



61ST ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Honoring Jewish Federation of the Desert with special Donor Appreciation Award to Tamarisk Country Club.

Monday, February 16, 2015
Aqua Caliente Casino, Resort, and Spa



Tamarisk Country Club

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Bruce Landgarten, CEO of Jewish Federation of the Desert and Angel View Client of the Year, Steven Martinez



Angel View resident Peter Li wins International Peacemakers Corps Award.
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HELPING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL

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Angel View provides compassionate care to children and adults with disabilities through our 24-hour residential nursing care program, Day Program and Outreach services. For 60 years, we've succeeded in teaching clients skills they were once not able to perform. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing our clients' quality of life through innovative programs, Camp Forrest and frequent outings, Angel View relies heavily on grants and donations.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been a good 2014 for Angel View.

Our 60-year-old nonprofit organization has kept busy operating nineteen 24-hour residential group-homes for children and adults with disabilities and a congregate living health facility for ventilator dependent individuals with muscular dystrophy. Our Monday through Friday day program for adults with developmental disabilities and our community outreach program for local families struggling to care for their children with physical and mental challenges have been very successful.

We pledge to carry on our mission and look forward to 2015.

On behalf of our clients, staff and board—Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Walt Johnson, MD
President

Golf Cart Parade

By Patti Park, COO

Five Angel View employees, two residents and one volunteer donated their time on Sunday, October 26th to participate in the 50th Annual Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade.

The team arrived at 9:15 on El Paseo to decorate the Angel View cart. The cart theme was Angel View's 60 years of serving disabled children and adults in the Coachella Valley. At 11:30 our two Angel View residents arrived to walk the parade route with the cart. At 1:00 the parade started with 112 golf carts in the parade as well as a number of marching bands including the USC Trojan traveling band.

Angel View had great support from the crowd (estimated at about 20,000) and along the parade route radio stations read a short script about each cart so those viewing the parade heard that AV had been in the desert 60 years serving disabled children and adults and how donating or buying from the stores helps fund our programs. The parade team enjoyed the entire day and have already started to think about decorations for next year's parade.



From left to right: Cindy Cliburn, program director; Cheryl Irving, LVN/house manager; Peter Li, Angel View resident; Patti Park, chief operating officer; Catherine Rips, development director; Katie Gerfen, activities coordinator; Maria Quintero, Angel View resident; cart driver Pat Park, volunteer.



Dr. Martin Russell to Receive Distinguished Service Award at the 2015 Annual Luncheon

Dr. Martin Russell, a Jefferson Awards honoree, has been a member of the Executive Board of Directors of Angel View since 1973. He has served in many capacities including president of the board. He is presently the treasurer of the board and has been the chairperson of the Annual Luncheon Committee for many years.

During World War II, Dr. Russell enlisted in the United States Army Specialized Training Program and spent three years as a cryptographer cryptanalyst. He received his Bachelors from New York University, his Masters from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Sarasota. Fluent in Spanish, in 1966, he introduced programs in English as a second language in the Palm Springs Unified School District and College of the Desert. He was the host of one of the first Spanish speaking television shows called "Panorama Del Valley" on Channel 3 from 1972 to 1974. After spending 17 years in a family business, Dr. Russell worked for the Palm Springs Unified School District as a bilingual assistant and then as a school principal. Dr. Russell was a founder of the Opera Guild of the Desert; founder of the Chamber Opera Society; president of Jewish Family Services; a member of Jewish Federation of the Desert; vice president of the Mental Health Association; vice president Showcase Concerts; member of the Human Relations Committee of Palm Springs, and president of the Palm Springs Administrator's Association.

He shared 50 years of marriage with Betty, his beautiful wife, who was active with the Angel View Auxiliary and served as its president. "As a board member of Angel View, I have seen it grow from a small facility to a 52-bed hospital to our present 19 beautiful homes accommodating more than 100 individuals with disabilities," says Dr. Russell.

Fashion Show Review

Angel View Resale Stores division hit a homerun with a nearly sold-out luncheon/fashion show fundraiser at Cuiست Restaurant in Palm Desert. The popular annual fall event traditionally plays up a special fun theme. This year's theme was Hollywood Glamour. Attendees were encouraged to dress up as their favorite movie star.

The restaurant was teeming with Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Carol Channing, Barbra Streisand, Marlene Dietrich, and Fay Dunaway look-a-likes. The most rambunctious and fun-loving table belonged to hostess Lindi Biggi, who had her friends dress up in costumes representing all the characters from the Wizard of Oz. There was a lot to see and do. As soon as ticket holders stepped out of their car they were whisked up the red carpet flanked by old movie posters and memorabilia only to be greeted by Cat Lyn Day, a professional Marilyn Monroe impersonator and dead ringer for the famous star.

Once inside, it was hard to choose what to do first: go to your movie set designed table, venture out to the patio where a very attractive open-air boutique was set up along with a nice selection of silent auction items; or tour the rooms to see who is wearing what. Everything had been carefully planned out and orchestrated by Angel View's creative assistant general manager Shelly Lee. Dave Thornton, executive director of Angel View, welcomed everyone. Entertainer and signer, Lola Rossi, belted out songs that had everyone dancing in their seats. Master of ceremonies, Lee Ames, skillfully kept things moving throughout the program with his infectious charm and wit.

Models, most of whom were Angel View employees, walked from table to table describing their outfits, all obtained from Angel View's 16 resale boutiques. Guest models were radio/talk-show host Francoise Rhodes; Desert Sun Desert Scene director Betty Francis, Desert Magazine editor Mary Silverman, and former Follies performer Jonie Neighbors.



Grand Opening Resale Store in Old La Quinta Huge Success

It was a beautiful day for the grand opening of Angel View's newest store in Old Town La Quinta last Saturday. Long before the 9:00 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremonies, anxious customers were lined up around the block waiting to get inside and find their treasures. General Manager Tracy Powers gave a stirring speech, as well as Executive Director Dave Thornton, before the cutting of the ribbon. Folks rushed inside by the dozens to scoop up beautifully displayed merchandise.

"The grand opening sales were the best by far of any store we've opened in the past 10 years, even beating larger stores" said Powers. "Based on the non-duplicated prize-drawing entries, well over 500 customers passed through the doors. This is one of the most exciting new store locations we've opened in the past ten years, for two reasons. First, from the standpoint of a regional merchant, we think the La Quinta Cove is an underserved community. And second, from the day our sign went up, weeks before we opened, we have been flooded with donations, which are the life blood of our business."

The new Angel View Resale Store is located at 77975 Calle Tampico (the corner of Avenida Bermudas). Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations are gratefully accepted at any Angel View location. For more information and the addresses of other locations, please call 866.670.8666 or visit the web at angelview.org.



Resale Store Locations

BERMUDA DUNES

77898 Country Club Drive

CATHEDRAL CITY

68823 Highway 111

DESERT HOT SPRINGS

66389 Pierson Boulevard

HEMET

305 West Florida Avenue

INDIO

45430 Fargo Street

NORTH LA QUINTA

79400 Highway 111

OLD TOWN LA QUINTA

77975 Calle Tampico

MURRIETA

40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Rd.

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462 North Indian Canyon

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Peter Wins International Peacemakers Corps Medal for His Anti-Bullying Film *Weightless*

"I got an email from The AV Director of Development inviting me to make a video for The Peace in the Streets Film Fest. A month later, I got an email from them stating that my film *Weightless* was reviewed by a renowned, experienced and impressive Jury. I won second place in the Mentor category. I was shocked. The awards ceremony was held at the United Nations Building in New York. I was unable to go to New York. Thanks to DeAnn Lubell-Ames, Catherine Rips, Leanna Bonamici, Producer, PSGFF and Carole Summer Krechman, President, Peacemakers Corps Association. They worked together and brought New York to me. The award ceremony was held at the Shorts Showcase Awards Ceremony.

"Teasing is also a form of bullying. I was bullied in middle school. I was still walking back then. A student, Lance, and a few friends, made fun of me for the way I was walking. They said that I walked like a girl. The first few days I was able to ignore their taunting. After a week, it started to get to me. The following week, they would imitate

my way of walking. I couldn't handle it anymore. I thought about not going to school. It continued and I lost my balance and fell on my butt. I was in tears. I didn't even want to get up. My friend, Byron Furrow, saw me sitting on the ground. He helped me up and told me he would take care of it. I did not know what he was going to do. By the time I realized, everyone from my class knew about it. Some beat him up. Some punched him. And I don't know what else was going on. "I better do something about this. It's getting out of hand." I told all of them to stop. It was enough. I didn't hear anything afterwards. I got called to have a meeting with the principal and Lance. We worked it out and everything was fine. We both moved on. We became friends."



HALLOWEEN FUN

The Day Program consumers enjoyed a *spooktacular* fun-filled day packed with games, contests, a costume parade and party. This year was the highest participation we have ever had.



HEART FOR ART

Hearts for Art, part of Old Town Artisan's Studio in La Quinta, is now bringing art instruction to the Angel View Day Program via their mobile van on Wednesdays from 12-1:30. Our clients really love the experience of making something beautiful out of clay and glass.



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is great to be part of a special organization like Angel View. For more than 60 years we have provided many needed services to the disabled of our community. Both young and old receive services that help make life just a little easier. We care for more than 110 individuals in 19 group homes providing 24 hour care, 7 days per week. We have a day program serving more than 65 individuals who participated in creative activities 5 days per week. And our Outreach program provided more than 500 children with disabilities that live at home with needed supports and services.

More than the numbers of people we serve are lives we've changed. Below are just a few examples of how Angel View makes a difference. The experiences may appear so small but in reality, they are so very large.

There is Maria, who lives in one of our group homes, who recently rode her wheelchair down El Paseo representing Angel View in the 50th anniversary of the "Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade."

Maria could not have been prouder as she waved to a cheering crowd. All during the event she was seen smiling from ear to ear.

Then there is Daniel who lives at home with his parents in Palm Springs. Due to his limited arm movement, he was not able to get around well in a manual wheelchair and depended on the assistance of others. Angel View was able to provide him with a power wheelchair gifted to us by a recent donor. Daniel is now very happy to be able to attend Angel View's day program and return home each day with the aid of his new power chair. He now has the freedom to get around in his house and move about the community on his own.

And finally there is Beth, a young girl with autism living with her family in the City of Thermal. Beth received a specialized communication device from Angel View's Outreach program. With the help of a speech therapist, she is now able to communicate with her parents in ways she never could before. Her mother says Beth is more relaxed due to the help of the electronic aide and a caring instructor. These stories provide just small snapshot of how lives are impacted due to Angel View's programs and services.

As I said before, Angel View is a special organization. It has a special mission, "to help those in our care, reach their maximum potential." Our founders could not have chosen a more perfect mission 60 years ago. With your help, we will continue to carry out our mission to serve many more people in the years to come. Thank you all for your dedicated support of Angel View and those we serve.

May you and your loved ones have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Dave Thornton
Executive Director



ACTIVITIES!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE



Angel View COO Patti Park and CFO Mary Meze happily accept a check and a smile from Nena McCullough, SCE regional manager, local public affairs.

Edison Grant Helps Us Prepare

When you live on a major earthquake fault and work with medically fragile people, you can't be too prepared! Many thanks go out to our friends at Edison International who recently supported our emergency preparedness program with a \$5,000 grant. The program encompasses CPR and first aid training, automated electronic defibrillator (AED) training, and preparing for earthquakes and other disasters.

"At Southern California Edison," explained Nena McCullough, regional manager, local public affairs, we believe our role goes beyond our core mission of safely providing reliable and affordable electric service. That's why we partner with nonprofits like Angel View to invest time and money where we can make a difference and address issues." We are grateful for the support!

Grants Enable Us to Exceed Goals

We greatly appreciate three recent grants from BBVA Compass Foundation (\$2,500), the City of Palm Desert (\$5,000) and City of Rancho Mirage (\$3,000). The first two support our transportation program; the third our food service program. Thanks in part to their assistance, next year, we will provide 35,000+ client trips to medical, dental and therapy appointments, and quality of life outings. We'll also purchase, prepare and serve a record-breaking 135,000 meals to our clients. We couldn't do it without you.



Frankie Riddle is shown here with Hank Kotzen, vice president of the Angel View board.

City of Palm Desert Lends a Hand

Many thanks to Frankie Riddle, director of special programs, and all our friends at the City of Palm Desert for their support of our emergency back-up generator project.



Thanks Gannett!

Our thanks go out to everyone at Gannett Foundation for a \$2,000 grant for general operating support.



Desert Women for Equality Support Outreach

Several years ago, Desert Women for Equality graciously enabled several Angel View employees to have no cost mammograms. More recently, the hardworking group invited nonprofits to apply for grant funds.

We are thrilled to say we were awarded \$7,500. All funds will be used to provide essential services and supports to low income families raising children with disabilities.

Thanks to everyone at DWE for your generosity!



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Makeover Courtesy of Jewish Federation

Thanks to a \$36,000 grant from Jewish Federation and the Tamarisk Men's and Women's Golf Committees, over the summer, we were able to purchase new high-low beds which are safer for clients at Friedman's and Joel's houses along with new dressers, night stands, living room furniture and more. The environments at both homes were greatly enhanced by the generous contribution.

Flooring Innovations Helps with Television Exposure

A big thank you goes out to Bill Nicholson, president of Flooring Innovations for including Angel View as one of the non-profits showcased on his 30 minute *philanthromercial*. The show currently airs on CBS Local 2 Sunday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and is randomly shown on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through December 27, 2015. You can also catch it on the Fox Channel 11 on December 9, 12, 16, and 19 at 5:00 a.m. Tune in, please!

SAVE THE DATE



Swim in the New Year 10K sponsored by the Piranha Masters Swimmers benefiting Angel View on **December 31, 2014** 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Swim Center. For more information call 760-778-8562.



The Gardens on El Paseo 2015 Annual Concert Series benefiting Angel View on **March 14, 2015**. For more information contact DeAnn Lubell-Ames at 760-831-3090 or lulubell24@aol.com.

Wish List

Funded entirely by philanthropy, Angel View Outreach assists local children with disabilities. Many make frequent trips to Loma Linda for specialty pediatric care. The cost of travel is such a burden families are often faced with a choice of buying gas or food. This year we're on track to assist 600 children. Help us meet our goal!

To make a donation, contact director of development Catherine Rips at info@angelview.org or contribute online, www.angelview.org.

Please note the funds are earmarked for Angel View Outreach. Thank you!

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Event Info

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The festivities will begin at 9:30 for bazaar shopping and silent auction. The program and luncheon starts at noon. This popular fundraising event will include the awards ceremonies, as well as a special appearance by the nationally acclaimed dance performer Christy Lane, who will cleverly engage the audience in a fun demonstration of dancing through the decades. There will also be a short performance by Angel View's Day Program clients. Angel View's client of the year is Steven Martinez.

**JOIN
US!**

Tickets are only \$85. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, tribute ads, and silent auction needs call Cynthia Buckner at 760-406-1016 or www.angelview.org

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The Services We Provide

Angel View provides a full range of services for children and adults with disabilities. We provide 24-hour nursing services in group homes that emulate a family environment. In addition, we operate a Congregate Living Health Facility for ventilator dependent clients with muscular dystrophy, a weekday Day Program for adults with developmental disabilities, Angel View Outreach for local children with disabilities and Camp Forrest, our fully wheelchair accessible summer camp. Because Angel View exists, 100% of the local residents who need our services have them available without leaving the Palm Springs area. Angel View's mission, and our forte, is helping children and adults with disabilities reach their maximum potential.

Helping children and adults with developmental disabilities is not just our business, it is our passion!

All our efforts are directed toward helping clients acquire the skills they need to function with as much independence and self-determination as possible.

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