

New Mid-Valley Location

Thanks to a serendipitous property exchange, Angel View has a fabulous new building in Cathedral City. The Angel View store that had been located for 40+ years in the “white barn” was moved a few blocks down Highway 111 to the new location at 67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive. Because the new building is double the size of the old store, for the first time, Angel View will have some of its administrative offices and programs in a convenient mid-valley location.

As Tracy Powers, general manager of Angel View’s stores explains, “For decades, our Cathedral City store has been one of our most successful. But it was located in the heart of an area the city wanted to redevelop. After several years of looking for a suitable alternate, Angel View and the City Urban Revitalization Corp. worked together on a property exchange.” The new store opened on January 23 and has already proven to be a favorite with local shoppers.

The building’s size was an unexpected gift. “Enrollment in our Day Program for adults with disabilities has already tripled since we started it in 2008,” notes Patti Park, executive director, “so we’re bursting at the seams in our current location. Having this building will allow us to free up space in Desert Hot Springs by moving some of our administrative staff to Cathedral City.

We will also relocate our Outreach Program staff to Cathedral City. The central location will make it easier for them to meet with families throughout the desert who are raising children with disabilities.”

The new space provides another important benefit. “We will now be able to add a Supported Employment component to our Day Program,” Patti adds. “We look forward to helping people with disabilities find local jobs.” For information on how to help, please call or email our Development Office at (760) 835-0464, dgraham@angelview.org.



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Volunteers Donate Time, Talents

On January 14, for the 8th consecutive year, congregants from Desert Cities Church of Christ celebrated the Martin Luther King Day of Service by volunteering at Angel View. Some 75 participants, from elementary school age to adults, were on hand to help beautify the Angel View campus, which is the site of a therapeutic Day Program for adults with developmental disabilities. Desert Hot Springs Mayor Scott Matas welcomed the group.

“When we moved to the desert nine years ago, we decided we wanted to partner with a cause where we’d become like family,” says Mj Saltz, local HOPE Worldwide representative. “We chose Angel View because of the wonderful work they do for people with



disabilities. My husband Danny and I have a daughter with autism so we formed an immediate, personal connection to Angel View.”

Angel View was also the grateful beneficiary of beautiful handmade quilts, lovingly created by congregants of Trinity Lutheran Church, who wanted to be sure none of our clients were cold this winter. In addition to their handiwork, to generate funds to further assist our clients, they donated all items leftover from their bazaar fundraiser to our resale stores.

“We are very grateful to have been adopted by these hard-working groups,” notes Patti Park, executive director. “It’s an honor to share our mission with people whose hearts are so giving.”



Contact us to learn more about how to support Angel View!



Peter's Voice

By Peter Li,
Angel View Resident

I went to the 4th Annual DisAbility Sports Festival in Palm Desert with two of my roommates. This was the first year for having power soccer. The coach, Steve Everett, brought his wheelchair. It was tiny, compact and very low to the ground...with tiny wheels and a rectangular metal guard rail all around. I was wondering how we would play if we didn't have the plastic guards in front of our footrests. Steve had plastic crates we tied in front of our power wheelchairs with zip ties and bungee cords. A quick fix.

While Steve and his team were putting crates on their chairs, I went to hit the soccer ball around the gym. “I gotta practice a little bit.” It was finally my turn. I went to go try it out. I can hit the ball safely. “Awesome.”

Steve had us form a circle so he could explain the rules, then we formed teams. A rivalry was born! Even though we never played each other and it was my first time playing power soccer, it was a close game – 4 vs. 3.

Every time I saw the participants hit the ball, it put a smile on their faces. That was the best part of the game. Patti Park, Angel View's executive director, and Katie Gerfen, our activities coordinator, liked it so much that they decided to do power soccer on the Angel View basketball court. “Thank you Judy May!!!”



Duke Graham Named Development Officer

Fundraising is the staff of life for nonprofits, and in Angel View's case, every donated dollar helps us serve children and adults with disabilities. So we are pleased to welcome Duke Graham as development officer. He will lead Angel View's annual giving program, major gifts, legacy program, donor recognition and events.



Duke was formerly director of development at the College of Natural Sciences at California State University, San Bernardino. Earlier he served as director of regional development at the University of California-Riverside. Before moving to the desert, he worked in development at the Rhode

Island School of Design and the New England School of Law. He is a graduate of Amherst College and earned a master's degree at Northeastern University.

Duke would love to hear from you, dgraham@angelview.org; (760) 835-0464.

Living the High Life

From rock walls to the top Bear Mountain, Angel View clients were out having fun this winter, testing their limits, enjoying nature. Supporters like you make it possible!



Jewish Federation, Tamarisk Women's Association Put WHEELS IN MOTION

For residents of Angel View's homes, mobility is the ticket to quality of life. But it takes specially equipped vehicles to transport them to their medical, dental and therapy appointments, and to take them to visit family members and on community outings.

"We like to have a vehicle at each of our 19 group homes," explains Patti Park, executive director, "but some of them are past the end of their natural life. The van at Friedman House, for example, was one of our oldest – a 13-year old van. So we were

thrilled that Jewish Federation of the Desert and the Women's Association of Tamarisk Country Club took our plight to heart!" They raised the funds necessary to purchase a new wheelchair accessible vehicle, complete with high ceilings and a wheelchair lift.

"None of our organizations can meet all the needs of our community by acting alone," notes Bruce Landgarten, CEO of Jewish Federation, "so it gives us great pleasure to partner with Angel View in the care of clients with profound disabilities. We are inspired by the work they do to help clients reach their maximum level of independence, and by the acts of kindness done on their behalf by the Tamarisk Women's Association."



Jewish Federation of the Desert and Tamarisk Women's Association dynamo worked tirelessly to raise funds for this new wheelchair accessible van for clients at Friedman House. At press time, the wheelchair lift was being installed.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, spring means PROM at Angel View.

Spring Fun Days at Camp Forrest are starting up as well. Look for photos on the web and in our next issue.



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Clients Model at Annual Fashion Show



Decked out in aubergine, Angel View client Marlina S. happily poses in front of the entryway props at our Wild West Show fundraiser.

For the first time, Angel View clients participated in our annual fundraiser, held on January 28 at Cuistot Restaurant. They strutted their stuff alongside professional models and enjoyed the experience immensely! As always, all models wore

fashions from our resale stores, proving once again that gently loved items can be perfect for formal and semi-formal occasions.

The event raised \$40,000, which enables us to give 100 mini-grants to children with disabilities who need our assistance.

Thanks again to our guests and sponsors for making it such a terrific event: Auen Foundation, Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, Suzanne and David Etheridge, Galen Family Foundation, Gateway Mattress, James R. Houston, Carole Landon, Donna MacMillan, Gunther Machnik, McConnell Living Trust, Toby and Mike Navarro, Patty and Arthur Newman, Northern Trust, Riverside County District 4, The Zenith©, United Cerebral Palsy – Inland Empire, Whitewater Rock.

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Groundbreaking Held for New Clearance Center



On March 23, Angel View broke ground on a 26,250 square foot clearance and transportation center on Dillon Road west of Bearce Road in Desert Hot Springs.

When complete, it will serve as the headquarters for all of Angel View's resale operations.

"This project is a win for people looking for a unique shopping experience, the City of Desert Hot Springs, and most of all, Angel View's clients," says Tracy Powers, general manager of Angel View's resale stores. "The revenue generated by the new clearance center will help fund our programs for children and adults with disabilities. It will also provide a number of environmental benefits and needed tax revenue for the City of Desert Hot Springs."

By moving the clearance center and transportation

operations to the 2+-acre industrial site and utilizing commercial trash and material handling equipment, trips into and out of the valley by long distance haulers will be dramatically reduced. The new location, near I-10 and Hwy 62, will facilitate shipments of baled textiles, bulk recyclable metals, recycled e-waste and pre-crushed and compacted materials.

Scott Matas, mayor of Desert Hot Springs, adds, "We're so pleased to support this project. Angel View has been part of the city's history since 1954."

Angel View's resale stores accept more than 3 million pounds of donated material each year that is then resold, reused or recycled. The stores offer shoppers great prices on gently used apparel, shoes, jewelry, accessories, books, household goods and more. Proceeds from the sale of the donated items are used to provide a wide range of essential services to children and adults with disabilities who live in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



Representatives from Mission Springs Water District, Angel View, and the City of Desert Hot Springs help break ground for the new center.

