

# "There's No Place Like HOMES"

Resident, Alumni, Family, & Friends Newsletter

February 2009

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Respite Camp

It's time to start planning our 2009 Camp! This will be the last year that HOMES organizes the Camp; other mental health agencies have been invited to collaborate in planning future camps. We will be resuming Instigators meetings at 2 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, beginning Feb. 20, to plan Camp and other activities; all residents, alumni, and campers are invited to join the Instigators, and will receive volunteer credit towards a Camp scholarship for participation. This year we'll be meeting at the beautiful new Diamond Apartments, located at 1310 W. Diamond in Anaheim (near Lincoln and Wilshire.)

## Other Volunteer/Scholarship Opportunities

In addition to the Instigators Meetings above, there will be other opportunities to volunteer for HOMES to earn credit towards a Camp scholarship. (A full scholarship is 25 volunteer hours.) We need volunteers for our "Paint & Repair" party at the Cypress House on Feb. 16, and we'll start the house & garage spring cleanings on March 9 at the Anaheim House, followed by the Fullerton House on March 16 and the Riley House on March 23. El Modena, Rome, and Cypress spring cleanings will be held in April. Please call Shannon at (949) 851-2766 if you have other ideas for volunteer work with HOMES; in the past we've given credit for teaching cooking classes, helping residents file for their Renter's Rebate, giving lessons on Internet usage, helping prepare mailings, BBQ-ing at HOMES parties, etc. Propose something!

## "Evita"

The first Fullerton Civic Light Opera performance of 2009 will be "Evita" on Feb. 12 at 8 PM. We have **FREE** tickets for the first 30 people to RSVP to HOMES at (949) 851-2766. All FCLO performances are at Plummer Auditorium at Chapman and Lemon in Fullerton, across the street from Fullerton College.

## February Activities

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

- Feb. 12, 8 PM "Evita" (Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman, Fullerton; **FREE w/RSVP**)
- Feb. 16, 10 AM Paint & Repair Party (Cypress House, 555 N. Cypress Ave., Orange; **vol. hrs.**)
- Feb. 20, 2 PM Instigators meeting (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim, near Lincoln & Wilshire; **vol. hrs.**)

## Residents at HOMES the Longest

We've welcomed a lot of new residents to HOMES this past year with the opening of the Rome House, the Roberts/Vancouver Apartments, and Diamond Apartment Homes, but we also want to recognize our long-time residents who have helped HOMES create a stable and nurturing environment. Our two "longest" residents are **Brian H.** and **Joanna S.** at our Riley House, who moved in on November 1 and 8, respectively, in 1999. Congratulations on your tenth year of residence and activity in the community!

## Now Open: MHA of Orange County "Keep it Simple" Cafe

**902 Town & Country Rd.  
Building "F" Waterfront  
Orange, CA 92868**

**7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday**