

## CALLING ALL Angels

### Why is Angel View Calling All Angels?

According to Patti Park, executive director, "The reason is simple: our clients' needs are 24-7 and community needs are growing. So we've been developing exciting new initiatives in several areas to help even more people with disabilities reach their maximum potential."

New this year: a work training and placement program for clients of Angel View's growing Day Program, a family stabilization component for Angel View Outreach, and an initiative to connect donors with each of our 19 homes to make sure they are as safe and comfortable for our clients as possible. When we put it all together, we realized we couldn't succeed without Calling All Angels to assist.

"We've been serving the valley for 62 years and we plan to continue our work for as long as we're needed," Patti says. "Our hope is that the Calling All Angels campaign will raise much needed operating funds and increase awareness of the daily struggles faced by children and adults with disabilities."

The campaign draws people from all walks of life together to show support for children and adults who are often overlooked. In the coming year, we hope to meet with you personally at an event or for a tour. And we'll continue working with families of Angel View's current and future clients to make sure they know they are not alone.

When you make a gift to support Angel View's programs, shop at or donate to one of our resale stores, you become one of our angels. And we want to hear from you! Please take a few moments to visit our website, attend an event, or give us a call and let us know how we are doing.

**"Be an angel  
to an Angel."**



# Choose to be Extraordinary

Writer K. A. Laity said, "We have one precious life: do something extraordinary today even if it's tiny." By Calling All Angels, we're inviting everyone to do something extraordinary. Every contributor to our new annual campaign will help us accomplish three new important programmatic goals.

## Work Training and Placement

There's no greater satisfaction than being paid for a job well done, but many of our clients have never known that feeling. We're about to change that! We'll soon offer work training and placement to Day Program clients who will work under the direction of a job coach. Clients will be able to choose from participating employers to work in local businesses.



## Family Stabilization

Because many of the families we serve through Angel View Outreach need more in-depth case management than the program originally provided, we're adding a Family Stabilization component. We'll deliver training on calendaring healthcare appointments and arranging transportation, sharing time and energy with all children in the household, and budgeting/shopping to enable better food choices.



## Adopt-a-House

Angel View operates 19 group homes for 114 children and adults with disabilities. Each year, our staff provides 1 million hours of loving direct care. As you might imagine, industrial wheelchair use takes a toll on client homes. We are offering supporters the chance to directly impact clients' quality of life through our "home adoption" program. Please call Duke Graham for details, (760) 835-0464.



## Dancing Kings and Queens

Who doesn't love to dress up and dance? On April 9, Angel View clients had the chance to strut at their annual prom, sponsored by Rotary Club of Palm Springs. Nearly 100 clients and 75 staff were on hand for plenty of frolicking. Wheelchairs twirled to pulsing beats, courtesy of DJ Michael Sinatra. Ellie Trinidad, president of the Palm Springs High School Rotary Club (the Interact Club), and a dozen members danced with clients all evening.

"What makes this event so special is the interaction between the Interact Club and the Angel View clients," says advisor Judy Bronstein. "Everyone is having so much fun. One student said to me, 'I'm having more fun at this prom than I did at my own.'"

Kudos to the planning committee on a terrific event. Thanks to Dr. Helene Kalfuss, Rotarian/Angel View board member; Mark Davidson, Mark Davidson Photography; Tim Ellis, Rotary Club of Palm Springs; Jerry Martin, Festive Follies; Dick Olinn, Executive Security; and Palm Springs Florist.





# FUN DAYS AT CAMP FORREST

Each spring, Angel View clients participate in Spring Fun Days at Camp Forrest, Angel View's wheelchair accessible campground in Joshua Tree. While laughter and big smiles are always abundant, Katie Gerfen, activities coordinator and camp director, explains -- more goes on than meets the eye.

"It might look like clients are just having fun when they participate in archery, water games, hayrides and more," she says, "but our staff chart therapeutic outcomes for all participants before they arrive." An outcome for one might be as simple as becoming more receptive to a group setting, while for another, camp staff might work on range of motion, or help clients move past their comfort zones.

Why does Katie do this work? It's clearly a labor of love.

"Our clients have taught me more than I could ever teach them," Katie says. "My favorite part of the job is helping them see what they can do. Our clients can accomplish amazing things, they just need the opportunity to be challenged!"

Katie wanted us to share with all of you what a fabulous job the camp staff did this spring. Thanks to everyone for making it so special.



## Resale Store Expansions Bring New Shopping Opportunities



Shoppers throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties have new opportunities to take advantage of great buys on gently used merchandise. In recent months, the Temecula store moved to a new location, and new stores opened in Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto. As always, all proceeds from resale store sales directly benefit the children and adults with disabilities we assist through our programs and services. Donate. Shop. Be an Angel!



# Activity Sponsorships Promote Inclusion



Of the many hurdles faced by children with disabilities – one of the most painful is being excluded. “To make sure local kids don’t have to sit on the sidelines,” explains Amanda Galindo, Outreach Program manager, “we offer activity sponsorships for programs and activities that accept children with disabilities.”

In recent months, our outreach specialists have met with families throughout the valley to help enroll kids in myriad programs. “We sponsor the American Youth Soccer Association VIP teams in La Quinta and Cathedral City,” Amanda adds.

“AYSO VIP is a wonderful program for children with disabilities. We’ve also recently awarded sponsorships for bowling, the Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs Air Museum, Desert Recreation Centers, swimming, karate, Taekwondo and Little League.”

Benefits range from sensory stimulation to social skills building to improved focus. “A parent just told me how much karate has improved his child’s focus,” Amanda

says. “He said his son is able to sit still for longer periods – which for a child with autism is huge!”

If you have a child with a disability or know someone who would benefit from the program, call (855) 8AV-KIDS.



## Peter's Voice

By Peter Li,  
Angel View Resident

My brother, Jason, who has the same form of muscular dystrophy that I have, moved into Angel View's Surnow House two years ago. Recently the administrator asked me if it was okay for Jason to be my roommate... I said, “Okay.” We were excited...just like old times when we were living at home. The only difference is we have a bigger room. We don’t fight. We both share and are considerate of each other. It was always that way at home. No difference here.

But we had too much stuff. So we decided to get rid of both computer desks. No room. The next best thing was putting up wall shelves all over the room. “Looks nice.” It cleared up a lot of space. The funny part of being roommates is that we talk to each other through texting on our laptops even though we’re a few feet away from each other. We both have headphones on and can’t hear one another. People laugh when I tell them that. We can’t be happier to be roommates.

Peter and Jason Li, brothers and roomies, and their mom Lily, all donned Western attire for the Angel View Wild West Fashion Show last January.



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To help ensure Angel View's long term ability to serve children and adults with disabilities, a new Legacy Circle program has been established. As Carole Landon, secretary of the Angel View board explains, "Our goal is to support Angel View's mission through generous philanthropic estate gifts and grants received from Angel View supporters."

The Legacy Circle acknowledges and stewards estate gifts by supporters who become members. "For maximum flexibility," Carole adds, "the recognition can be by the name of the donor or donors, in honor or in memory of loved ones, or anonymously."

For full details, contact Duke Graham, director of development, at (760) 835-0464.





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# FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

Classic cars? PGA pros? Fashions? No matter what your style, Angel View has your interests covered. 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.



### October 28, 2016: Open House

2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Angel View Offices  
67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Suite A, 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 16-22: CareerBuilder Challenge

La Quinta, CA. Angel View is participating along with other nonprofits in Charity Row and benefits from the event. Information: (760) 346-8184. Tickets: visit [www.careerbuilderchallenge.com/tickets/](http://www.careerbuilderchallenge.com/tickets/)



### January 26, 2017: Angel View's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

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

## Open House October 28 – Join Us!

Over the summer, administrative staff moved from Desert Hot Springs to Angel View's new Cathedral City headquarters. The move freed up needed space in Desert Hot Springs to expand Angel View's therapeutic Day Program for adults with disabilities.

"On October 28, from 2 – 4:30 p.m.," says Patti Park, executive director, "we'll be holding an Open House so our friends and supporters can see the new offices." Watch your mail for more details. The new offices are located at 67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Suite A, Cathedral City, next door to the Angel View resale store.

