

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

## NOTES FROM DOTTIE NELSON, CEO

As we enter the holiday season, we are thinking about the things for which we are grateful, and to which worthy charities we wish to donate; so, it is a good time to update you on how Villa is doing financially – and hopefully make the case that Villa is just such a worthy charity. As you may know, our primary funders are regional centers and school districts, with additional important funding from Medi-Cal, Los Angeles County and vocational rehabilitation. We are fortunate at Villa to not be dependent on only one income source, but none of our funders pay all the costs for a program. Villa is blessed with a great development department that raises an average of \$900,000 a year in events, donations and grants to cover the shortfall in the programs, and allow some improvements to the physical plant.

We have also had substantial program growth that has increased annual revenue from less than 3 million dollars in 1995 to over 7 million dollars by 2006. This expansion has caused Villa's facilities in Pasadena and Thousand Oaks to be "bursting at our seams." Just in the past year, we have added the high school, the speech and

language center, the children's lunchroom and many other improvements. If you haven't seen us lately, please come for a tour and lunch – and, incidentally, see for yourself the critical need for an updated campus. For more information, please call Gioia Pastre, Vice President, Development, at 626-449-2919, ext. 18.

Of course, the development department is only as good as our donor base: all of you! We are grateful this holiday season for your continued support. Thank you for past support and please keep Villa in your thoughts as a worthy charity for your donation again this holiday season!

**POST NOTE:** There will be one more issue (December 2005) of the Villa "Inner Voice". Starting in January 2006, we will be moving to a quarterly newsletter of the "Villa Voice". The Villa Voice will cover both internal and external news. More on the Villa Voice next month.



## Wish List

- Children & Youth Program:** 27-inch TVs for classroom instruction
- Dimensions:** Microwave, exercise bike, storage boxes, kitchen utensils
- Residential:** Treadmill, Exercise equipment, Dining room set with table and chairs
- Vocational:** Two new heavy duty vacuum cleaners and Safety belts
- Care Management:** Grocery gift cards from Vons and Ralphs, cash donations, adult sweaters and socks (small, medium, and large sizes), scarves or shawls
- West Region:** donations for Villa work shirts and plants for the Norgaard house
- Speech and Language Center:** Games, toys, mini trampoline, large puzzle floor mats, therapy materials, testing materials. Anyone interested in donating may contact the Speech Center for a list of items to choose from.
- Administration:** Printer stand with shelves.



## Upcoming Events

**November 6th**  
Adult Awards Night 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**November 10th and 28th**  
Flu Shot Clinic 12:00 – 4:00 pm

**November 24th and 25th**  
All Day Programs Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**February 26th**  
The Villa Esperanza Guild's Day of Thoroughbred Racing at Santa Anita Racetrack

## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Welcome to our new Teacher's Aide: Darlesha Morris, Goodbye to Monica Woods, Rosa Altamirano and a special thank you and good luck to Nathan Ramey our substitute teacher.

Everyone is looking forward to the opening of the Villa Campus Store in the beginning of November.

Back to School Night was a big success and well attended by parents and families. Thanks to Dimensions for the great refreshments and to all the staff that made the night a great experience for us all.

We are looking forward to our Halloween Parade and healthy trick or treating on Oct. 31 starting at 10am.

Don't forget Nov. 2nd is a minimum day, Veteran Day holiday on Nov 11th (No School), Thanksgiving Holidays on Nov. 25 and 25 (All Day Programs Closed).



## HJELTE-PHILLIPS SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CENTER:

Congratulations to Brooke Barrett who has completed her certified fellowship year and is waiting to receive her certificate of clinical competence. Brooke is a true asset to the Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center!

We're growing! We will be opening the Speech Annex in the lower level apartment building next door to the Speech and Language Center. Starla Affatati, Director of the Speech and Language Center is very happy to have this new space. The additional space will allow us to provide therapy in a quieter and larger environment, which will assist the speech staff tremendously with our clients who have sensory integration difficulties and need to have space for movement breaks and who need to decrease auditory stimulus.

## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

### DIMENSIONS:

Welcome to Hector Quitzon, Adult Day Care Center (ADC) Assistant Director and Andrea Jones to our Staff.

We have lots of fun activities planned for our clients including trips to the movies and a Thanksgiving brunch to be held on Wednesday, November 23rd from 11:30 am – 1 pm.

### RESIDENTIAL:

The residential clients are looking forward to attending Ability First's Halloween Night at Victory Park.

Congratulations to Aida "Lucy" Enriquez who has been promoted to Administrator of the Murphy and Allen Houses.

Kudos! to Chester House Live-In Staff Gretchen Miller for all her hard work.

Farewell to Stephanie Taylor who has moved to New York City to live with her sister. She will be missed!

Welcome to Jonathan Harris, the newest addition to the Murphy House.

### VOCATIONAL:

Good luck to staff member Andrea Jones who has transferred to the Dimensions program. Thank you for all of your hard work!

### WEST REGION:

Congrats to the Caring Hearts Volunteers for their Successful Holiday Boutique Event Sale!

Congrats to our Independent Living Service team for reaching a milestone of 600 service hours for the month of September!

Congrats to IP client Sean Bruner for successfully completing his first 90 days at Albertson's in Newbury Park.

Kudos to IP client Allyson Leyman for new job placement at Target!

### CARE MANAGEMENT:

Flu Shot Clinics will be held on November 10th & 28th from 12pm – 4pm. The flu clinic is co-sponsored by Star Home Health Resources, Inc. and the Pasadena & Los Angeles Health Departments. Kudos! To Cynthia Davis, R.N. (Villa Nurse) for giving the flu shots to Villa Clients, ADC, CMOC, ADC participants, staff and Board Members.

Special thanks to Cheryl Franco who gave a case management presentation at the East San Gabriel Valley Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting on September 22nd and to Rosie Trujillo who gave a case management presentation at the West San Gabriel Valley Multi-Disciplinary Team on October 6th. Great job!

CMOC has a joint partnership with the Salvation Army to have 90 hot meals delivered to CMOC clients on Thanksgiving Day. Pasadena's Mayor Bogaard's office will be donating turkeys to needy families. This year the recipient families are those residents who became victims in the 1267 N. Hudson Avenue apartment fire on October 9, 2005. Seventeen of the apartment residents are CMOC clients. The apartment owners Gene and Paula Andro have been very supportive of renting to CMOC clients.

The CMOC Team is working closely with the Diane Hannah at the Red Cross and Pasadena Housing Department to assist the displaced fire victims with food, clothing, emergency shelter and permanent housing. They are working very hard to connect the victims with their families and by negotiating hotel and motel rates until they can find permanent housing.

CMOC continues to provide outreach to local senior centers. Donna McGregor provides outreach at the South Pasadena Senior Center. Chris Landrum and Cheryl Franco provide outreach at the Pasadena Senior Center.

Thanks to Chris Landrum and Cheryl Franco for representing Villa and going to the local Pasadena Post Offices to thank the mail carriers for their help with the Postal Alert Program.

### ADMINISTRATION:

Special thanks to Kathy Rojas for all her hard work in the front office.

### OTHER NEWS:

We want to hear from you! Villa is considering offering a variety of community education events in the next several months. What do you think about this idea? Do you have any suggestions for topics that would be interesting or helpful? If so, please contact Michelle De Los Santos at (626) 449-6919 ext. 69. We always appreciate your support.

Thank you to all who participated in the 18th Annual Wells Fargo Villa Esperanza Services Tournament of Hope. It was a great success raising over \$115,000! A special thank you to Wells Fargo for their commitment as Title Sponsor and to Brij Lal, Villa Board Member and Owner of Wrapper, Inc. for his leadership with the tournament. Thank you!

### Congratulations to Tournament of Hope winners:

- **Putting Contest:** Sandy Hall
- **Closest to the Pin:** Kathy Kurata and Jim Sweatmon
- **Longest Drive:** Debbie Meymarian and Andrew Stephens
- **Low Gross:** Jim McDermott, Andrew Stephens and David Grannis
- **First Place Mixed Foursome & Low Net Calloway Score:** Al Meymarian, Debbie Meymarian, Paul Abrahamian and Kathy Kurata.
- **First Place Women's Foursome:** Lori Hoshek, Lynn Dotts, Madelon Peck, and Cynthia Engel
- **First Place Low Net Calloway Team:** Sean O'Donnell, Ken Josefsburg, Eric Holoman, and John Gandara
- **Second Place Low Net Calloway Team:** Jeff Koski, Tripper McCarthy, Chris McCormack and Tom Pearson



Thank you to the hard working golf committee and all the volunteers who helped make the tournament a great success!

Caring Hearts held a Holiday Boutique in October and it was a huge success! The Boutique featured many great holiday items. A special thank you to Anne Grant, Caring Hearts President, for her leadership and dedication and to all the volunteers for their hard work.

The Fair Ladies held their annual craft fair at Villa Gardens. There were many great holiday items and much fun! Thank you to all the Ladies.

Wednesday, October 19th was our second Villa Night at Twin Palms Restaurant. 15% of the evening's sales from dinner and the bar will be donated to Villa. Be sure to join us for the next Villa Night in January.

The "Angel Frames" Art exhibit is now on display at Amadeus Spa in Pasadena. "Angel Frames" includes over 50 works of art created by our students here at Villa. Thanks to Board Member and Villa mom, Denise Sparks for having it displayed through the end of December at Amadeus. Amadeus is located at 799 East Green Street. Feel free to visit!

Supporting Villa has never been easier! Through a program called eScrip, participating merchants contribute up to 8% of purchases you make using your grocery loyalty and debit/credit cards that are registered with eScrip. It's Easy, Free and Powerful! Sign up online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) Once at the site follow the easy 1,2,3 instructions. A few of the local merchant participants are American Express, MasterCard, Vons, Pavilions and Macy's. If you have questions please call Michelle Cox at 626-449-2919 ext. 28.



The West Region is growing rapidly in all programs. As we focus on meeting the needs of many new clients in our community, we are thankful to have a strong team in place and a reputation for excellence with our referral services! Thanks to the Regional Centers and Department of Rehabilitation for their support!

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

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| <b>01</b> Johnny Martinez | <b>23</b> Nelly Garcia    |
| <b>01</b> Gloria Tryon    | <b>23</b> Marites Beltran |
| <b>03</b> Lamar Harris    | <b>24</b> Kimera Burton   |
| <b>03</b> Johnnie Wall    | <b>25</b> Clyde Acabal    |
| <b>06</b> Kevin Bachelder | <b>25</b> Zenola Gibbons  |
| <b>07</b> Jonnie Turnure  | <b>27</b> Jenny Barnett   |
| <b>09</b> Rosa Garcia     | <b>28</b> Gioia Pastre    |
| <b>17</b> David Miller    | <b>29</b> Hekia Walker    |



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