



Pomona Center Program Provides Help and Creates Hope

Pedro and Guadalupe were speechless when they found out that they would be receiving three months rental assistance through Pomona Homeless Prevention and Rapid-Rehousing Program (HPRP) administered by Hector Martel, Client Resources Coordinator of the Pomona Community Center in the San Gabriel Region of Catholic Charities.

Before the economic downturn, the two of them provided stable income for their family, Pedro as a machine operator and Guadalupe as a registered child care service provider. Then they were both laid-off from work and could only sustain the family on his unemployment income. There was hardly enough money for food and they usually paid their rent late. When the unemployment checks stopped coming, the fear of eviction was inevitable because their rent was then two months in arrears.

The Pomona Center's HPRP rental assistance program funds allowed them to pay the rent owed and avert eviction and homelessness. Fortunately, Guadalupe received word from the Department of Public Social Services, where she is a registered provider, that she would soon be able to resume child care service. Pedro tearfully told Mary Romero, San Gabriel Regional Director: "The Pomona Center of Catholic Charities and the HPRP assistance are truly a blessing for our family." ❀

Project Kickoff for new Elizabeth Ann Seton Shelter

Catholic Charities' Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, a family shelter, recently held a ceremony to celebrate the future Family Shelter I and II. Construction began in January and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2012. The dual facilities will be about 8,500 square feet and will expand services from 10 rooms to 14 rooms for families and increase the average number that can be accommodated from 40 to 56 persons. In addition, there will be a commercial kitchen, a large dining room, a community gathering room, outdoor playground, and counseling offices.

Don Knabe, Supervisor of the Fourth District, County of Los Angeles, was present for the ceremony. "Catholic Charities has done an incredible job serving families in need, and I am sure that your work will be enhanced by the new facility," said Knabe.

Catholic Charities is grateful for the leadership

role that Jim Bathker, the agency's Chief Financial Officer, played in making this a reality. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes with Century Housing and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, according to Catholic

Charities' Executive Director, Monsignor Gregory Cox.

In 1998, Catholic Charities, which had operated the Long Beach Family Shelter since 1984, became the first tenant of Century

Villages at Cabrillo, a complex with a variety of housing and supportive services for homeless persons and families. The name of the shelter was changed to Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence and is set up so families may stay a maximum of 45 days in order to become self sufficient. The program provides families with meals, access to government benefits, employment help and counseling.

The total project will cost about \$5 million, with funding coming from the state, county, and several foundations. ❀



In April, dignitaries convened to kickoff the new Catholic Charities' Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence. From left to right they are: Janet Watkins, former client; Lois Starr, Director of Housing Development and Preservation, Los Angeles County Community Development Corporation; Kim Crawford, Director of Community Development, Century Villages at Cabrillo; Rebecca Matt, Program Manager, California Department of Housing and Community Development, EHAP-CD program; Rebecca Rankins, former client; Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth District, County of Los Angeles; Vanessa Romain, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence Shelter Manager and Director of Programs; Brian D'Andrea, President, Century Villages at Cabrillo; Ron Griffith, President and CEO, Century Housing; James Johnson, Councilman, Council District #7, City of Long Beach; and Earl Fields, Board Member, Century Housing.

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Message from the Executive Director, Monsignor Gregory A. Cox

Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development is one of most respected theories of personality in psychology. Each stage in his theory is concerned with becoming competent in an area of life. If the stage is handled well, the person will feel a sense of accomplishment. If the stage is managed poorly, the person will emerge with a sense of inadequacy.

Erik Erikson's eight stages are divided according to the months and years of a person's development. In his seventh stage, he discusses issues of those who are 40 to 65 years old. He calls this stage **Generativity vs. Stagnation**. Generativity is the concern of establishing and guiding the next generation. Socially-valued work and disciplines are expressions of generativity.

During middle age, the primary development task is one of contributing to society and helping to guide future generations. When a person makes a contribution during this period, perhaps by raising a family or working toward the betterment of society, a sense of generativity, a sense of productivity and accomplishment, results. In contrast, a person who is self-centered and unable or unwilling to help society move forward develops a feeling of stagnation, a dissatisfaction with the relative lack of productivity.

Catholic Charities provides programs and volunteer opportunities for those who wish to be productive people in their communities. Our programs for youth and the elderly are examples of services that assist middle age parents with the development of their children and care for their aging parents. Our community centers offer volunteers the opportunity to serve the poor. Volunteering at Catholic Charities builds a foundation for moral development that will enhance future generations. ❖



SAVE THE DATE!

Catholic Charities' annual **City of Angels Christmas Gala** will be held on Friday, December 2, 2011 at The California Club in downtown Los Angeles. The gala will honor the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Investees of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, and the Order of St. Gregory the Great. Highlights of the evening will include a special vocal performance by the award-winning tenor Dennis McNeil. Proceeds will benefit the poor children and families served by the community centers of Catholic Charities.

Please contact Alexandria (Sandi) Arnold, Director of Resource Development, at sarnold@ccharities.org or (213) 251-3495 for more information about the City of Angels Christmas Gala.

Fifteenth Annual Golf Tournament Benefits Catholic Charities' Poverty Programs

Held at the exclusive Oakmont Country Club in Glendale in June, the Fifteenth Annual Catholic Charities Golf Tournament drew over 100 golfers to benefit Catholic Charities' poverty programs.

The generosity of the Tournament Sponsors Maude and Richard M. Ferry, Marcia and Stan Hayden and Family, Kathy and Vincent F. Martin, Jr., and Western Asset Management, and also the support of the other sponsors, greatly contributed to the success of the fundraising event.

Harold Greene, an award winning journalist, was Master of Ceremonies for the post-tournament reception. A client of Glendale Community Center, Heather Burgess, related how Catholic Charities has helped her family over the past years. As tournament winners were announced, Monsignor Gregory Cox, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, presented the winners' trophies. Photos from the tournament are on pages three and four. ❖





Harold Greene, Catholic Charities' Board member and Master of Ceremonies at reception



Individual Lowest Gross Winner, Greg Wallace, receives trophy from Msgr. Gregory Cox



First Place Lowest Net Team, with Msgr. Cox: Dave Osman, Pete Newhouse, James Willis and Todd Newhouse



Second Place Lowest Net Team, with Msgr. Cox: Dr. Peter Vogelsang, Tom Von Der Ahe, Harold Greene and Dick D'Amico



First Place Lowest Gross Team, with Msgr. Cox: Greg Wallace, Kyle Colburn, Brian Arnold and (not pictured) Elliott Neumeier



Second Place Lowest Gross Team, with Msgr. Cox: Randall Rubin, Gregory James, Greg Kennedy and (not pictured) Ken Ingber



Women's Longest Drive Winner, Sue D'Amico, with Msgr. Cox



Women's Closest to the Pin Winner, Chuckie Greene, with Msgr. Cox



First Place Putting Contest Winner, Moeed Khan, with Msgr. Cox



Second Place Putting Contest Winner, Shannon Moriarty, with Msgr. Cox



Vince Martin, Tim McAnany, Trey Martin and Msgr. Gregory Cox



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Msgr. Clem Connolly, Michael McDonough, Frank Lopez and Eddie Barragan



George Winn, Pete Sullivan and Dave Donnelly



Shannon Moriarty, Jim Gober, Leland Ratleff and Brian Severin



Matt Cobb, Jaime Bosley, J.V. Hogan and Rick Keller



Chuckie Greene, Sue D'Amico, Diane Vogelsang and Celeste Von Der Ahe



Dr. Peter Vogelsang, Dick D'Amico, Harold Greene and Tom Von Der Ahe



Sam Nicassio, Laughlin Waters, Jim Sarni and Mike Smith



Brian Arnold, Kyle Colburn, Greg Wallace and Elliott Neumeyer



Bob Byrne, Msgr. Paul Montoya, Patrick O'Brien and Michael O'Brien



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Tim Collins, Timothy Paulson, Moeed Khan and Mark Nelson



Greg Kennedy, Gregory James, Randall Rubin and Ken Ingber



Walter Reed, John Rosso, Ed Herrera and Tim Lawler



Frank Velasco, Peter Bennett, Ed Barden and Robert Kelly



Dave Osman, James Willis, Todd Newhouse and Peter Newhouse

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project Helps Children

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, which has been a program of Catholic Charities since 2008, provides legal education and representation to adults and children who are detained and facing deportation proceedings. Few people realize that the United States government detains and deports thousands of children each year. Most often these children are fleeing abuse, violence and/or staggering poverty in their home countries. Esperanza has a staff of eight, including several full-time attorneys, who work tirelessly on behalf of these children to obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a special form of relief available to minor children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected by their parents.

"Irvin" was one such boy. A native of Honduras, Irvin's mother disappeared when he was just 12 years old. She was nowhere to be found and Irvin's biological father was essentially an abusive and absentee father. Irvin and his brothers and sisters went to live with an



Caitlin Williams is Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project's new program director.

uncle, but not long after that Irvin was targeted and victimized by a local gang. To escape the torment, beatings and his inevitable murder, Irvin fled Honduras at the age of 17 in search of a better life. Surviving extreme temperatures, hunger and constant threats of violence, he rode cargo trains for several thousand miles, alone, to the U.S./Mexico border. He was ultimately detained by local police, transferred to customs authorities and sent to a shelter for unaccompanied

minor children. Irvin's aunt in the Los Angeles area was contacted and she applied to be his guardian while he was undergoing deportation proceedings.

Esperanza then got involved in Irvin's case and, after hearing about the tremendous challenges he had faced, his Esperanza attorney was able to fight for a SIJS relief. This spring, Irvin was granted SIJS, which allows him to remain in the U.S. legally as a permanent resident and, hopefully in the future, a U.S. Citizen. ❖

Santa Barbara Region Expands Counseling Services

Catholic Charities' Santa Barbara Region remains strong in its commitment to provide counseling services to the poor and underserved in the Santa Barbara community. In the past 15 months, the Region has witnessed an increase in demand for counseling services provided to individuals, couples and families in the surrounding communities. During this period, the counseling team, led by two licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) and three interns, served 700 clients and made referrals for an additional 295 individuals. The services offer professional facilitation that promotes self-learning which can support healthy choices and life-sustaining personal growth.

The majority of the clients, who are unable to afford traditional fee-based access, participate in a sliding fee-scale policy based on income assessment, according to Frank Bognar, D.P.A., Santa Barbara Regional Director.

To effectively sustain the on-going need to extend counseling hours and to initiate group counseling sessions, the Region is developing an opportunity to leverage, dollar-for-dollar, donor contributions drawing on the Region's Silent Angel Campaign model. ❖

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Catholic Charities Honors Employees

Catholic Charities hosted its annual Staff Appreciation Day in June at Universal Studios theme park. After a morning of entertainment, awards and lunch, staff members were free to explore the park with their colleagues. Awards were given for employee longevity and dedication. ❀



Loc Nguyen, program director of Immigration and Refugee Services, receives an award for 35 years of dedication to Catholic Charities.



Youth Employment Services (AYE) has benefitted from the strong leadership of program director Robert Gutierrez for 35 years.



Moeed Khan, San Fernando Regional Director, has given 30 years of intelligent leadership and service to Catholic Charities.



Support the annual Christmas Parties hosted by Catholic Charities' community centers to benefit needy children and families in the most impoverished neighborhoods of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

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