

## HOW TO HELP

To support our programs, please donate online, [www.angelview.org](http://www.angelview.org), send checks to Angel View, 12379 Miracle Hill Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240, or donate to and shop at our resale stores, [www.angelview.org/stores](http://www.angelview.org/stores). Thank you.

## Outreach Sponsorships Mean Kids Have Fun

Long hot summers can be a challenge for kids with disabilities. Because of high staffing requirements, few local programs are equipped to accommodate them. For kids like Miguel, who has an autism spectrum disorder, it can mean endless hours of watching TV.

Thankfully, Angel View Outreach was able to provide an activity sponsorship that improved his summer vacation. Our funds allowed the six year old to participate in karate. His parents report it is helping with his balance, coordination and his attention span.



Angel View's two bilingual outreach specialists are currently busy meeting with families to sign children up for a variety of programs. We're sponsoring children in aquatic programs, the UCP Skillbuilders programs in Desert Hot

Springs and Mecca, painting classes, the Children's Discovery Museum, class trips with teachers and fellow students, and more.

If you have a child 18 or under with a disability or want to refer a family for assistance, please contact Angel View Outreach at (855) 8AV-KIDS.

## State Budget Threatens Clients with Disabilities

**For organizations like Angel View that provide 24-hour care to clients with disabilities, the state budget can mean life or death.**

"Group home operators throughout California rely on Medi-Cal for funding," explains Walter Johnson, MD, president of the Angel View board of directors. "But since 2008, rates have been frozen and in some cases reduced, and wages and other operating costs have escalated significantly." The result is many providers have shuttered their doors and more may follow soon. In the past six years alone, 81 ICF/DD homes have closed. That spells disaster for people like **Jeanette**, who rely on group homes for food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

Born a healthy little girl, at age 10, the car Jeanette was riding in was hit by a drunk driver, an incident that dramatically changed her life. She suffered a brain injury and was paralyzed.

But thanks to the wonderful care she receives at Angel View, she has a full and happy life, using adaptive equipment to communicate with family, friends and staff.

A 10% rate increase was proposed in the 2015/16 California state budget, but it failed to make the final version. On June 19, Governor Jerry Brown called a special session to discuss how the state could raise money for programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. An increase is far from guaranteed, and if passed, still wouldn't cover Angel View's increased cost of group home services -- which have risen by 14% since 2008.

"We are fully committed to continuing to serve children and adults with disabilities," Dr. Johnson says emphatically, "and there are several ways people can help. Monetary donations, in-kind donations, and donations to our resale stores all enable us to keep giving people like Jeanette great care every day. If you're politically active, calls or letters to your legislators help as well."

As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's support!



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## Spend Your Holiday with Barry

Barry Manilow recently announced his third "A Gift of Love" Christmas charity concert series. We're pleased to say Angel View has been invited to participate in the proceeds. Scheduled to take place at the McCallum Theatre on December 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13, the concerts will feature his hit songs and holiday favorites.

You can support Angel View by purchasing VIP Premium tickets (located in the first 9 rows of the theatre) and selecting Angel View as the "benefiting charity" from the drop down list. These tickets are exclusively offered online at [www.agiftoflove3.com](http://www.agiftoflove3.com) or by phone at 310.957.5788. Premium Tickets sell for \$350 each; \$100 of that amount will automatically be credited to Angel View.

Public tickets, priced from \$25 to \$250, will go on sale in late summer at the McCallum box office. Angel View and other participating charities will share proceeds from the concert pool.

"Barry Manilow's generosity is legendary!" notes Catherine Rips, director of development. "He is not being compensated for these concerts -- it's just great entertainment for wonderful causes. We are extremely excited about this opportunity and hope you will select Angel View as your designated charity."

Thank you in advance for your support. Please share this information with your friends!







## Peter's Voice

By Peter Li, Angel View Resident

## Elected Officials Visit Angel View

Better quality of life...what does it mean for people with disabilities? For lots of us, there aren't many places to go except a nursing home or a long-term subacute when parents are unable to care for their children. A life of the bed. Who wants that? No one!

But there are group homes out there that can give the medically fragile a better quality of life. People working in this field see the transformation of their clients...from depression to smiles.



Recently, my housemates at Surnow House and I were told we were going to have visitors. Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and Senator Jeff Stone had each scheduled visits to see and feel for themselves what group homes are all about. "Awesome..."

My roommates and I gladly gave them both tours. We all helped out by sharing our before and after Angel View experiences, from the care we receive from staff to the life away from home.

Experiencing a group home is completely different from just reading a report with numbers. They were moved to the verge of heartfelt tears from what they heard and what they saw...the smiles of life.

We want to thank both of them for their leadership and advocacy, and for taking the time to come to Angel View and meet our clients. Thank you Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and Senator Jeff Stone!



## Pre-Tony Awards Party HAIR-RAISING SUCCESS!



This year's musical theme was "Hairspray," and the bouffants and beehives said it all. Huge appreciation goes out to all of our sponsors, performers and party goers for making the second annual Pre-Tony Awards Party, hosted by Toucans Tiki Lounge, a fabulous do.

Thanks and more thanks go out to our incredibly generous host, Toucans Tiki Lounge; our wonderful caterer, Lulu

California Bistro; and our sponsors: Aflac, Best Best & Krieger, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Heads Up Hair Design, Maryanov Madsen Gordon and Campbell CPAs, Maryellen Hill & Associates, Carole Landon, Maximum Security, Wayne Patterson, Piranha Swim & Water Polo, Vacation Palm Springs and Woody's Burger. Thanks too to our non-replaceable party committee of two: Steve Degenhardt and Steve Erickson.

## October 24 Car Show Benefits Angel View and Mizell Center

Just \$10 buys you entry to a trip down memory lane and \$5 buys the chance at a dream. The Great Autos of Yesteryear Palm Springs Casual Concours Charity Car Show presents classic cars lovingly preserved by ardent collectors mostly from throughout Southern California. Held October 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Desert Princess Country Club at Landau and Vista Chino, "The beautiful grounds, shady trees, signature styles, glittering paint jobs, refreshments and more add up to a great way to spend a day AND benefit your favorite charities," says Jay D'Angelo, president of Great Autos of Yesteryear.

For many years, Jay explains, the club held a Concours d'Elegance event in Los Angeles. "But the relaxed environment of Palm Springs won us over!" he adds. Hence the "Casual Concours."

The extremely popular car show, framed against the dramatic backdrop of the San Jacinto Mountains, is as much about helping the community as having fun. "We're very excited to be raising funds for two such wonderful causes," Jay concludes.

Mark your calendars now! For more up to the minute details, check "Events" on the Angel View website, [www.angelview.org](http://www.angelview.org).



A 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera Eisenhardt convertible conversion will be raffled off to a lucky ticket buyer!



## Clients On the Move



During the months of April and May, clients from 16 Angel View homes participated in Spring Fun Days at Camp Forrest, our annual day camp program. Those who couldn't make it to Joshua Tree didn't miss out though. Our fantastic staff brought camp to them!

"This year's activities include tie dying, baseball, football, archery, swimming, nature walks, arts and crafts and two new adventures," notes Katie Gerfen, camp director and physical activity coordinator for Angel View. "Pillo polo and Johnny Science."



Courtesy of Jonathon Martin, a former science teacher who is now an Angel View employee, "Johnny Science" featured magic tricks, tuning fork sensations, gooey play dough, archeology, and bubble blowing, to name just a few. Clients and staff also kept their muscles moving with a parachute. Waving the colorful fabric in popcorn-making fashion added visual stimulation and helped client coordination.

While spring means camp at Angel View, summer means Angel's baseball, thanks to donor and baseball outing sponsor Marshall Fisher. With the chant, "Swing batter, batter!" clients helped cheer on the home team, which last year held the best record in baseball.



## Patti Park Named Executive Director

In April 2015, Patti Park, formerly Angel View's chief operating officer, was named executive director. Dave Thornton, Angel View's longtime executive director, assumed the role of chief advocacy officer with a new office in Palm Desert.

Patti now leads all aspects of providing 24-hour residential nursing care to 110+ children and adults with disabilities at Angel View's group homes, operations of the organization's therapeutic Day Program for adults with disabilities; and Angel View Outreach, which provides free supports and services to local families struggling to raise children with disabilities. She is also responsible for HR, finance, facilities and administration.

In his new role, Dave advocates for individuals with disabilities at all levels, sharing the work of Angel View with stakeholders, establishing and maintaining working relationship with other community non-profits, government officials and others.

**COMING THIS MONTH:** a bigger, better Angel View resale store in Hemet!