

# “There’s No Place Like HOMES”

Resident, Alumni, Family, & Friends Newsletter

July 2009

## HOMES Staff Changes

Most of you know already that Chris Saunders will be leaving HOMES at the end of June. We thank Chris for his hard work, humor, truck, and DJ equipment over the past three years, and wish all good things to him and his wife-to-be Cammie. Helen and Shannon continue to serve HOMES residents, although at reduced hours for now.

## Erase Stigma Arts Festival

There are a number of **FREE** events in OC scheduled for July and August to celebrate the talents of people with mental illness and to erase stigma. Grand Central Art Center (GCAC) in Santa Ana will have exhibits from July 11 to August 23, including video interviews of artists from the mental health community. There will be several performances of “Third Tree on the Left,” a play directed by Don Laffoon, founder of Stop-Gap Theater, and on Sundays **FREE** movie screenings of films about mental health issues which will be followed by discussion. There are also **FREE** Arts Workshops; go to [www.ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/arts-program.htm](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/arts-program.htm) for more information.

## MediCal Changes

Although CalOptima's Board of Directors has authorized continued coverage for audiology, chiropractic, podiatry, and speech therapy, **starting on July 1 acupuncture, incontinence creams and washes, optometric services, adult dental (provided via Denti-Cal) and psychology services (provided via OC Health Care Agency) will no longer be covered.** Psychiatric services WILL continue to be covered as before; some dental services will be considered exceptions, so check with your dentist if a problem arises after July 1. MediCare coverage is not affected by these changes; for questions about your health benefits, contact CalOptima’s Customer Services at 1-714-246-8500.

## July Activities

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

June 28, noon	New Support Group (Trinity United Pres. Church, 13922 Prospect, Santa Ana; <b>FREE</b> )
July 8, 8 PM	“The Andrews Brothers” (201 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton; <b>FREE w/RSVP</b> )
July 9, 6 PM	Danny Dean/the Homewreckers (rockabilly) (Westminster Civic Center; <b>FREE</b> )
July 10, 3 PM	Diabetes Support Group (15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; <b>FREE</b> )
July 12, 1 PM	“Canvas” screening (GCAC Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana; <b>FREE</b> )
July 13, 3 PM	Beach Cookout (Hunt. State Beach, bet. lifeguard stations 13 & 14; bring potluck)
July 16, 6 PM	Nicholson Pipes & Drums concert (Irish) (Westminster Civic Center; <b>FREE</b> )
July 17, 2 PM	Instigators Meeting/Camp Planning (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim; <b>FREE</b> .)
July 19, 1 PM	“Shine” screening (GCAC Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana; <b>FREE</b> )
July 23, 9:30 AM	Mini-horse therapy (Thousand Oaks; <b>FREE for first 8 RSVP’s</b> )
July 23, 6 PM	Swing Cats Big Band concert (Fountain Valley Rec. Ctr., Brookhurst/Heil; <b>FREE</b> )
July 26, 1 PM	“The Hours” screening (GCAC Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana; <b>FREE</b> )
July 29, 6 PM	“Los Fabulocos” concert (Peppertree Park, 230 W. First St, Tustin; <b>FREE</b> )
July 31, 3 PM	Diabetes Support Group (15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; <b>FREE</b> )

**Unfortunately, due to the worsening California budget issues there will not be any Renter’s Assistance rebates again this year.**

*This year’s NAMI Walk will be held September 26; sign up for the “HOMES Heroes” Walk team at [www.nami.org/namiwalks09/OCO/HOMES](http://www.nami.org/namiwalks09/OCO/HOMES)*