

ANGEL VIEW 60TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON REVIEW

Under the direction of Melissa Acosta-Banks, Angel View ADC-Administrator, Day Program clients called The Angel View Melodies performed "You are the Wind Beneath my Wings" at the 60th Anniversary Luncheon held at the Palm Springs Convention Center in February.



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INSIDE ANGEL'S VIEW

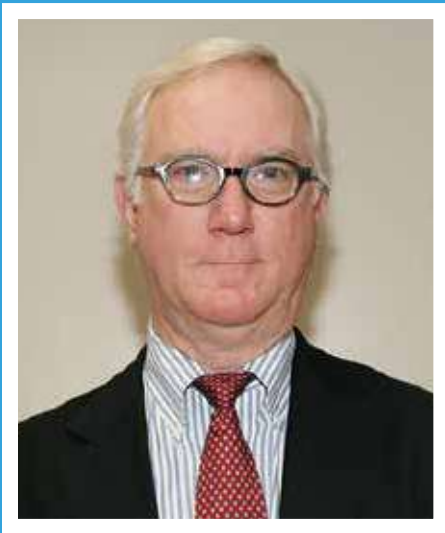
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COMING NEXT ISSUE

As this issue was being printed, Angel View clients were preparing for our annual prom, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, and participating in our annual camp event at Camp Forrest in Joshua Tree, our wheelchair friendly campground. This year, to maximize the outdoor fun, camp is being held in April-May when temperatures are lower. Look for photos in our next news magazine.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Walter Johnson, MD

Sixty years is a long time for a non-profit organization to exist and continue to thrive. It is a unique honor for all of us to be able to celebrate this achievement. In the midst of the joy of celebration comes the intriguing question, “Now what?” Where do we want to be, as an agency, in the next few years? What do we want to accomplish? These questions are vitally important to ask. The answers will be telling and provide necessary direction as we take the next steps. I’d like to share with you a few things that top my list.

First is strengthening ties with many of our partners. Second, is improving healthcare delivery for our clients, specifically medical and dental care. Having more local specialists could mean substantially less travel and waiting time for our clients. Third is board development. Even experienced board members need opportunities to improve and learn new things. New board members bring unique experiences and ideas to the board room, like Mrs. Carole Haes Landon. Our newest

board member, Carole brings a wealth of experience; we are thrilled she has joined the Angel View board. Fourth is further development of both the Day Program and the Outreach Program.

There are many opportunities for Angel View to interact with our local communities and to provide resources to those with disabilities. The Board recently approved hiring a second fulltime Outreach Specialist so the Outreach Program can continue to grow.

Finally, no one holds all the answers. I welcome any and all comments, criticisms or ideas. Please let me, Dave Thornton or Patti Park know your suggestions. They will receive every consideration. Thank you.

Walt Johnson, MD
President

Peter's Voice

by Peter Li, Angel View Resident

(Editor's Note: Peter just filmed a video thank you note to Bill Gates that will air on YouTube, thanking him for the adaptive technology that makes it possible for him to use his computer hands-free.)

THANK YOU ALL

I just wanted to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to experience a “real” life. Thank you for the things that you do that I don’t see...I know there are many. Thank you for inspiring me to live my life, to teach, to share, to make a difference and to change the hearts of those that I meet...and to yell out “life is awesome!” ~ Peter Li



CAROLE HAES LANDON JOINS AV BOARD

It's a long way from London to the Coachella Valley and the route of Carole Haes Landon wasn't direct. Our newest board member is a native of England who in 1964 thought she would begin a year of travel in San Francisco. Fortunately for Angel View, she fell completely in love with San Francisco and California, and never again lived in England. She and her husband Dale started visiting the desert in 1998 and now are fulltime residents.

In addition to her new role at Angel View, Carole currently serves on the board of the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and on the board of the Old Town Artisan Studio. The nonprofit brings art to children served by many area charities, including Angel View. She is a member of Book Pals engaged in reading to local children and is a volunteer grief counselor who worked previously with the Crisis Center in the Bay Area.

"I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to be part of an organization that is helping so many people!" Carole said recently. "Making a difference one person at a time—that's my motto. Angel View makes this happen every day. It's truly amazing."

Before becoming a busy volunteer, Carole was a real estate professional. She served as vice president of Chase National Corp. and Triton Financial Corp., then with her husband, co-founded a real estate investment firm. During her career, she specialized in negotiating legal issues, deal analysis, development and marketing of real estate and property management.

"We are so pleased Carole is now lending her considerable talents to Angel View!" says Walter Johnson, MD, president of the board. "In just a short time, she's already made her presence felt. She is a wonderful addition to our organization."



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PRE-TONY AWARDS PARTY BENEFITS ANGEL VIEW

Broadway's biggest night is now Angel View's biggest afternoon. *Toucans Tiki Lounge* and Angel View are presenting the first annual pre-Tony Awards Party benefiting Angel View Outreach. The party takes place at Toucans, 2100 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, on Sunday June 8 from 4–6 p.m. before the live Tony's telecast begins.

Last year, *Kinky Boots* garnered top awards for the best musical. Nominated for 13 Tony's, the inspirational true story had a tagline that truly inspired us, "When you change your mind about someone, you can change your whole world." It quickly became the theme of the party.

Tickets are \$35 each and include a hosted bar by *Toucans*, hors d'oeuvres by *Dash and a Handful Catering*, entertainment by Tommi Rose and the Playgirls and a chance to win a trophy for the best Kinky Boots Runway Walk. Each ticket also includes a 20% coupon good on one purchase from any Angel View Resale Store.



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Many thanks to Maryanov Madsen Gordon and Campbell for their early sponsorship.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is very exciting to be celebrating 60 years of caring for children and adults with developmental disabilities. It's quite an experience to be affiliated with so many wonderful people as we carry out our mission. On a daily basis we are in contact with our disabled clients, loving family members, medical professionals, community leaders, social workers, teachers, advocates, friends, volunteers and dedicated staff members. It is astounding to witness so many caring members of society working together to make this world a better place.

The newest chapter in our service to the community is our Outreach program, which assists children with disabilities who live at home with their families. Over the past two years Angel View has made a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of children. One of the true miracles has been our partnering ability. It allows us to facilitate the continuum of care.

Recently, a single mother requested our help with the cost of distilled water for her child's breathing treatment. Once we met with her, we learned of other needs. We worked with California Children's Services to obtain a wheelchair and walker for the child, with County Department of Public Social Services for food assistance, and with Catholic Charities to keep the lights on by making a utility bill payment. We also advocated on the mother's behalf to reinstate Medi-Cal benefits that had been lost through a series of mishaps. Angel View worked with these other agencies to help the family through a very rough time.

We couldn't do it alone. Thank you for your partnership, your involvement, for caring and for looking toward the future with us at our next 60 years of service!

Dave Thornton
Executive Director



Wish List

Angel View is accepting donations for improved wheelchair walkways at Surnow House so our clients with muscular dystrophy, who are generally always cold, can better enjoy the warmth of the sun. The work is expected to cost approximately \$10,000.

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OUR OWN WINTER OLYMPICS

While fans round the globe were glued to the Sochi Olympics, Angel View's clients were likewise hitting the slopes and gaining new skills while having tons of fun.

As told by on the scenes reporter Christine Brown Bochicchio, Angel View's physical activity program coordinator, "On January 30th, four Angel View clients experienced the sheer joy of riding on the chair lift and racing down the mountain through the wonderful program conducted at the United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC). Their first time on skies, Angel View's clients could not have smiled any wider as they rode down the mountain. It was also the first time in their lives they got to spend a day in the snow." The outing was so successful, we're hoping for a repeat in 2015 with even more participants.

USARC is the first full-time, on-site adaptive ski school in Southern California. Located at Bear Mountain Resort the organization was established to ensure the accessible skiing was available to individuals with all types of disabilities and of all ages.



SWIMATHON - A SPLASHY EVENT

The second annual New Year's Eve Day Swimathon benefiting Angel View Outreach had all the splash a 10k swim could hope for.



"Participation by the Piranha Masters Swim Team doubled since last year!" reports Steve Erickson, managing partner at Maryanov, Madsen, Gordon and Campbell, who once again coordinated the event. Besides logging more than 3,000 laps, the ardent swimmers raised \$3,190 to assist children with disabilities. Clients from several of Angel View's homes were on hand at the Swim Center to lend their support to the effort. It was the perfect send off for 2013. Thanks Piranhas and guest swimmers!



SURNOW BECOMING BONITA

A multi-phase clean up is underway at Angel View's Surnow House. Home to six clients with muscular dystrophy who are wheelchair dependent, all enjoy their outdoor environment. Shrubs and brush had become overgrown though and the yard was in need of TLC.

Enter Jack Reid and family. Jack is the owner of Rancho Bonita Nursery. One cool December day, Jack and his family removed over 1,200 lbs. of green waste from the yard. Now it's muy bonita!



DISABILITY SPORTS FEST

On January 11, clients from six Angel View homes were among those participating in the Coachella Valley Disability Sports Fest, hosted by the Desert Recreation District and Incight. Free and open to people of all ages with all types of disabilities, events included handcycling, beep baseball, soccer, tennis, stand up and wheelchair basketball, archery, dance, martial arts and more. Angel View was a sponsor and had a booth in the vendor area.

“Our clients wore their medals with pride!” says Patti Park, chief operating officer. “Favorite sports included archery and basketball, and the wheelchair obstacle course.”

The course was the inspiration for our April 26 wheelchair race event.



AV Executive Director David Thornton and Tim Esser enjoy Tour de Palm Springs activities

TOUR DE PALM SPRINGS

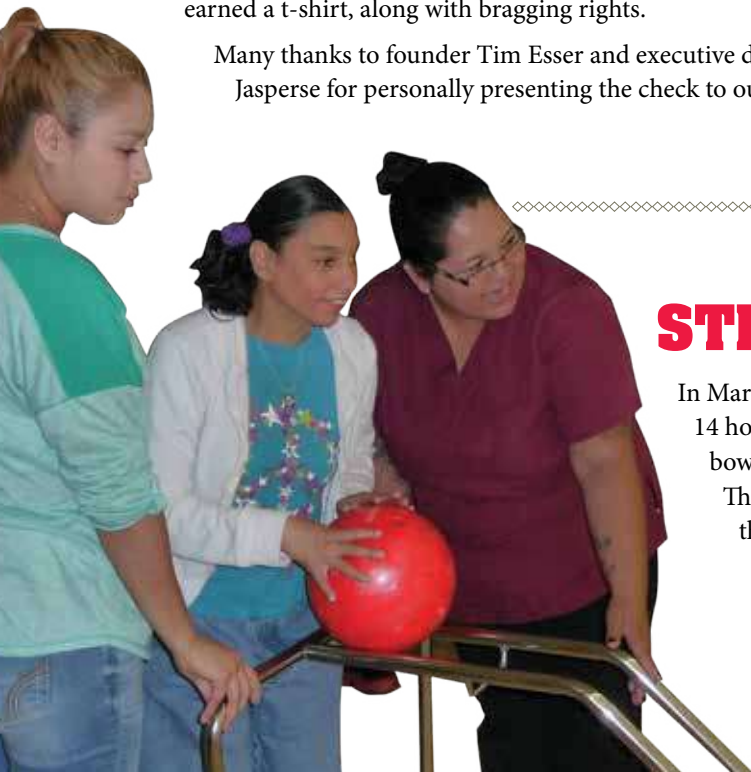
What could be better than participating in one of the Coachella Valley’s most colorful and beloved outdoor events? Participating AND receiving a donation of \$8,000!

Angel View has long supported the Tour de Palm Springs for CVSPIN by lending buses to pick up riders who break down along the way. The past two years, thanks to organizers’ inclusion of a one-mile wheelchair walk, our clients have also been able to take part in the fun.



On a beautiful day in February, approximately 30 Angel View clients and staff donned their wristbands and headed out. The course wound its way around historic neighborhoods and ended back at the finish line where everyone earned a t-shirt, along with bragging rights.

Many thanks to founder Tim Esser and executive director Daphne Jasperse for personally presenting the check to our board in March.



STRIKE!

In March, 76 Angel View clients from 14 homes enjoyed an afternoon of bowling at Fantasy Springs Casino.

Their competitive spirits shone, with the assistance of staff, as they watched their balls sail down the lanes. There was action aplenty as pins went flying. Way to go Greg Bryan for the day’s first strike. You’re a natural!



ANGEL VIEW OUTREACH GOES A STEP BEYOND



It started with a March 2 story in *The Desert Sun* and *USA Today* by Ian James, bringing to light the plight of Josué C., a local 2-year old diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), a rare genetic disorder with no known cure. Once able to take his first steps and say his first words, he is no longer able to speak or move.

James described in vivid detail what a taxing ordeal the deadly disease is for any family -- but particularly in this case. His mother, Reyna M., is a farm worker who had to quit her job to care for her dying child. She and her three children were living with her sister and her two kids in a broken down trailer without propane, hot water, or a working stove.

Since Angel View Outreach was created to help local children with disabilities, we contacted Ian to see how we could assist. He had received dozens of offers to help and needed a local agency to coordinate donations. Angel View volunteered. The MLD Foundation volunteered to connect Reyna with other MLD families.

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Over the course of three weeks, miracles happened. I've heard from donors around the country!" says director of development Catherine Rips, who along with executive director Dave Thornton supervises the Outreach Program.



"Several were personally impacted by MLD. They couldn't imagine having to deal with the disease and Reyna's living situation. Many stepped up immediately to help."

We also worked with partners at the Riverside County EDA Housing Authority to provide emergency housing. Thanks to the Housing Authority, the family has now moved into a new four-bedroom mobile home.

Besides housing, transportation was their greatest need. They had no way to transport Josué to Loma Linda, where he is under the care of pediatric neurologist Dr. David Michelson. Unexpected angels continued to assist. Someone had donated a car to an Angel View resale store. Instead of selling it, we donated it to the family.

Donors are now helping to put new tires on the vehicle, cover the cost of car insurance, and help with rent payments. "It's an incredible story," Catherine adds. "And as sad as it is, at least she knows so many people care."

To aid in their cause, and to help other local families struggling to raise children with disabilities, please mark donations "Angel View Outreach."

Toucans Tiki Lounge and Angel View Present

Our First Annual Pre-Tony Awards Party

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Tickets are limited so buy yours today!

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Tickets are available at www.angelview.org, (760) 322-2440, or Angel View, attn: Catherine, 12379 Miracle Hill Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. Please list the names of your guests on the back.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Knights of Columbus Assist

They might wear polo shirts instead of shining armor but Council #3215 has proven once again they're a dedicated band of brothers helping those in need. In March, the Indio Knights of Columbus Council raised \$693.75 for Angel View.

In September, they'll be at it once again. Council #3215 is holding a golf tournament with proceeds benefiting Angel View and the Wounded Warriors Program. We greatly appreciate your support!



Union Bank Foundation Supports Our Programs

Big thanks go out to Union Bank Foundation for supporting our special needs residential housing program. The program provides 24-hour nursing care, case management and nursing services, a wide variety of therapies, transportation to medical appointments, and transportation to quality of life outings.

In January, Stephen Christian, vice president/private banker, hand delivered both the big check and the small one to us. Each year, we are tasked with raising more than \$2 million for our programs. Support from foundations like Union Bank helps tremendously.

Angel View Treasurer Martin Russell, PhD, happily accepts Union Bank Foundation's grant from VP Stephen Christian.



Newman's Own Transforms Lives

Using the power of philanthropy to transform lives, Newman's Own Foundation gives away 100% of its after tax profits to charities around the world. Angel View is grateful to be among the foundation's beneficiaries.

"Newman's Own is such an inspiration!" notes Walter Johnson, MD, Angel View's board president. "We truly appreciate their support, as well as the friendship of Arthur and Patty Newman."

The \$5,000 grant helps us provide more than one million hours of service each year to children and adults with profound developmental and physical disabilities.



NEWMAN'S OWN
FOUNDATION





Indian Wells Adds \$ to Generator Project

Last issue, we announced that the City of Palm Desert had approved a grant that would help us install an emergency backup generator at the Angel View Day Program. We were still short of funds, though, so submitted a request to the City of Indian Wells. We were recently awarded a \$5,000 grant which will make up a portion of the shortfall.

It means the world to us to have the support of our communities. We can't thank the cities enough for assisting with this important public safety project.



A Lift from Rotary

With six clients with disabilities at each of our homes, staffers do a lot of lifting. To better support clients when they're being moved, we'd like very much to have an electric Hoyer lift with a sling and scales at every one of our homes. A recent \$3,000 grant from the Palm Springs Rotary Club Foundation helped us get one step closer.

The new lift is already providing greater comfort and safety for clients at Weingart House in the High Desert. Thanks Rotary!

Champions Volunteers Support Outreach Program

Without 1100 hard working volunteers, the BNP Paribas Open, the fifth largest tennis tournament in the world, would be hard pressed to run as flawlessly. But thanks to the efforts of those dedicated individuals, local non-profits have received donations totaling more than \$1.2 million. That's a love score everyone is proud of!

In November, Angel View received a \$5,000 grant for our Outreach program. Outreach services include free resources and referrals and help completing and filing forms; mileage reimbursement for medical miles traveled; special needs mini grants; and activity sponsorships for children with disabilities.

In 2013, the program covered more than 100,000 miles traveled by families accessing specialty pediatric care. Most appointments were at Loma Linda—a difficult cost to bear when trips are frequent.

"The program is funded entirely by grants and donation," notes executive director Dave Thornton. "So we are truly grateful for the support of our friends at the Champions Volunteer Foundation."



ANNUAL FEBRUARY LUNCHEON KICKS OFF AT THE PALM SPRINGS



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This year's colors are Red, Black and White

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EMPLOYEE NEWS

Chief Operating Officer Patti Park

Patti Park, formerly Angel View's director of administration, was promoted in January to chief operating officer. As COO, she is responsible for managing all operational aspects of the organization. Her responsibilities include providing 24-hour residential nursing care to children and adults with developmental disabilities in 19 group homes; oversight of the Angel View Day Program for adults with developmental disabilities; budget and administrative office operations; and Human Resources for Angel View's 260 healthcare workers.

"Angel View conducted a Strategic Plan a year or two ago to ensure we continue to meet community needs," Patti explains. "While there is still a very great need for the 24-hour residential nursing care we provide at our homes, there is a growing need for other services like our Day Program for adults with disabilities and our Outreach Program for local families raising children with disabilities. As a result, both of those programs are likely to be expanded in the future. We also hope to develop a work skills program for some of our clients in conjunction with our resale stores."

Prior to her work at Angel View, Patti was a regional administrator for the Department of Social and Health Services in Washington state. In this role, she provided leadership to 650+ employees serving 500,000 clients throughout six counties. Her responsibilities included program management of federal and state programs, quality assurance and service delivery, and operations management including oversight of a \$50 million operating budget and 12 facilities.

Patti embraces the mission, principles and vision of Angel View. She applauds community victories and individual triumphs.

"Since Angel View was founded, our most important issues and successes really haven't changed," she says. "Our primary concern is client safety and wellbeing. Our primary successes are their gains in independence. It's amazing to see them blossom with the help of adaptive technology. We have one client with muscular dystrophy who is paralyzed but wants to open a t-shirt business. We're helping him get business advice. It's very exciting to see the growth in his skills. But it's equally exciting to see a client who was previously unable feed herself learn to use a spoon. Success at Angel View is very individualized!"



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Christina Brown Bochicchio

She was hired through a grant from the Palm Springs Mayor's "Healthy Planet Healthy You" and Desert Healthcare Foundation to help move the needle on community wellness goals outlined in the Clinton Health Matters Initiative. Her charge is to ensure all of Angel View's clients benefit from an hour a day of physical activity. That was no small goal given that many of Angel View's clients have total or partial paralysis.

"Everyone gets stronger and stays healthier from regular exercise," says Bochicchio, who holds a master's of science degree in recreational therapy administration. "Our clients are no exception."

She should know. Her thesis dealt with development of a wheelchair sports performance test using a tool that analyzes each push of a wheelchair's hand rim. And before joining Angel View's staff, she participated in the planning and execution of several adaptive recreation and wellness events.

Since being a part of the Angel View team, she's helped coordinate activities ranging from our inaugural adaptive ski day to our first annual wheelchair races, held April 25 at Surnow House. She also served on the planning committee for the January Disability Sports Festival at Palm Desert's Civic Center Park where our clients earned medals in several events (see related story page 7).



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SPA CITY PALETTERS ART SHOW BENEFITING ANGEL VIEW

The Spa City Paletteers invited Angel View to be the featured non-profit at their annual spring art show in Desert Hot Springs. Aside from the main juried art show, they set up a mini show featuring interpreted art by members that reflected the spirit of Angel View. Volunteer chair Terry Roby, public relations director DeAnn Lubell-Ames, and executive director Dave Thornton spoke at the luncheon and judged the related works of art. There were three different categories. It wasn't easy to choose the winners – they were all great. The Best in Show award went to the artist who did a portrait of Melvyn, Angel View's therapy dog. All proceeds from the sale of artwork from the mini sideshow went to Angel View.



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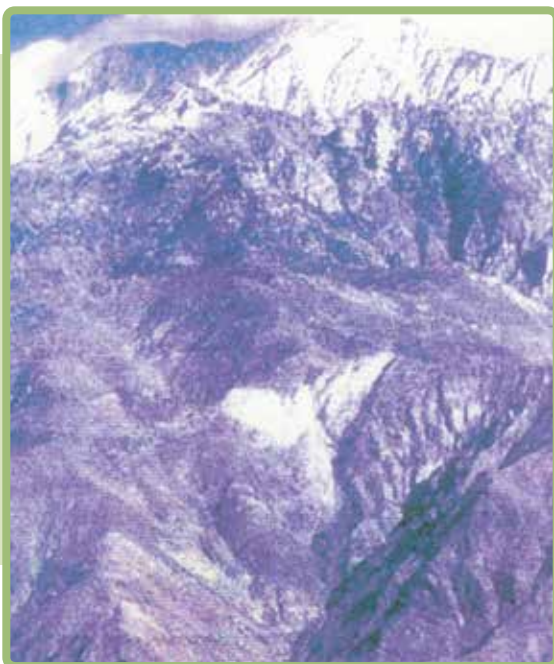
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