



From The HOME Front

New Board Member:

Similar to most non-profits, 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. The Board is pleased to announce that Barry J. Nicholas, Investment Officer with Pacific Southwest Realty Services, has joined H.O.M.E.S.' Board of Directors. Barry is not new to most of us since he has been on the planning committee for H.O.M.E.S.' Muffin Spencer-Devlin Golf Tournament, our largest fundraiser, for the past five years.



New Board Member Barry Nicholas.

and I think I can help them in this process.”

We're really pleased to have Barry on the Board. Welcome!

Jackson Aisle

Lots of “behind the scenes” work has been done on the Jackson Aisle Complex, our apartment building that 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. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place before the end of the year. Construction is expected to last approximately one year so that residents will be able to move in before the end of 2003.

Cypress House Opening

On July 31, 2002, 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

On agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors, Barry said “I want to give something back to the community and serving on the Board is a way I can do that. Additionally, I want to see non-profits like H.O.M.E.S. grow and succeed

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Jackson Aisle

management services from MHA (Mental Health Association.) The goal for this program is to assist the participants in moving into permanent housing. We anticipate that some of the Cypress house residents will move into Jackson Aisle when it opens late 2003.

United Way

H.O.M.E.S.' Board of Directors is pleased to announce that H.O.M.E.S. has passed the first hurdle to becoming a United Way agency. The next step is to submit an application for funding in the next funding round, which will begin later this fall. If we receive funding, it will begin in July 2003

Fundraising Update

Get Involved For Mental Health

Fashion Show: For the first time, H.O.M.E.S. was one of the benefiting organizations of this third annual day of fashion, fun and education. Held on Sunday, October 27, 2002 at the lovely Waterfront Hilton Hotel in Huntington Beach, over 350 guests bid on 250 silent auction items, heard an inspiration talk by Lynette Brasfield and were dazzled by the fashion show presented by Neiman Marcus. Many thanks to everyone who attended this fun event and donated to it.

WineMaker Dinner: 41 guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner and bid on several select auction items at our second annual WineMaker Dinner. Held at Accents Restaurant in the Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach, the evening featured, in addition to the five-course meal, an array of award winning wines donated by several wineries.



Chris and Connie Torrey & Friend Randy at the Winemaker Dinner.

Annual Muffin Spencer-Devlin Mental Health Golf Classic: Start practicing your golf swing and mark your calendars for Monday, March 24, 2003 for the 8th annual golf tournament benefiting H.O.M.E.S. Situated at the lovely Mesa Verde Country Club, a highlight of this tournament will be dinner, the auction and awards' ceremony will be held at the newly completed Mesa Verde Club House.

Web Site News & Pictures

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



The HOMES Piggy Bank: One local Irvine company has developed an innovative way of supporting HOMES programs. RBF Consulting was the recipient of a unique artistic gift "Blinkin' Pig" – a one of kind piggy bank. This pig, created by artist Jerry Nelson sits in the lobby of the company, ready to receive contributions to HOMES.

House Tour: Interested in learning more about our program? Please join us for a one-hour introduction to our program at one of our regular House tours. On Thursday, November 14th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m we held a tour at our El Modena house. For more information and directions, for similar upcoming events, please contact Paula Neal Reza, Fund Development Director, at 949-851-2766.

"An Evening of Giving": Benefit H.O.M.E.S. and NAMIOC and start your Christmas shopping at the same time! On Sunday, November 24th, The Shops at Mission Viejo, in conjunction with non-profits from throughout the county, will sponsor a special event at the Mall. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased by calling H.O.M.E.S. at 949-851-2766 or NAMIOC at 714-544-8488.

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 Paula Neal Reza, Fund Development Director, at 949-851-2766.

Program Highlights

Many of HOMES former residents are doing well in their own apartments. This is partially due to our new Alumni program, funded in part through a grant from the Orange County Housing & Community Development. Shannon Peterson, our Program Director, is in regular contact with our graduates and provides ongoing support and encouragement. A recent graduate from HOMES hosted a pizza party at his new apartment and maintains regular contact with other current and future residents. An intern from UCI is also tracking resident satisfaction with our services and programs.



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