

# "There's No Place Like HOMES"

Resident, Alumni, Family, & Friends Newsletter

April 2008

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Respite Camp: May 16-19

There will be a pre-Camp rally at Jackson Aisle on May 2 at 12:30 PM, featuring a BBQ, the 2007 Camp video, friends old and new, and information about Camp 2008. April is the last month to complete scholarship hours; see the Activities schedule below for volunteer opportunities. If you don't complete the full 20 hours of volunteering by the end of April, payment for Camp is due to HOMES by May 8.

***There are only 18 spaces left for Camp; send your application in NOW if you haven't already!***

## Tour of El Modena Native Garden & Nature Center

**Debbie H.** (*El Modena House*) volunteers at the El Modena Native Garden & Nature Center. This Saturday, April 5, she's offered to serve lunch at the El Modena House (address listed in "Activities" below) at 11:30 AM and then escort people up the street to the Nature Center for a **FREE** guided tour of the gardens and grounds. Thank you for coming up with the idea and hosting this event, Debbie!

## File Federal Tax Return by April 15 to Get \$\$\$

Many of you have heard about the "economic stimulus package" which will provide up to \$600 for qualified individuals. Unfortunately, you will NOT qualify if you received **only** SSI last year, but if you got at least \$3,000 in 2007 from SSDI, SSA, veteran's benefits, and/or earned income, be sure to file a 1040A tax return before April 15. (Even if you aren't eligible for a regular tax refund, you can still get the stimulus check **as long as you file a federal tax return.**) The stimulus checks will be mailed from May 16 to July 11; go to [www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html) for more information.

## New Support Group

I read on [www.hugs-oc.com](http://www.hugs-oc.com) about a new support group for people with mental illness on Wednesdays, 6 PM, at 3400 W. Ball Road, Suite 100B in Anaheim. The group and refreshments are **FREE**; for more info call (888) 712-4390. Please RSVP **before you attend** by calling Dan Sfera at (714) 318-5394.

## April Activities:

***Please RSVP to (949) 851-2766 BEFORE you attend any HOMES activity!***

- April 4, 11:30 AM lunch at El Torito (15042 Goldenwest Ave., Westminster; **\$12 and up**)
- April 5, 11:30 AM lunch and tour of Nature Center (11742 Esplanade, Orange; **FREE**)
- April 7, 10 AM: Spring Cleaning (555 N. Cypress, Orange; **volunteer credit**)
- April 14, 10 AM: Spring Cleaning (11742 Esplanade, Orange; **volunteer credit**)
- April 18, 3 PM: Instigators Meeting & Dinner (15432 Jackson St, Midway City; **FREE**. After dinner & activity planning, help us to prepare the mailing for the pre-Camp rally for **volunteer credit**.)
- April 26, 10 to 5: Bead Adornment Show (Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana; **FREE**)
- May 2, 12:30 PM: Pre-Camp Rally & BBQ (15432 Jackson St, Midway City; **FREE**)

## Wanted: House Cleaner

*If anyone is interested in cleaning a living room, kitchen, and two bathrooms in Orange twice a month for \$40 each cleaning (\$80 per month), please call (714) 771-1781.*