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While the turmoil in the State’s out-of-home care arena endures, Optimist continues to adjust to the new system. As we move towards the new focus on Trauma Informed Care, the growing pains are difficult. Staff recruitment and retention has become a major issue for us and others. Some of our sister agencies are beginning to close their doors which is unfortunate for both the system and, more importantly, for the many children who require this level of care. We do not intend to be a casualty of the system, however, and I want to thank our dedicated staff and managers who are sticking with us through the process.

While we hear almost daily about increased violence involving young people, either as victims or perpetrators, we cannot help but wonder if all the advocacy for more community-based services at the expense of out-of-home care is really as helpful as many think. While we at Optimist provide both levels of service, we believe that the push to constantly reduce the number of clients in out-of-home care is not necessarily the right path to take, though it is less expensive. We feel it’s important to keep the conversation going.

In response to the needs of the County, we recently converted our Pacific Lodge campus to an all girl’s facility for both Probation and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) youth. In addition, we will soon be licensed to operate a temporary shelter care facility for DCFS girls on that campus, as well.

As you see on the cover of this newsletter, we received a visit from Calvin Ridley of the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons. Calvin is a former foster youth who speaks quite highly of the benefits of the foster care system and today he is giving back to the community because of it. We were so happy that he chose to come to Optimist to spend time with our residents and bring gifts to them. It was a thrill for our residents and staff alike. There are countless former foster youth like him out there, again reinforcing the need for our services.

Speaking of giving back, we recently received many generous donations from a Walmart Registry created for our Pacific Lodge campus by board members Lenna Welling and Linnie Murphy as a way to procure items to help make our new female residents feel welcome. Thank you to all who donated.

Our annual Mentor Awards Gala is planned for October 16 at the Taglyan Center in Hollywood. Advisory Board members and contributors Mary and Shehab Mohammad and comedian and philanthropist Maz Jobrani from the Laugh Factory will be honored. See our Save the Date in this newsletter for additional information and please support the event.

We want to thank the many dedicated volunteers and donors for their continued support as we could not do what we do without you.

The Benefit of Donating Stock Instead of Cash

When you gift stock that you have owned longer than one year, you are entitled to an income tax deduction for the full value of the asset, not just the amount you paid for it. All capital gains that would be due on the sale are avoided and you can use the profits in your investment to reduce the amount of income tax you might owe.

For more information on donating stock to Optimist Youth Homes, please contact Jennifer D’Alvarez at (323) 443-3023 or jdalvarez@oyhfs.org.
Making a Difference
IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At our governing board dinner in June, longtime volunteer Sheri Polak was presented with our Volunteer of the Year Award.

Sheri has been volunteering at our Pacific Lodge campus for 46 years! She currently visits the Lodge with her Rotary Club on a monthly basis, involves the residents in different community service projects, and hosts many fun activities.

Sheri is always connecting the agency to different resources in the community and linking us to volunteers. She helps obtain both monetary and in-kind donations and supports our special events.

We know we can always count on Sheri to advocate on our behalf and are honored to present her with the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award.

REQUEST FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Our 21st Annual Mentor Awards Gala is taking place October 16 at the Taglyan Complex in Los Angeles and we’re requesting your help procuring silent auction items.

If you or anyone you know would be willing to donate items such as Timeshares / Vacation Homes / Gift Certificates (i.e. restaurants, nail or hair salons, spas, clothing stores, hotels) / Spa Packages / Limousine Rides / Artwork / Sports Memorabilia / Jewelry / Sporting Event, Concert, Theme Park and/or Theater Tickets, we would be so grateful!

We can pick up donations or you can mail them to our office by September 30 at:

OYHFS
Attn: Development
P. O. Box 41-1076
Los Angeles, CA 90041

For gift certificates, please consider an expiration date of October 16, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Silvia Velasco at (323) 443-3022 or by email at svelasco@oyhfs.org.

Thank you in advance!

JEWEL CITY OPTIMIST CLUB HOSTS 9TH ANNUAL SUMMER BARBECUE

On July 20, Board member Ron Villachica and the Jewel City Optimist Club sponsored the 9th Annual Summer Barbecue for our residential youth.

Aided by members of his club as well as several others, Ron provided the food, labor and fun for all of our residents and staff. Everyone had a great time and we thank Ron and the group for their continued support.

WINNERS OF THE HAWAIIAN VACATION RAFFLE ARE...

Congratulations to the winners of our 2019 Hawaiian Raffle!

Dawn Osbrink won the grand prize trip for two to Maui!

Jessica Burns won the second prize of $100

Kaela Bland won the third prize of $50

Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations again to the winners!
As someone who works freelance from home, my life is fairly solitary; that means that I have the opportunity to choose how and when I interact with others, and the time to consider how my engagement will serve others best. My books, articles, nutrition plans, endorsements, public speaking, and private chef work all have one purpose: to help others feel better.

Poetry found me at the age of eight, and writing helped me get through some very difficult and traumatic teenage years. When I was looking for a new volunteer position this spring, I specifically wanted to teach creative writing to under-served teenagers because I was hopeful that opening them up to a new form of expression could be as beneficial for them as it had been for me. Teaching at Optimist gave me the ability to impact a small group of boys who will carry the skills they learned going forward, and I am so proud that I’ve helped them discover a way to express themselves that also helps others relate to them. I greatly enjoyed the process of working with them to create a performance piece based on skills and tools they learned each week, and seeing their confidence and pride at the culmination performance was the best payment possible.

Mentor & Volunteer Spotlight

Ariane Resnick, Volunteer

Meet our new cooking volunteer, Fortuna Ippoliti, who is leading weekly culinary-based activities and teaching basic cooking skills to our youth. During each class, she reviews different culinary techniques and secrets and discusses how to stay safe in the kitchen.

The group has been making great tasting food that also looks beautiful! As Fortuna often says, “we eat with our eyes first”, meaning the visual appearance of food plays an important role in how much we enjoy it.

Fortuna’s passion for cooking and playful approach are contagious. Her enthusiasm for food inspires the kids to try new things and they truly enjoy participating in the cooking classes. The skills they’re learning will help them build healthy habits and be prepared for independent living.

Thank you, Fortuna, for sharing your knowledge and passion with our residents.
Thank You Once Again, Agape!

On August 17, volunteers from the Agape International Spiritual Center visited Optimist again to help restore our main campus chapel through their Action Agape ministry.

Volunteers Michael Ryan and Myson Ryan, along with Agape’s Co-Director of Action Agape and Practitioner Yvonne Hyde, sanded graffiti off of the pews and reorganized the stage, which had been filled with clutter. The work isn’t done but the group made huge strides and hopes to complete the restoration soon.

Thank you, Agape!

Stephanie Watkins joined our Optimist team in 2006. She worked as a recreation counselor for several years before being promoted to a dorm supervisor. When Optimist acquired Pacific Lodge Youth Services in 2017, Stephanie became the recreation director for that campus. She has also stepped in to assist with training and supervision of cottage staff.

During her time with Optimist, Stephanie obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services. In addition, she became certified as a Pro-Act trainer for our staff, which is a professional assault crisis training that is required for all direct care staff at the agency. She has trained in other areas as well, including team building exercises, and consistently steps up to help others. She has excellent relationships with our children, which is paramount in the era of trauma informed care.

Stephanie is truly deserving of this edition’s Staff Hero designation.

“ A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.”
2nd Annual Optimist Poker Night was a Success!

The 2nd Annual Optimist Poker Night hosted by the Optimist Professionals was a success with almost $17,000 raised!

The proceeds from the evening will be used to add a volleyball court, basketball court and putting green to our main campus so that our residents can enjoy more pro-social, outdoor activities.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and congratulations to the winners!
In 1975, when I was 14 years old, my family life was consumed by alcoholism. Life had become unbearable. At a session of family counseling, I admitted I was fed up and requested to be placed in a foster home. The counselor had a different suggestion – she thought a boy’s home environment might be more suitable.

She checked with Pacific Lodge Boy’s Home (the name at the time) and I met with the Clark Cottage social worker, Carl Pitlinski.

Carl was a very no nonsense kind of guy but I could tell he was an honest and kind person. He explained that things were very structured there and that I must comply with their basic rules. At that point in my life, structure was exactly what I needed, so I agreed.

Life for the next two months was a little bumpy but I learned what was expected of me and fell into line. The counselors Dave Sinatas, Bud Lozes, and Lupe’ showed me daily guidance and discipline, but were always fair.

By far, the counselor who had the biggest impact on me was Larry Wheeler. Larry was a young guy going to Pierce College and watching over us at night. Larry taught me valuable lessons about being a man, how to coexist with my fellow residents, art, girls, etc. I still fondly remember those talks we had. Larry was crucial to my transition into adulthood.

The summer of 1976 brought me my first paying job. Pacific Lodge decided to remodel the cottages and Clark Cottage was the first.

I met the General Contractor and he assigned me to strip the roofing off. It was hot, dirty work, but at the end of the week, I felt the thrill of receiving my first paycheck.

The construction experience I received that summer was the start of a lifetime occupation. I found I was especially suited for air conditioning repair and started working as a service apprentice in 1980, at age 19. Thirty-eight years later, I am now a construction foreman in the air conditioning industry, and I thank Pacific Lodge for my start.

Life still has its ups and downs but with the life skills I learned at Pacific Lodge (responsibility, accountability and integrity), I’ve been able raise a family and lead a happy and successful life.

Thank you so much, Pacific Lodge!
In March 2019, Calvin Ridley, wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons, visited Optimist for a TV show in which he was being featured called “Play It Forward”. The show gives viewers a glimpse into the players’ rise to the top and the ways they give back to the people who have supported them along the way.

Calvin grew up in foster care so it was important to him that he give back to youth in the system, while also finding an organization that offers a recreation program since sports were so instrumental in helping him find his way. Fortunately, Optimist was the perfect combination of the two.

Calvin spent several hours at our main campus getting to know the staff, throwing footballs with the kids and at the end of the visit, presented the youth with a big screen TV, sports equipment, basketball jerseys and is even sponsoring our Optimist Stars Basketball team this year!

We are grateful to Calvin for his incredible generosity and of course for selecting Optimist. We would also like to thank one of the show’s producers, Brian Rocha, for helping Calvin find us and for having his company, Bright Bay Creative, provide a $500 donation to help sponsor the basketball team.
The Optimist Garden Group is inspired by nature and the metaphors of the garden. Residents are introduced to walking meditation on the way to the garden to feel into their bodies through the five senses and quiet their minds. Planting and caring for plants fosters nurturance, respect, and a connection with nature and others. Residents report feeling relaxed, calm and accepted as themselves in the garden.

Scientists have found that the microbes in the soil work as a natural anti-depressant with an increase of serotonin.

Additional benefits are improved immune system functioning, reduced blood pressure, reduced stress, improved mood, increased ability to focus, deepening of relationships and improved social skills.

If you wish to volunteer, please visit us at www.OYHFS.org
Agape Volunteers at Optimist

On June 29, volunteers from Agape International Spiritual Center visited our main campus to complete a volunteer project in honor of their 26th Annual Sacred Service Saturday.

Yvonne Hyde, Co-Director of Action Agape and Practitioner, coordinated the activities and the group painted a wall that desperately needed some attention and added beautiful plants to the surrounding area.

Thank you for helping to make our campus beautiful, Agape International Spiritual Center!

The Rotary Club of Woodland Hills recently brought cookies and ice cream to the girls at our Pacific Lodge campus and spent time talking with and getting to know them. They also brought several wonderful gifts to help the girls feel welcome. Thank you for your tremendous support and generosity, Rotary Club of Woodland Hills!

Allan Pollack builds beautiful doll houses and donates them to hospitals, shelters and residential treatment facilities.

Alan has donated two doll houses to Optimist and this one is being given to our Outpatient Family Room where we provide Mental Health Services.

HRC Foundation Recognizes Optimist for Becoming Fully Welcoming of LGBTQ Youth

HRC Foundation’s All Children – All Families project has recognized Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services as one of more than 70 child welfare agencies for our work toward becoming fully welcoming and affirming of LGBTQ youth and parents.

Thank you for helping to make our campus beautiful, Agape International Spiritual Center!

JOB READINESS WORKSHOP

On August 1, Tal Medovoy, a longtime volunteer at Optimist, held a one hour Job Readiness Workshop for six residents at the main campus.

The workshop discussed how to create a resume, dressing appropriately for interviews, and budgeting money among other great topics. Tal also presented the residents with a packet containing resume and application samples, an interview cheat sheet and preparation tips, which they can review at their own pace.

Our residents enjoyed the class and asked great questions. Thanks, Tal!

Thank you, Canyon Country Optimist Club!

We are grateful to the Canyon Country Optimist Club for their generous donation to help purchase supplies for the female residents residing at our Pacific Lodge campus.
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- Sumako Cohrs
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- Family Rescue Center
- Festival of Trees Committee
- Jane Flynn
- Dee Gadbury

## In-Kind (Continued)
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- Vance Weissbruch
- Lenna Welling
- John Williams
- Woodland Hills Country Club
- Jacqueline and Ed Young
SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 16, 2019

Please join us for a delicious array of food, wine and spirits as we honor

Shehab & Mary Mohammad
Mentor Award Recipients

Maz Jobrani
Humanitarian Award Recipient

Joe Binning
Guest Speaker
Former Pacific Lodge Resident

Michaela Pereira
Event Emcee

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Taglyan Complex 1201 Vine Street Los Angeles, California 90038

For more information, please contact: Jennifer D’Alvarez
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All proceeds will benefit the children and families of Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services and our Pacific Lodge Division

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Donations for New Female Residents

We’re grateful to our supporters for providing so many donations for the new female residents at our Pacific Lodge campus. So far we’ve received hygiene kits, comforters, towels, welcome baskets, kitchen supplies, artwork, furniture, beauty products, school supplies and more!

The donations enabled us to redecorate and add a feminine touch to the cottages. With your help, we were able to meet the residents’ basic needs and make them feel welcome. We appreciate each and every one of you and can’t thank you enough for your generosity!

Donors include: Ana Ramos, Canyon Country Optimist Club, Carol Aronson, Cheryl Baldi, David Duben, Dawn Martens, Encino-Sherman Oaks Optimist Club, Eva Hainer, Family Rescue Center, Festival of Trees Committee, Hugh McDonald, Jane Flynn, JT Taylor, Julie Hainer, Lana Mseryan, Lenna Welling, Leslie Downie, Linnie Murphy, Marla Gray, Megan Downie, Optimist Club of North Hollywood, Optimist Club of Van Nuys Airport, Pat Lester, Rotary Club of Woodland Hills, Sami Raboubi, Shahla Raboubi, West Hills Optimist Club, Warner Center Optimist Club

Financial Literacy Workshop

On August 15, Pacific Lodge alumnus Mark Sweeney drove from his home in San Diego to our main campus to host a workshop for our residents titled: “Personal Financial Literacy 101: Planning for your Future”.

Mark discussed the cost of living and how different educational degrees influence the quality of a person’s life and distributed a handout which included a list of monthly earnings based on various occupations that require degrees and those that don’t.

Mark encouraged our residents to not only complete their program but to take advantage of all the great resources they’re offered here. He also shared his experiences while living at our Pacific Lodge campus and the significant impact his time there had on his life.

Our residents enjoyed listening to Mark’s stories and through the workshop they learned the importance of continuing to pursue an education after graduating high school.

Summer Fun

During the summer, our recreation and residential staff were busy entertaining our youth with 3-Point Shootout Tournaments, video games, hiking, board games, bowling and movie outings.

On the Fourth of July the residents participated in a boat making competition in which they were separated into teams to make boats and race them. Each boat was judged for creativity, floatability, race completion and fastest time. We ended the day with a movie on the field during which the boys enjoyed chips, soda and ice cream.

We are grateful to all of our staff for working so hard to keep our youth so busy and happy!

Playing Games with the Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Woodland Hills visited our Pacific Lodge campus in June and played a game called the 5-Second Rule with our boys.

There were two teams composed of volunteers and residents and each team was asked questions. The players had to think of the answers and say them aloud in 5 seconds, which was very challenging but fun!

Everyone enjoyed the fast-paced, competitive and educational game and the boys were also treated to ice-cream and snacks afterward.
You're Invited!

December 8, 2019
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Website: www.optimistfestivaloftrees.com
Bob’s Discount Furniture Donates Over $5,000 in New Furniture to Optimist!

On Friday, August 9, Bob’s Discount Furniture delivered an incredibly generous donation of new couches, chairs, tables and accessories to our Los Angeles Outpatient Program! The space in which the Outpatient Program operates was in dire need of a face lift and Bob’s helped fill that need in a big way.

Thank you to everyone at Bob’s Discount Furniture for making this space beautiful and for helping to ensure our clients receive mental health services in a comfortable and welcoming environment. We are especially grateful to Shinada Wynter and Lyndsay Ruszczyk, who were instrumental in making the donation happen.
**HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE**

All of the youth in our Residential, Foster Family/Adoption Program and the children of our Teen Parents receive holiday gifts.

*(Our clients are male and female and range in age from birth through 21 years)*

**What can I do to help?**

Please think of local merchants and businesses you frequent and ask them to help by allowing us to place a Gift Drive Box in their place of business so that new, unwrapped toys and gifts can be collected. The box comes complete with a list of suggested gifts, all to make participation easy. If you don’t know local merchants but want to help, please ask family and friends to purchase and donate items from the list below.

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**When?**

Please keep in mind that our Holiday parties are scheduled well before Christmas Day and we need time to sort and wrap the gifts for each recipient.

Foster Family Holiday Party Saturday, December 14
Residential Holiday Party Thursday, December 19
Boxes can be picked up from our main campus the week of November 4. All gift items should arrive by Monday, December 9, 7:00 P.M. at our corporation meeting.

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**Suggested Donations:**

- Bikes (all sizes)
- Sports equipment—especially balls
- Duffle bags
- Bath robes
- Handheld electronic games
- Overnight bags
- Backpacks
- School supplies
- Art & craft supplies
- Board games
- Books—All ages
- Puzzles
- Journals
- Photo albums
- Scrapbooks
- Toiletries
- Socks
- Gloves
- Coin banks
- Scarves
- Hats
- Wallets
- Purses
- Belts
- Batteries
- Hair accessories
- Jewelry
- Jewelry boxes
- Key chains
- Throw rugs
- Decorative pillows
- Posters & wall-art
- Alarm clock radios
- Clothing
- Movie passes
- Throws
- Fleece blankets
- Sketchpads
- T-shirts
- P J bottoms
- Loungers
- Pull over & zip up hoodies
- Gift cards to Target and Best Buy

When purchasing gifts, please keep in mind that all of our residential clients and a good portion of our foster youth are teens and young adults.

**Questions?:** If you are interested or want to pass along the contact information of someone who may be interested, please contact:
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