

Providing Love, Care and Hope for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families

## DOTTIE'S NOTES

Spring is a very busy time at Villa with several events coming up between now and June. Please join us for the Open House of the Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center on Friday, April 29, 2005, from 1-3 p.m. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. So far, dignitaries who will attend include Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Assemblymember Carol Liu. The Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will also attend and bring the ribbons! We expect a nice turn-out, including our speech and language partners in the school districts and regional centers.

The first of the four special needs seminars sponsored by Wells Fargo: **Securing the Future: Trusts and Estate Planning for your Special Needs Family Member** was held on March 23rd and was well attended and very informative. You can still attend any or all of the next three monthly seminars. The next month will be on **Wednesday, April 27th 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** and the topic will focus on **Special Needs**

**Trusts.** A light dinner will be provided, thanks to **Dynamic Home Care and Nursing Services.**

To RSVP for the above events, please call Anna Cho at 449-2919, ext. 62.

We are pleased to announce the 8th Annual Guardian Angels Celebration. This event celebrates the Angels in our community who move "The Sun, the Moon and the Stars" to support our organization. This year's evening will include fine food and entertainment, and will be held on **Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 6pm at the Twin Palms Restaurant in Old Town, Pasadena.** The honorees are: Cynthia Kurtz, Pasadena City Manager; Bob and Judi Moore, parents of client, Mari Moore and active members of Villa; and Jim Bruno, councilmember of the City of Westlake Village and his wife, Diane, both supporters of Villa. For more information on this event, please contact Michelle Cox at ext. 28 or email her at [mcox@villaesperanzaservices.org](mailto:mcox@villaesperanzaservices.org)

*Dottie Nelson*

Join us for an Open House event

### The Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center

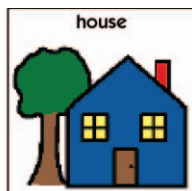
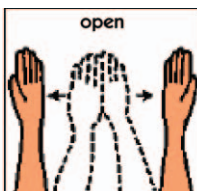
in honor of

**Dr. George and the late Phyllis Hjelte and Dorothy J. Phillips**

Friday, April 29, 2005 1-3pm (Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.)

490 N. Craig Avenue, Pasadena (on the corner of Craig & Villa)

RSVP: (626) 449-2919 ext. 62



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1 Children & Youth Program: No School, Staff Training Day
- 1,2,3 Shakespeare League's **Oklahoma** at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium
- 4-8 Children & Youth Program: Spring Break
- 16 Cure Autism Now's **"WALK NOW" 5K** Walk and Community Resources Fair; Rose Bowl, 8:00 a.m.
- 25 Children & Youth Program: Minimum Day
- 21 Vocational Program: Consumer Meeting, 12:30-1:30pm
- 25 **Villa Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Braun Center**
- 27 **2nd Meeting: Trusts and Estate Planning for your Special Needs Family Member, 4:30-6p.m. Braun Center**
- 29 **Open House, Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center 1-3 p.m.**



Management consultations will be available as well as more information and referrals. For more information please contact us at ext. 51.

### ADHC:

As usual, we have some very fun activities this month at ADHC. The week of April 4th is National Karaoke week which we will celebrate with various karaoke events; April 11-15th is Wood Working week and we will build bird houses. April 22 is Earth Day and we will be planting at the front patio of our building and on the 29th of April is our monthly Birthday party with a special Casino game theme! For information about these activities and more, please contact (626) 398-4435.



### Volunteer:

A special thank you goes to **Joseph Schwartz** for renovating the inside of the Brown Apartment for his Eagle Scout project. Joseph, his parents, and many of his friends gave up their weekend to paint, plaster, and clean the apartment and we are very grateful for all their efforts.

Join Paramount Studio's Volunteer Group, The **Viacomplices**, in making our Villa home a happier place. Sunday, April 10th from 9am-3pm, Paramount will take over the grounds of Villa. The project will allow you to do different things such as painting and gardening. Food will be provided. Contact Anna Cho for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering in our programs at Villa or have an idea for a project, please contact Anna Cho at (626) 449-2919 ext 62 or email her at [acho@villaesperanzaservices.org](mailto:acho@villaesperanzaservices.org)

### Other News:

The Shakespeare League presents: **Oklahoma!** This classic musical will be held at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium on April 1st and 2nd at 8pm and on April 3rd at 2pm. Tickets range from \$25-35. Discounts are available to children, students and seniors. Proceeds benefit Villa! For Group rates or for more information, call (626) 281-6053.

Join Villa Esperanza Services at Cure Autism Now's, **WALK NOW 5K** Autism Walk and Community Resource Fair on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Pasadena Rose Bowl, 8:00 a.m. Come see Villa's Hug Machine! We will be forming a walking team and also have a booth at the fair representing Villa. Registration is free! Contact our team captain, Brooke Barrett, Speech Therapist of our Speech and Language Center, to join! (626) 795-8355, or email us at [info@villaesperanzaservices.org](mailto:info@villaesperanzaservices.org)

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Villa is interested in your thoughts and news! We are adding a section in our newsletter devoted to information from our family members. If you have any news or information that may be beneficial to other Villa family members, we would be happy to feature it. Please note that because of the availability of space, we may not be able to mention all comments. Please contact us at [info@villaesperanzaservices.org](mailto:info@villaesperanzaservices.org), subject heading: Family News.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 05 Jason Kane       | 05 Maria Ramos      |
| 11 Kasie Frazer     | 12 Jessica Williams |
| 15 Manuel Hernandez | 15 Misty Stiles     |
| 17 Anset Mwakio     | 22 Donna Gordon     |
| 22 Leonida Segundo  | 23 Binisha Allen    |
| 23 Lourdez Mendez   | 24 Daniel Grabow    |
| 26 Patrick England  | 30 Salva Kavule     |



## WISH LIST:

**Children & Youth Program:** paint brushes, computers, tissue paper, paint

**Residential Program:**

Treadmill for Brown, dryer for Dominion

**Dimensions:**

large storage containers, art supplies, set of knives

**Care Management:** Grocery Vouchers

**West Region:** New Dell computer system for Warwick

**ADHC:** board games



## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our Art Therapy Program is coming along very well. Each of our students is creating beautiful art pieces under the guidance of our very talented artists. The program will culminate in an art show and the art pieces will be displayed in art galleries and other prominent locations in the Los Angeles area. If you are interested in learning more about this program and would like to get involved, please contact Casey Gregg at ext. 17.

We welcome staff member Jessica Williams to our Program. Farewell to Instructional Aide, Nick Utvich. Thank you for all your help.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Dimensions:

We have some fun field trips coming in April including a trip to the El Capitan Theatre to see Ice Princess, the Science Museum and Golf 'n Stuff. Please call ext. 50 for more information.

Congratulations to clients Jonathan Proudly and Marissa Jackson for learning new ways of controlling their behavior! We also would like to recognize Case Coordinator, Claudia Cortez for continually doing a successful job in our program. Claudia's skill in organizing the office as well as supervising the staff is very much appreciated.

Farewell to client Brian Watkins, he will be missed.

### Residential:

We had a great time at Ability First's Casino Night last month at Victory Park. We will also participate on their field trip to the Performer's Theater on the 22nd 6:39 – 9 pm.

Special Olympics News: Track and Field and Basketball will be starting up this month as well as swimming every Saturday. We are looking forward to participating in all of these events!

Thank you to all our staff members for continually doing a great job and a special thank you this month goes to Clyde Acabez.

We welcome new Wynn House staff live-in, Nora Akbar to our program. Farewell to staff member Elizabeth Williams from the Wynn House. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job and good luck in your new job in Korea!

### Vocational:

The Vocational Food Service now serves the Warwick House in Thousand Oaks!

### West Region:

Lots of good news in the West Region! Congratulations to Scott Riley and Todd Christy for their new IP placement at Ralphs and Vons. Thanks to all the West Region Independent Living Skills staff for their dedicated efforts; we've tripled our client base with over 500 service hours per month! Thanks also to our new Landscape Supervisor, Danny Alveraz for his significant efforts on the new water district contract.

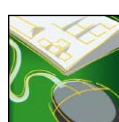
We welcome new clients Brett Kalish, Scott Riley, Todd Christy, Stephanie Clay, Frank Yee, and Allen Teachman to our program.

If everything goes well, we will finally close escrow with HUD for the rehabilitation of the Warwick/Norgaard house in April.

### Care Management:

The staff of CMOC will be attending the White House Conference on Aging on April 7 at the Los Angeles Conference Center. The conference will discuss the funding made available through the Older American Act and conclude with a solutions forum.

In May, we will have a health booth at the City of South Pasadena's Annual Health Information Fair. On site Care



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