

"There's No Place Like HOMES"

Resident, Alumni, Family, & Friends Newsletter

August 2009

HOMES Residents & Alumni Shine!

- Thank you to **Marty N.** (*Anaheim alumnus*) for taking a leadership role in planning Camp 2010, providing transportation for clients on outings, and doing repair/maintenance work for HOMES. We appreciate all you do!
- Congratulations to **Tom S., Madeline L., Paul J., Kimmyn K., and Niecy S.** (*Diamond Apts.*) for their election to the newly formed Resident Council. Thank you also to Tom for helping to coordinate the 4th of July BBQ at Diamond, and for providing transportation for peers on outings in his newly acquired motor home.
- Thank you to **Shauna B.** and her kids **Jessica, Kaleb, and Aaron** (*Diamond Apts.*) for agreeing to organize the hula hoop team game at the Celebrate Recovery Picnic; we appreciated your willingness to pitch in!
- Thank you to **Jim R.** (*Fullerton*), **Jacob W.** (*Anaheim*), **Veronique B.** (*Jackson alumnus*), **Marty N.** (*Anaheim alumnus*) and former HOMES intern **Dan P.** for making several trips to Long Beach to pick up and deliver donated furniture and household goods for HOMES houses, apartments, and alumni.
- To all of the Instigators and Camp 2010 planners: good job! Together you'll make great things happen. Anyone else who wants to help plan: next meeting is Aug. 21 at Diamond. (See below; note the new **3 PM** start time.)

New NAMI Community Programs Coordinator

Please take a moment to congratulate the new Coordinator of NAMI's "Peer to Peer" classes and "In Our Own Voice" presentations in Orange County...me! I will be working for NAMI part-time, generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays; contact me if you are interested in either program, or in volunteering for NAMI. For NAMI business **only** you can reach me at speterson@namioc.org and 714-544-8488 x112; please continue to use my regular e-mail (jacksonaisle@yahoo.com) and phone number (949-851-2766) for any matters related to HOMES.

And speaking of e-mail addresses, I encourage all of you to **share your e-mail addresses with me!** Not only will it reduce HOMES' postage costs if we can avoid having to snail-mail the newsletters, but there are times when I unexpectedly get **FREE** tickets (like for Angel's games) or learn about community activities or give-aways and only the people in my e-mail address book can get notified in time. Please put your name or "HOMES resident" in the subject line when you e-mail me for the first time, so I know your message isn't spam....thank you.

August Activities

Please RSVP to (949) 851-2766 BEFORE you attend any HOMES activity (except on-going groups)

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| Aug. 6, 6:30 PM | Superlark concert (rock & roll) (<i>Fullerton Marketplace, Wilshire Ave.; FREE</i>) |
| Aug. 7, 7 PM | Line Dancing (<i>Elk's Lodge, 7212 Melrose, Buena Park; \$6 + \$ for beverages</i>) |
| Aug. 10, 3 PM | Beach Cookout (<i>Hunt. State Beach, bet. lifeguard stations 13 & 14; bring potluck</i>) |
| Aug. 14, 3 PM | Diabetes Support Group (<i>15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; FREE</i>) |
| Aug. 15, 6 PM | Swing Dancing & Big Band (<i>downtown Anaheim, Lemon & Center St.; FREE</i>) |
| Aug. 19, 1 PM | *Consumer/Employee Advis. Comm. (<i>MHSA Office, 600 W. 5th St., Santa Ana; FREE</i>)*
(*The Consumer/Employee Advisory Committee is a monthly advocacy and support group for clients who are employed in the mental health field. Anyone who has a psychiatric diagnosis and also works in mental health is welcome to join.) |
| Aug. 20, 6 PM | Doo Wah Riders concert (country/western) (<i>Westminster Civic Center; FREE</i>) |
| Aug. 21, 3 PM | Instigators Meeting/Camp Planning (<i>1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim; FREE</i> .) |
| Aug. 23, 1 PM | "Benny & Joon" screening (<i>GCAC Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana; FREE</i>) |
| Aug. 28, 3 PM | Diabetes Support Group (<i>15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; FREE</i>) |

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