

# ANGELVIEW™

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FALL 2016

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## Use it WELL!

When we published our 60th anniversary history book, we learned a lot about Angel View's beginnings. The dream of building a children's hospital could only be achieved through community support. We were the grateful beneficiary of so many contributions. And lots of them were small – proceeds from soup suppers, ice cream socials and penny carnivals.

Fast forward several decades. Today, because of that same support, we're able to operate 19 group homes, a growing Day Program for adults with developmental disabilities, and a grass roots Outreach Program.

Incredibly generous donors contribute in myriad ways: through checks and online donations, sponsoring or purchasing tickets to events, holding fundraisers in our honor, donating property and other assets, including us in their estate plans, donating to our resale stores, buying merchandise at our stores, and more.

Recently, one of our resale store employees was sorting through donated merchandise and came across a baggie. It contained **\$0.36** in pennies and nickels and a note in a child's handwriting. The note said, "Use it well!" It reminded us to share with all our supporters that when they contribute to Angel View, *92 cents of every dollar goes directly to program services.*

"We've always tried to keep overhead low so donations are used to their maximum value," explains Executive Director Patti Park. "Our recent audited financials confirm we're continuing to offer donors the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our clients' lives. It's something we strive for every day."

For more information on how your donations benefit our clients, or to learn how you can be more involved, call or email Duke Graham, director of development, [dgraham@angelview.org](mailto:dgraham@angelview.org), (760) 835-0464.

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# Upcoming Events

Please join us at any/all of the following fundraisers to support our programs and services.



## **October 15, 2016: 8th Annual Casual Concours Car Show**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Double Tree Golf Resort Palm Springs (formerly the Doral Princess Resort), Cathedral City. Angel View is the beneficiary of this classic car event, presented by Great Autos of Yesteryear. Tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.angelview.org](http://www.angelview.org).



## **October 27, 2016: Open House**

2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Angel View Administrative Offices  
67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 7A, Cathedral City.



## **December 31, 2016: 5th Annual New Year's Eve Day Swimathon benefiting Angel View**

9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Palm Springs Swim Center, 405 South Pavilion Way.  
To sponsor laps, yards, or the event, contact Steven Erickson, [steven@mmgccpa.com](mailto:steven@mmgccpa.com).  
The event is presented by the Piranha Swim Masters.



## **January 21, 2017: Polo event benefiting Angel View**

Eldorado Polo Club, 50950 Madison St., Indio, CA  
Check our website for more details.



## **January 26, 2017: Angel View's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, Fête de Paris**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cuistot Restaurant, 72595 El Paseo, Palm Desert  
Tickets, \$95 at [www.angelview.org](http://www.angelview.org), or (866) 670-8666 ext. 1.



## **March 4, 2017: Gardens of El Paseo 19th Annual Concert Series**

Check our website for more details.

# The Magic of Music

For people with disabilities, music can be magical. An important learning tool, it provides memory assistance and speech stimulation. It can facilitate attention, recognition, communication, anticipation, fine and gross motor skills. But sometimes, it just comes down to digging the groove.

Several years ago, donor Marshall Fisher observed the impact of music on our clients at a party. He started giving iPods to clients on their birthdays. Melissa Acosta, our Day Program work skills coordinator, downloaded playlists according to each client's taste in music.

Because of expansions to our Day Program, Marshall has started the gifts once again. He recently gave an iPod to our client Rachel, who is blind. Melissa loaded playlists of rap and hip hop tunes, Rachel's favorites. She absolutely loves it.

"The greatest thing you can do for someone is put music in their life," says Marshall, who also sponsors our holiday parties and trips to Angels baseball games. "If I can think of a way to enhance their lives, I'll do it!"

In addition to iPods, many of our clients would benefit from communications devices. To match a gift with a client need, please give us a call today.





# Angel View President Heads to WHO



Angel View's Board President Walt Johnson, MD, has been named head of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (EESC) Program in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Johnson served as interim head of the program from July 2015 until accepting the permanent position in August 2016. Previously, he was on various special assignments to WHO that led him to The Gambia, Republic of Congo, Mongolia, and Switzerland. His travel schedule will allow him to complete his 2015-16 term as Angel View's president.



"Our goal is to develop surgical care capacity in low and middle income countries around the world," Dr. Johnson explains. According to WHO, some 5 billion

people still have no access to safe, timely and affordable surgical care.

"Similar disparities in health services exist in the Coachella Valley among various segments of the population," Dr. Johnson notes. "Angel View's Outreach Program was created to address gaps in services experienced by local families raising children with disabilities."

Our loss is the world's gain! We wish him all the best in his new position.



## Peter's Voice

By Peter Li,  
Angel View Resident

One day, all my housemates and I were bored at home and wanted to get out of the house. I started to give them suggestions on where we could go and one of them was going to the bird garden at Lindi Biggi's place. They all wanted to go including the staff. They are all animal lovers. They have never been. The next day I asked Lindi if it was okay and she gladly said yes. She's awesome for extending her invitation to the rest of my housemates to visit her birds. We went a week later.



With Lindi's and her staff's generous hospitality, they took out some of their birds for a close up visit with her flying friends. Most of my housemates wanted some of her birds to sit on their shoulders, which they did. Some housemates got pooped on including me. It was fun to

see all her different types of birds. Lindi was so delighted to have us over and to see all of us with a smile on our faces.

"Thank you Lindi for an awesome adventure!"

Surnow residents Scott, Jason and Peter enjoy an afternoon with fine feathered friends.



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our resale stores,  
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Thank you.

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# Fête de Paris Fashion Show January 26

Tickets are now on sale for Angel View's annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, to be held January 26 at Cuistot Restaurant in Palm Desert. Individual seats are \$95 and can be purchased at [www.angelview.org](http://www.angelview.org), or by calling (866) 670-8666 ext. 1. For information on sponsorships and table reservations, please call coordinator Shelly Lee, (866) 670-8666 x 216. There are just a few tables of 8-10 so please be sure to get yours early!

This year's show is co-chaired by Shelby Jens and Carole Haes Landon, secretary of the Angel View board, and will be produced by Pamela Turner. Angel View clients will once again be among our models. As always, the event will feature fashions from Angel View's resale stores along with a shopping boutique, which opens at 10 a.m.

Don't miss out on the fête of the season!



# CALLING ALL Angels

On July 1, Angel View launched an annual campaign, Calling All Angels, to help us meet our program goals. Thanks to donor generosity, we've reached 20% of our goal.

"To help reach our goal," explains Duke Graham, director of development, "we've established giving clubs at a variety of levels: \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 – although donations of any amount are always gratefully accepted."

Funds raised through the Calling All Angels campaign help in three primary areas: adding a family stabilization component to Angel View Outreach, which serves local children with disabilities; ensuring Angel View clients' homes are safe and comfortable through an Adopt a House initiative; and adding a supported employment component to Angel View's Day Program for adults with disabilities.

"We are always looking for ways to improve and expand the services we offer," adds Patti Park, executive director. "Doing that often involves increasing expenses. We are grateful for every monetary donation we receive, as well as all the goods donated to our resale stores which raise money for our programs."