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Each spring, several county departments conduct program audits of our agency, the results of which are generally very positive and this year was no exception. Maintaining compliance with our COA (Council on Accreditation) standards for the past 16 years assists us immensely as we are always prepared for the numerous audits we endure due to our vast programs and the many counties we serve. I am proud of our staff for keeping us in good shape.

Speaking of pride, it gave me great pleasure to attend a special Woman of the Year luncheon at the Music Center where our governing board president, Dee Gadbury, was presented an award by LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich on behalf of his district. Congratulations, Dee!

Many of our youth attended the Success is Our Future formal banquet sponsored by the Probation Department to honor significant achievements in academics, sports, art and music. The boys donned Tuxedos graciously donated by Friar Tux in Pasadena. The girls wore beautiful dresses provided by the annual Glamour Gowns and Suit Up event which provides foster youth with free prom dresses and suits along with accessories and a personal shopper. This year, they also provided suits to our male high school graduates and we wish to extend special thanks to advisory board member and Glamour Gowns committee member Jennifer Parker-Stanton for ensuring our youth received such incredible outfits.

In May, we held our annual Employee Giving Campaign and raised $15,700 thanks to 150 staff who voluntarily donated to the campaign, most through payroll deduction. It is gratifying to see so many staff members giving back to the agency and our entire board and executive team thanks those who contributed. We also thank board members Larry Brown (and his wife Ronna) as well as Pam and Steve Duben for their generous annual contributions.

Our annual graduation dinner sponsored by our advisory board was held at Occidental College on June 8 and what a success it was. The following week, twelve Optimist Charter School graduates were presented with their high school diplomas in an emotional ceremony in our gymnasium.

On June 13, our basketball team awards banquet took place in Monrovia. This annual event is sponsored by the Pacific Southeast District of Optimist International and is enjoyed by all.

Our main fundraising event, the Mentor Awards Gala, will take place Thursday October 20 at The California Club. Our very special honorees include LA County Supervisor Don Knabe who will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award, governing board member Sherriff Jim McDonnell who will receive the Mentor Award and advisory board member and loyal volunteer Susie Parker will be presented with the Humanitarian Award. Karen and John Odom are the event chairs and HLN’s Michaela Pereira and KTLA’s Chris Scauble will return as our emcees.

I wish all of our readers a safe and fun summer and thank our staff, volunteers, donors, and board members for their continued support of our agency as we cannot do it without you.
Mentors and Volunteers Make the World Go Round

ELIZA CASTANEDA

volunteers in our Residentially Based Services program and came to Optimist through a student internship program at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

She grew up near the agency and decided to complete her internship here because she had always wondered as a kid what Optimist was about. “Once I started volunteering, I found out how important this program is to my community and to the world”, said Eliza. “I really enjoy working with the staff and the kids”.

Eliza has been volunteering at Optimist for one year and has volunteered in C dorm alongside line staff and managers. She has also completed projects with the girls at the Eagle Rock Group Home as well as various administrative assignments. Eliza is a great example of a dedicated volunteer and we are so grateful for her service.

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Reece Castillo is a mentor to one the boys in our Independent Living Program. When we asked Reece why he wanted to become a mentor, he said, “I’ve always tried to find ways to give back to my community and I have learned that I thrive when making connections with people. I’m currently learning about children and adolescents in nursing school and have realized that positive relationships earlier in someone’s life can have such a profound effect on their future success.” When mentoring, I feel that the relationship is reciprocal, they learn from me, and I learn from them. I love people, young and old, and I love making connections. I feel that everyone is important and that each and every person has something special that can be shared. I’m a patient person and enjoy listening to people’s stories. I truly believe that all we have in life are the connections that we’ve made, and the relationships we have, have helped build our character. My goals in life always involve having positive and meaningful relationships, which is why I have chosen nursing as a career. I am really enjoying this experience with my current mentee; he is smart and motivated about his future career goals. My mentee has a broad-view of his future. I would like to work on creating a more concise view with 3 and 5-year short-term goals with him. Although, we’ve only just begun, I feel we’re off to a great start”.

Thank you, Reece, for being such a positive example to our youth!
In the fall of 2011, Desiree Renee Duarte was admitted to Optimist’s Eagle Rock Group Home as a result of being arrested for forgery. “In the beginning, my plan was to just do my time and go back to doing what I was doing at home,” said Desiree. “I really enjoyed having no structure because my parents were going through a tough time due to my sister’s death. It was a way for me to feel free, so I was on my own and had my own idea of what I wanted to do”.

However, once Desiree arrived at Optimist and started working with Sandra, one of the group home staff, she began opening up during their many conversations. She felt understood and that made it easier for her to discuss her feelings.

“With her understanding and me letting go of issues, I was able to receive everything they were trying to teach me; structure, empathy and being in touch with my feelings”.

Desiree believes the time she spent at Optimist shaped her into the person she is today and is grateful for the experience. Upon graduation from the program, she continued to attend Optimist Charter School and received her high school diploma in 2015. She is now a mother and will begin attending trade school in 2016. Keep up the great work, Desiree!

Staff Hero Sam Omaivboje

These days, it is rare for an employee to remain at an organization for 26 years; however, Optimist is fortunate to have 15 such employees. One outstanding member of our staff that fits into this category is Sam Omaivboje.

During his long, successful tenure with us, Sam has held several positions both on our main campus and in our group homes. He currently serves as a case aide in our OD (Officer of the Day) office and works the night shift. Sam is described as loyal, warm, firm and caring. He has been well respected and liked by the thousands of young people with whom he has come into contact and is indeed a true Staff Hero.
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ON JUNE 8, OUR ADVISORY BOARD HOSTED THE 9TH ANNUAL GRADUATION DINNER FOR ALL OF OUR 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. THE EVENT WAS HELD AT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND EACH STUDENT WAS ALLOWED TO BRING A GUEST TO HELP THEM CELEBRATE THIS MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT. SEVERAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF WERE PRESENT AND SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, RUDY CASTRO, DELIVERED A MOVING AND UPLIFTING MESSAGE ABOUT OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AND RISING ABOVE CHALLENGES. OUR BELOVED MICHAELA PEREIRA WAS IN ATTENDANCE AFTER A FEW YEARS’ HIATUS AND MOST OF THE GRADS GOT UP AND SPOKE TO EXPRESS THEIR EXCITEMENT AND GRATITUDE.

EACH GRADUATE RECEIVED A NEW SUIT THANKS TO JENNIFER PARKER-STANTON AND THE GLAMOUR GOWNS AND SUIT UP COMMITTEE, A CHROMEBOOK AND A $100 TARGET GIFT CARD. WE WISH TO THANK THE FESTIVAL OF TREES COMMITTEE, THE BURBANK - MAGNOLIA PARK OPTIMIST CLUB, THE PALM DESERT OPTIMIST CLUB, AND THE SADDLEBACK OPTIMIST CLUB OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THE CHROMEBOOKS.

THE EVENING AS A WHOLE WAS PERFECT AND WE’RE SO PROUD OF OUR GRADUATES!
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Thanking our Major Donors

On April 7, our Major Donor Thank You Reception took place and the kids in our Independent Living Program (with the help of Mama Susie Parker) prepared and served the over-the-top delicious food to the attendees.

The kids took great pride in their creations, describing each appetizer and dessert in detail, and continued to mingle with the crowd for the duration of the event.

It was a memorable evening for all and we hope our most generous donors know just how special they are to us and how grateful we are for their continued support.
OPTIMIST HOSTS 14TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY FOR STUDENTS

On Thursday, May 26, our 14th Annual Career & College Fair took place and featured 23 careers and colleges for our students to explore. This meaningful event gives our youth a picture of gainful employment and educational opportunities available to them once they leave Optimist and we are happy that this year's event was a success.

Thank you to the following participants for taking the time to contribute to this worthwhile event: Nick Alvarado (SoCal Mobile DJ); Deputy Michael Fleisher (L.A. County Fire Department – Saugus Forestry Unit); Irene Roach (Glendale Community College Nursing Program); Leland Lau (CPA); David Ikeda (District Attorney); Byron Tecum, Susie Parker and Zaneta Smith (Culinary Arts); Richard Niederberg (Entertainment & Law); Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department; Jane Templin (LA Electrical Training Institute); Joshua Hernandez (Wells Fargo Bank, Eagle Rock Branch); Leonard Reeves (Kaiser Permanente); Tamra Tejeda (HR Recruitment); Stephanie Nelson and Tina Angulo (Social Work/Therapists); Louis Hale (Graphic Design); Raul Gutierrez and Meishelle Blount (LA County Department of Probation); Ronail Shelton (Personal Fitness Trainer-ENTfit); Edison Valderrama (US Navy); Nory Kotroso and Mathew Miller (Enterprise Fleet Management); Amber Rushing (L.A. Conservation Corps); Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills; Vance Weisbruch (Real Estate-Peckley Properties); Dennis Gutierrez (Government and Leadership Development & Training Consulting); Veronique Vanderbeke (Dog Trainer); ZMS Academy; El Camino Community College; Make-Up Design “MVD” College; Westwood College; Los Angeles Valley College; California State University, Northridge and Pasadena Community College.

WE DAY 2016

WE Day is a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. WE Schools is a yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create transformational social change. Together they offer young people the tools and the inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives—including their own.

WE Day combines the energy of a live concert with the inspiration of incredible stories of leadership and change. This stadium-sized event—held in 14 cities in the US, Canada and the UK—brings together world-renowned speakers and performers with tens of thousands of youth to celebrate the power of service.

On April 7, several Optimist residents attended WE Day at The Forum as a reward for taking on one local and one global action. Our youth focused on recycling and water conservation, placing all bottled products into recycling bins and designing water conservation posters for the dorms as a constant reminder of the terrible drought California is facing.

WE Day 2016 was an exciting and fun-filled day our residents won't soon forget.
7TH ANNUAL STUDENT RECOGNITION DINNER

On April 2, we hosted the 7th Annual Student Recognition Dinner in the gymnasium on our main campus. This event is an opportunity for our supporters to sponsor one of our youth and sit with them during dinner while getting to know more about them.

The guests were treated to lovely music provided by Masumi and our special guest speaker, Sasha Gomez, who is also a past client, delivered a heartfelt message which resonated with the kids. It’s always a wonderful event and we thank all of the participants for ensuring its success.

VOLUNTEER’S DAY 2016

Volunteer’s Day honors all volunteers who are working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain. Our volunteers have over 7,300 hours combined for this season alone!

On April 16, twelve Optimist volunteers celebrated Volunteer’s Day by completing a project to revamp our charter school library. They were kept incredibly busy as they alphabetized, organized, and shelved over 400 new books and helped set-up 6 computers. The library is now in great shape and ready for the kids to enjoy it. Thank you, Optimist volunteers!

2ND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER THANK YOU RECEPTION

On April 14, we hosted our annual Volunteer Thank You Reception to acknowledge the countless hours and effort our volunteers so freely give to Optimist and our youth. The guests mingled with one another, enjoyed delicious food and interacted with some of the kids. Three of our mentors, Jack Scott, Storm Klyve-Underkofler and Carlos Rosas were presented with Mentor of the Year awards by their mentees.

Optimist wouldn’t be as successful as it is without the countless contributions of our volunteers and we realize how fortunate our agency and residents are to receive so much support from this caring group.
Cinco de Mayo Staff Appreciation Picnic

On May 4, we held a Cinco de Mayo themed staff appreciation picnic complete with a taco bar, music, games, prizes, popcorn, gelato and loads of laughter. Our staff work incredibly hard and this is one small way we can show just how much we appreciate their dedication, loyalty and commitment to our kids.

Watching the Dodgers in Style

On Sunday, June 5, McCourt Global (http://mg.com/) invited twenty of our residents to sit in their Luxury Suite at Dodger Stadium for the LA Dodgers vs. Atlanta Braves game. The kids had a wonderful time and it was definitely a highlight of their year.

Thank you, McCourt Global, for graciously enabling our youth to experience such a unique and special opportunity!

Larry & Ronna Brown Continue to Give Generously

For the third year in a row, longtime Optimist board member Larry Brown and his wife, Ronna, donated $10,000 to support our vital services and programs for at-risk youth and families. Thank you from the bottom of our heart, Larry and Ronna. Your commitment to Optimist is exceptional and we are so grateful to both of you.

Off to College You Go!

Congratulations to Darryl R., a youth in our Foster Family program, who was recently accepted into California State University, Los Angeles. Darryl is extremely excited and is looking into the possibility of living in the campus dormitory in addition to exploring the THP-Plus program, which provides 24 months of supportive housing to former foster youth, age 18 to 24, with the goal of reducing homelessness among this population. Good luck, Darryl!

Please consider including OYHFS in your will. We who have devoted our professional life in the charitable world have seen the great good a bequest can provide for our ultimate beneficiary, Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services. Indeed, estate gifts help us serve future generations.

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Governing Board Volunteer of the Year

Longtime supporter and board member, Lenna Welling, received the Volunteer of the Year Award at our annual governing board dinner in June.

Lenna has represented the Pacific Southwest District of Optimist International on our board for some four years now. She regularly participates in all agency events, represents us at Optimist International district quarterly, consistently donates to our annual Gala, has 100% attendance at board meetings, drives other board members to meetings and events, contributes to and works incredibly hard on the annual Festival of Trees event and simply never says no when asked to do something for the agency.

We are grateful for Lenna’s tremendous support and congratulate her on this honor.

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We are grateful to Glamour Gowns and Suit Up, as well as to Jennifer Parker-Stanton, for ensuring our youth benefit from this extraordinary event each year.
The Optimist Book Club

The recently formed Optimist Book Club is a vehicle for residents to discuss books they’ve read at weekly meetings. Members are all given the same book and during meetings, discuss the chapters they’ve read and the themes that are developing. Participants analyze characters and their decisions in relationship to themselves. This allows the residents to relate to characters in the book, and also to each other. They are also prompted to analyze the literature by recognizing elements of figurative language, imagery, and aspects of the plot, like foreshadowing.

The book club members are encouraged to annotate in their books, as they are allowed to keep it. Once everyone finishes the book, we hold a party at which they eat snacks, play a game that relates to the book, or watch the movie based on the book.

Optimist Book Club’s main purpose is to encourage reading and learning in a fun and positive setting. The aim is to provide a new experience and a new story for the residents to reflect on, relate to, and gain insight from. We applaud our dedicated staff member Kara Leigh Huse for creating and heading up this worthwhile program.

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5TH ANNUAL 5K WALK 4 YOUTH WALKATHON RAISES ALMOST $25,000

The 5th annual 5k Walk 4 Youth Walkathon was a success with almost $25,000 raised and plenty of fun had by all. Held April 24, 2016, the Walkathon featured music, dancing, games, arts and crafts, and of course, walking!

We want to give special thanks to the Top 5 Fundraisers: Cindy Osbrink, Robert Newman, Megan Barr, Prcilla Pinon and Jen D’Alvarez and our Top Team: Osbrink Agency. We also want to thank Rosemary Thomas for emceeing the event, the 92.3 Street Team for providing awesome music and all of the volunteers for helping out.

Finally, we extend tremendous gratitude to the event sponsors which included: Osbrink Agency, Landegger Baron Law Group, The Greeley Family, City National Bank, US Bank, Pro-Line Inspections, Kaye Capital Management, Food Solutions Penny’s Burgers, Dubnoff High School, The Salcido Team, Sumako Cohrs, Bacaro-LA, Monterey Hills Dental, Ricoh, Realty Advisory Group and Elitecom.

SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HONORS 5TH DISTRICT WOMEN OF THE YEAR

On March 14, OYHFS Governing Board President Dee Gadbury was honored for her service to women by the La County Commission for Women at their annual luncheon. Dee was nominated by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich for her many accomplishments and contributions.

Dee Gadbury has been leading the way for women’s causes from a young age starting a female club at the age of 12. Dee began working with Optimist International at a time when it was an all-male organization, eventually helping to develop the first all-women’s Optimist Club, paving the way for other male-oriented organizations to include women. She has been actively involved as a board member and now president of the board of Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services. Under her leadership, they provide comprehensive treatment, specialized education, and support services to abused, neglected or at-risk children, and their families.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to OYHFS Board Members Malak Kazan, Cathy McCutcheon and Linnie Murphy for attending this event in support of Dee, as well as PSW Governor Carol Morack, and Executive Staff Members Alan Eskot, Mary Russell and Sil Orlando. Congratulations, Dee!
WAYS TO HELP!

EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN RAISES $15,700!

Our 2016 Annual Employee Giving Campaign and exceeded our goal with over $15,700 pledged through June 2017, which is absolutely incredible!

This campaign is completely voluntary and says so much about our dedicated staff and their loyalty to our agency. Thank you, Optimist employees, for your generosity and belief in our mission!

STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR NIGHT STAFF

Recently, we held a staff appreciation breakfast for our hardworking and dedicated night staff.

The group enjoyed a delicious breakfast, played games, won raffle prizes and shared fun stories about Optimist.

Our staff work incredibly hard and this is one small way we can show just how much we appreciate their dedication, loyalty and commitment to our kids.

OPTIMIST RECEIVES COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM PHI KAPPA PSI

On April 23, the alumni and new members of Phi Kappa Psi celebrated their 10th Anniversary at Occidental College and the Phi Kappa Psi California Mu Chapter recognized Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services as their 2016 Community Partner of the Year.

Members of the Phi Kappa Psi California Mu Chapter have provided countless hours of volunteer support and financial contributions to Optimist and we are grateful for their partnership. Thank you, Phi Kappa Psi!
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538 S FLOWER ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90071
OCTOBER 20, 2016
5:30 PM - SILENT AUCTION
7:00 PM - DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Your Donation May be Matched by Your Employer

You may be able to double, or even triple, the amount of your gift to Optimist at no additional cost to you. How?

Many corporations match the gifts their employees and often retirees, gift to tax exempt charitable organizations. These matching programs have been part of many corporate giving initiatives both to extend the reach of corporate giving and to encourage employees to be actively involved in supporting their communities.

To see if your employer has a matching gift program, contact the company’s human resources or benefits department. They can provide you with a Matching Gift form, part of which you fill out and the remaining part is completed by our office and returned to your company for the matching gift.

For more information about Matching Gifts, contact our Director of Development, Jennifer D’Alvarez, at (323) 443-3023 or by Email: jdalvarez@oymfs.org