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**The Caring Hearts Annual Holiday Boutique
benefits Villa Esperanza Services**

Annual Holiday Boutique at the Villa Esperanza Services Hope Chest supports the Developmentally Disabled.

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF – Friday, October 6, 2006 – (L to R) Damon Sickman, Villa Esperanza Services Board Member and Participant, along with Anne Grant, Caring Hearts Chairman, decorate for the upcoming Holiday Boutique at the Villa Esperanza Services Hope Chest. The annual Holiday Boutique is organized by the Caring Hearts, a volunteer group that supports Villa Esperanza Services. The Holiday Boutique is held at the Hope Chest and will be open Tuesday, October 17 through Saturday, October 21st from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Hope Chest is located at 2412 East Thousand Oaks Blvd., in Thousand Oaks. All funds raised from the boutique will benefit Villa Esperanza Services, a nonprofit organization that assists developmentally disabled adults and seniors.

“The Holiday Boutique is a great place to get your decorations and gifts,” says Anne Grant. “We have many unique items and we are looking forward to a successful week. Come early and get some great deals!” The Hope Chest Thrift Shop is run by the “Caring Hearts” volunteer group. The group volunteers six days a week at the shop which brings in about \$80,000 per year for the West Region of Villa Esperanza Services.

Villa Esperanza Services offers additional programs in the West Region including independent living and Care Management which connects frail elderly, vulnerable seniors and adults with developmental disabilities with public and private services to help maintain independence. Families are also provided with support and information. Villa Esperanza Services was founded in 1961 by a group of mothers who believed their developmentally disabled children deserved quality care and education. Today, Villa serves over 1050 individuals with disabilities and their families in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. For more information please call (805) 446-1939, ext. 14.