at Pelican Parts Race Showroom. Participants not only had a blast at the casino tables, they also got to see Wayne's amazing collection of Porsches.

Another Board member, Robert Wasserman, paddled 22 miles and raised \$6500 to prove how strongly he feels about providing affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities.

Robert's fellow board member, Rob Babek, is helping HOPE by asking his clients to join with him in supporting HOPE with a recurring gift. And Rhiannon Acree, a development committee member and recent recipient of the Long Beach Chamber's award, who is helping HOPE grow our "Builder's Club," whose members make a \$5,000 or more annual gift to support the work of HOPE.

The list goes on – Rob Fukuzaki welcoming a HOPE C2C student to KABC, the City of Norwalk as they look to provide another grant to HOPE for an additional 9 units of affordable housing in their community.

We all know from our own lives that sometimes donating to a walk, or attending a gala leaves us feeling there's more we could be doing to have an impact on the cause that's important to us. We'd like to know about how we could more meaningfully contribute. Most of the time, we don't have that opportunity. But, if you feel you'd like to do more to help our family members and friends with developmental disabilities live independently in safe affordable housing, HOPE would love to talk to you. Together we can develop a way that you can contribute that will mean the world – not only to HOPE and our recipients – but to you as well.

EVENTS. ANNOUNCEMENTS. & WISH LIST:

Save the Date! Nov. 2, 2015
Tennis Tournament to be held at:
Seal Beach Tennis Center
3900 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
Sign up today for Priority Sponsorship Registration!
Pre-Registration Form Available Online at:
www.hope-homes.org

Help our Tenants when they move into their new place for the first time. Here are a few items HOPE would love for you to sponsor on our tenant wish list:

- A new chair
- Love Seat or Sofa
- Dishes and pots and pans
- Linens, bathroom rugs, towels, and cleaning supplies
- Patio furniture
- Lamps
- Dusses
- Coffee or end tables

MEET THE TENANTS

Meet Curtis, a young man focused on a bright future. Curtis always sets his sights on a goal and strives to reach it. In high school, Curtis was the wide receiver on his football team at Banning High School in Wilmington, CA. His most memorable and proudest moment came when he caught the football during a game and sprinted as fast as he could down the field for a 35-



yard touchdown at the end zone. If you couldn't tell already, he is an avid fan of football and draws inspiration from his favorite football player Andrew Luck, the starting quarterback of the Indiana Colts. Curtis utilizes his love and passion of sports as a driving force to propel him to reach his goals in life.

Before moving out, Curtis lived in the family home which he shared with three brothers and four older sisters. When he heard of the opening at Maidstone from his counselor, he was overjoyed at the opportunity of living in a HOPE property, which presented: a safe place to live with affordable rent.

Curtis recently finished his schooling at WYTECH with a certificate in heat and air-conditioning and is now seeking an opportunity to work as a technician. There is no doubt that Curtis will stay focused and strive through any obstacles in order to reach his next goal.

BE A CHAMPION ~ FURNISH OUR HOMES!

Moving into a new place can be a great and exciting new chapter in a person's life. When beginning this huge transition, it becomes difficult to afford the furnishings needed to transform a house into a home. HOPE wants to be able to give our developmentally disabled residents the opportunity to feel at home like everybody else, but we can't do it without your help. As we devote to make a difference and help our tenants reach their goals, may we ask that you consider supporting us through furniture donations?

If you would like to help us provide these residents with furnishings, please contact us at: info@hope-homes.org

PADDLE FOR HOPE

On Father's Day, June 21st, our very own champion and board member, Robert Wasserman, tested his endurance and paddle boarded across the challenging 22 mile journey from the Isthmus on Catalina Island and finished his long journey back at Cabrillo State Beach, San Pedro in just under six hours! Donors



contributed \$1, \$5, \$10, \$15 or more per mile, and helped Robert achievesomethingthatuntil recently he never believed he could do. Through his efforts, Robert raised \$6,500, exceeding his initial goal of \$5,000. The money Robert is raising will go to support HOPE's programs by providing people with developmental disabilities an affordable, safe place to live in a place they can call home.

Thank you to all the donors that supported Robert Wasserman's efforts to help raise funds for HOPE.

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*We thank these donors whose gifts are recurring throughout the year.

CASINO NIGHT HITS THE JACKPOT!

Over 130 guests and volunteers beat the odds at HOPE's Premiere Casino Speedway Night on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Pelican Parts Race Showroom in Harbor City. The event raised nearly \$40,000 which will be directed toward the purchase of a third College to Career property that will provide "dorm like" housing for ten Long Beach City College students with developmental disabilities. One student, Shaun Swersky, spoke eloquently of his living at one of the current C2C properties.

The stars of the evening were Wayne and Nori Dempsey who donated their private race car showroom space for the evening. Wayne, a connoisseur of race cars, displayed several of the outstanding cars in his private collection. Thank you to the Casino Speedway Night Committee and all the volunteers who worked at the evening event.



HOPE is also grateful for the generosity of sponsors who supported the event and brought so many new people who found out about HOPE's affordable housing programs for the first time.

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