



From The HOME Front

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Jackson Aisle:

It is finally becoming a reality. The groundbreaking of the new “Jackson Aisle” Apartments took place in January. We thank all those who attended and especially our partners in making this project a reality—our development partners, A Community of Friends, the Orange County Health Care Agency and Orange County Housing and Community Development. We encourage you to drive by the site on Jackson Street in Midway City to watch our new 30 apartments under construction. As you can see from the photo, we are well on the way towards completion. We expect residents to begin moving in late December this year and as soon as they get settled, we’ll invite you to a “Grand Opening” Celebration. The Jackson Aisle Complex will provide 29 apartments for low-income adults, who are also chronically mentally ill. Along with affordable rent, the residents will also benefit from on-site case management services and access to a community room and a learning center. Construction is well underway, so that residents will be able to move in before the end of 2003.



Jackson Aisle Taking Shape—August

- ☉ New Board Members
- ☉ Jackson Aisle
- ☉ Cypress House Opening
- ☉ United Way
- ☉ Planned Events
 - ⇒ October 18 - Wine Dinner
 - ⇒ March 22, 2004 Golf Tournament

Cypress House Opening:

It has been almost one year since we opened Cypress House, our fifth house. Located in Orange, Cypress House provides affordable housing to chronically mentally ill adults who are also participants in the AB2034 program. As participants in this state funded program, the formerly homeless residents also receive intensive case management services from MHA (Mental Health Association.) The goal for this program is to assist the participants in moving into permanent housing. The residents in this home will be able to move to permanent housing when “Jackson Aisle” is completed.

WineMaker Dinner:

It’s happening again . . . after the



Jackson Aisle Ground-breaking—January

Fundraising Update



success of our last event, we are busy planning for this years dinner on October 18th. The 3rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Wine Dinner will be held at Accents Restaurant in the Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach, the evening features, in addition to the five-course meal, an array of award winning wines donated by several wineries. Our friend, Bill Leigon of Huntington wineries in Napa will describe the special wines and pairings that will make our evening memorable. In addition, we are adding a

“Magnums for Mental Health” Auction of some special wines donated for the occasion. Invitations will be mailed shortly but if you want to reserve now, call the office at 949-851-2766 for more details.

Annual Mental Health Golf Classic:

Start practicing your golf swing and mark your calendars for Monday, March 22, 2004 for the 9th annual golf tournament benefiting H.O.M.E.S. Situated at the lovely Mesa Verde Country Club, highlights of this tournament include the dinner, the auction and awards ceremony at the beautiful Club House overlooking the greens. Sponsorship opportunities are available—see details on the web site.



A Team from Toyota—our Major Sponsor at the 2003 Mental Health Golf Classic

United Way:

H.O.M.E.S.’ Board of Directors is now officially a United Way agency. We were recently notified that we will receive \$10,000 annually. That will help us provide and promote independent living for our residents

Planned Giving:

For the past several years, one of H.O.M.E.S.’ goals has been to increase the amount of support we bring in through various fundraising efforts. One of the easiest ways our friends can support our program is through including H.O.M.E.S. in their estate plan. For

more information on how you can do this, please contact at 949-851-2766.

It is possible to donate property such as real estate and cars to HOMES. We are participating with another local charity, Spina Bifida, to accept car donations and more information is available from the office.

The Cities of Mission Viejo and Lake Forest have set aside a small amount (\$20,000) for a down payment on a house in each city. We would like to expand our independent housing program into South County later this year but in this expensive real estate market, it will require additional resources. If you have ideas on this please contact Helen to discuss.

Program Highlights:

Thanks to our Alumni program, Shannon Peterson, our Program Director, is in regular contact with our many graduates. The regular contact between the alumni and current residents includes events such as the Fullerton Light Opera and other community programs. This program supports our residents as they transition to their new apartments and homes.

Annual Picnic at Irvine Lake:

It was a hot day in Orange County, but our residents and alumni stayed cool under the trees and shade provided by the eucalyptus trees. About 40 residents,



Fun at the Annual Picnic - Irvine Lake

former residents and friends attended this year’s picnic at Irvine Lake on August 9th. They enjoyed a picnic lunch of fried chicken, cool salads and finished off with watermelon and popsicles. It was a relaxing and fun afternoon and there was an opportunity for residents to get to know each other and renew friendships from times in our houses.

New Board Members:

H.O.M.E.S. Inc. is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly and sets the overall direction of the organization, oversees the finances and represents H.O.M.E.S. throughout the community. Please join us in welcoming several talented new Board members in recent months—Laura Powell, a former County Social worker with many years experience working with mentally ill clients; Carol Handler, a Mental Health Advocate who is active with many County Mental Health organizations; Mark Morrison, with IBM Life Sciences, and Dr. Jag Soni, an Orange County Psychologist who recently worked on systemic change in South Carolina’s mental health system. We welcome the new talents and resources contributed by our newest Board Members.



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Check out our web site www.homesinc.org for lots of current pictures from our recent events and details on the upcoming activities.