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Message from the President of the Board

I wish to thank all of you for your support of Dayle McIntosh Center's mission and vision for independent living. What is the 'Independent Living' philosophy? Our mission is based on the rights of persons with disabilities to be fully participating members of their communities. We embody the concept of consumer control in board governance, in day - t o - d a y management, in service delivery, and in determinations about services that consumers receive (consumers decide for themselves what services they need and want). WE are committed to advocacy at both the individual and community levels and are dedicated to involving persons with all types of disabilities

(cross-disability services), and from all cultures and backgrounds in obtaining full civil rights and community access. We know we are successful when our consumers become our staff and board members and pass on the legacy of independent living.

I invite each and every one of you, consumers, vendors, collaborative partners, associates, and friends to join the staff and board this year in continuing to support our independent living mission and vision. There are many ways to support our mission to advance the empowerment, equality, integration, and full participation of people with disabilities in the community. We ask for your financial

support whether it is five dollars or five thousand dollars, your time whether it is volunteering, your expertise, or your participation in our many and varied events during the year. We appreciate your donations for families in need such as the 'Adopt a family for the holidays' food and toy drive, and your donations for our auction at the Apple of Our Eye event. Your participation allows DMC to continue to provide our programs for independent living to persons with disabilities during these financially challenging times. Please join us in our mission.

Elizabeth (Libby) Partain

Message from the Executive Director

As of November 1st, I will have been in my role as Executive Director of the Dayle McIntosh Center for one full year. So as my 1st year and our fiscal year comes to an end I would like to say thank you to all Federal, State, City, Foundations, and Private donors who have been so generous in funding the Dayle McIntosh Center (DMC) and our various programs. It is because of you and your support of our mission and vision to empower individuals with disabilities to become full participants in the community that we are able to continue to provide services and make a difference.

Dayle McIntosh Center provides the following service free to our consumers: Advocacy, Transitions, Housing, Assistive Technology, Employment Services, Independent Living Skills, Aging with Vision Loss, Clients Assistant Program Advocacy, Community Organizing, Information and Referral and we will be starting two new programs as of October 1st, Mobility Training, and Money Follows the Person Transitions. Again all of these services are free to our consumers. We also offer Interpreting services for a fee to various companies. If you would like to learn more about these programs, or how you may donate to sponsor a specific program please go to our website at www.daylemc.org or contact Angela Daniels our Community Education and Resource Coordinator at (714) 621-3300 ext 315.

Along with these various programs I have the privilege to come to work every day lead a wonderful group of individuals who are so dedicated, compassionate and truly committed to making a difference in the lives of seniors and persons with disabilities. As the Board President mentioned in her message 50% of our staff and board are individuals with disabilities. These individuals come to work everyday and focus on their abilities as well as the abilities of all our consumers. Without these individuals we would not be where we are today in the Orange County community. Thank you to the great staff at DMC.

I would also like to welcome Jim Bateman, Dan Holder, and David Ward to our Board of Directors and thank Libby Partain for her leadership as President, The Rev. Minh –Hanh, Cindy McLeroy, The Rev. Michael Eldred, Sharon Matson, Eva Casas – Sarmiento, James Farrell, Larry Singer and Jon Swallow for their leadership and Board of Director Guidance.

Gift of Sight Program” is Helping Many See!

The Dayle McIntosh Center, through the Aging with Vision Loss (AVL) program is an official referral source of the “Gift of Sight” program of LensCrafter Stores. AVL has been assisting older adults in its geographic service area for the past several years; to apply for a free eye exam and a pair of eye glasses through the “Gift of Sight” program. Countless Orange County agency’s such as the Office on Aging and local senior centers refer individual’s in need of this benefit.

The “Gift of Sight” program is a charitable endeavor that most LensCrafter locations have bestowed on its communities throughout the United States and Canada. The recipients of the gift must be low income, and have no health care benefits. However, if an individual has Medicare they do qualify, since Medicare does not cover eyeglasses.

Since taking on the “Gift of Sight” Program referral responsibilities in 2005, the AVL staff has written numerous letters to various LensCrafters stores. A letter is written on behalf of the individual requesting the gift, the letter must include details such as, full name, address, date of birth and last time the individual had an eye exam. The letter is printed on DMC letterhead and is mailed to the individual, and faxed to the individual’s nearest store location. The store then calls and coordinates the appointment with the AVL Staff and the information is relayed to the individual. In July of 2009 the referral process has become much more streamlined with the addition of a WECARE volunteer taking charge of the majority of the “Gift of Sight” referrals. Garnet Madden, WECARE Volunteer is our “Gift of Sight” Program contact person. She follows through with referral letters, coordinates the appointments for the individuals and explains the referral process and answers any questions they may have.

Often, the “Gift of Sight” recipients call back and express their thankfulness to the AVL staff. One such example was an Individual that contacted DMC. The individual was deaf, and used the California Relay Service to communicate her needs. The AVL staff was able to schedule her appointment for September 23rd. She was extremely grateful for the assistance. She was so appreciative she called back to speak to the Program Manager and provide feedback and to compliment the ILS Counselor’s patience and promptness in providing her the referral. She has recently been diagnosed with macular Degeneration, and is very worried about her vision loss. On average, the AVL program is able to assist 5-7 individuals monthly acquire new eye exam and a new pair of glasses to help them see!

The Dayle McIntosh Center would like to extend a warm and heart felt “thank you” to all LensCrafter Stores which participate in the “Gift of Sight” program! For more information on the “Gift of Sight” Program call DMC at (714)621-3300 ext. 361.

By: Jane Neglia and Socorro Arroyo-Merchain

ILS Training Services for Individuals who are Blind/Visually Impaired Fee-for-Service

The new ILS Training services provided to Department of Rehabilitation clients kicked off in the month of July, and received its initial referrals and authorizations for ILS in the month of August. Currently, the ILS Training is provided by an existing AVL staff member carrying out ILS Training for two programs. In October this staff member will be moved to solely provide ILS Training under the fee-for-service category.

The new vocational and ILS training fee-for-service component offered to Department of Rehabilitation clients are geared specifically for individuals who are blind or visually impaired who are job ready and or who are in need of independent living skills (ILS) training. The goals of the new services are to increase the number of individuals who are blind or visually impaired who enter the work force. DMC has demonstrated through its Vocational and ILS Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing component that the success rate increases to 85% when clients receive both services simultaneously.

Department of Rehabilitation clients can be referred and services authorized through their BFS Counselor. Job ready clients can receive both vocational and ILS training or, if a client is not job ready they may solely receive independent living skills training to enhance their independence at home and community.

Clients who are referred for dual services will receive a host of comprehensive services from an Employment Specialist and an ILS Counselor. The two specially trained individuals work together to assist the client to reach their vocational goal.

For example, a 20 year old female DOR client was referred to receive both Vocational and Independent Living Skills Training services. The young adult, is a high school graduate, and has limited residual vision. She is in transition from using Zoom Text to JAWS, and is a proficient grade 2 Braille user. A graduate of the Davidson Program, with computer literacy, and the valuable ability to type 30 words per minute with 97% accuracy. She has been provided a talking digital compass, a Victor Stream, and a Braille Note Taker, all vital assistive technology devices for an individual with a visual impairment.

However, her biggest obstacle is low self confidence and lack of direction as to her vocational possibilities. Fortunately, she is now receiving individualized employment and ILS training services to assist her in reaching her vocational goal of attaining a customer service position. The DMC Employment Specialist and the ILS Counselor collaborate to ensure success in both areas of employment and activities of daily living. This young adult with a visual impairment will now receive a wide range of services from the following:

ILS Training Service Continued

Components of one to one Independent Living Skills Training:

- Functional Computer Literacy Training
 - Functional Daily Living Skills Training
 - Fiscal Management and Budgeting
 - Adjustment to sensory loss
 - Cooking and meal planning
 - Household management
 - Provision of individual peer support
- Provision of adaptive diabetic equipment training

Employment Services will include:

- Intake/Assessment of Job Skills
 - Assistance with Resumes, Cover Letters, and Sample Applications
 - Employment Preparation, Job Searching, and Interviewing
 - Job Placement
 - Job Retention Services up to 90 days of Employment
- Provision of job clubs

The Dayle McIntosh Center strives to make an impact via the new Vocational and ILS training services on the current 70% unemployment rate among people with disabilities, and specifically those with visual impairments.

Socorro Arroyo-Merchain, Program Manager

Beata Tafazoli, ILS Counselor for Individuals who are Blind/Visually Impaired

JOIN US FOR A DOSE OF PEER POWER: CROSS DISABILITY PEER SUPPORT GROUP

In our continued effort to provide our consumers with comprehensive services such as; information and referral, advocacy, and independent living skills training, the Dayle McIntosh Center also provides peer support as a core service. Peer support is provided on a one-to-one basis or in a group setting, at both of our locations.

It's a great way to communicate with peers, make friends, share accomplishments, and struggles while living with a disability. The Cross Disability Peer Support Group meets once a month at the Garden Grove location. Erik St. Amant, Community Organizer facilitates the group the first Friday of every month at the Garden Grove office, from 10:30am to 11:30am. Cheryl Hopper facilitates the group at the South county office in Laguna Hills. This group meets twice a month the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

For more information contact either facilitator:

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By: Erik St. Amant and Socorro Arroyo-Merchain

The Vocational Services Team is making things happen in a tough economy

While many employment service vendors are staying with the “status quo”, the Dayle McIntosh Center’s Vocational Services Team is changing to stay ahead of the game. A new position “Business Development Specialist” has been created to boost job placements and referrals which is helping our center through a challenging economic time. This position has enabled us to start incorporating positive job recruitments into our employment services repertoire. We are also putting together a new “Business Advisory Council” which will be made up of employers, Department of Rehabilitation staff, Department of Labor, and consumers. Our first meeting will be held October 21st here at the center.

Currently we have partnered with Von’s Grocery Stores and Sunflower Staffing to assist them in their employment needs. Over the past 3 months, Sunflower Staffing has brought on board approximately 50 individuals with disabilities throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties and looking to hire more in other areas. Von’s has hired approximately 25 individuals, and will be working with our team to do more recruitment’s. Von’s also awarded Dayle McIntosh Center with a donation of \$5,000. We have many other companies who are planning on working with us like: Costco, Ralph’s, Media Nation, See’s Candies and many others to come. If you have any prospective employers who you believe would like to work with DMC and hire individuals with disabilities, please contact John Tostado Vocational Services Manager at (714) 658-4281 or Lisa Bullen Business Development Specialist at (909) 214-8379.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

John Tostado



DMC Interpreting Service

Greetings from the Interpreting Services Department. DMC has been providing American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services in Orange County, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and even the High Desert for over 25 years. In fact, I was just speaking with one of our certified interpreters the other day and she has been on our registry for over 24 years! We owe our achievements to a number of factors, one being the exceptional interpreters we get to work with, the community awareness of the need, collaborating with other interpreting organizations, and our staff commitment to excellent customer service.

We are excited to share a revolutionary alternative to on-site interpreters; this technology is called Video Remote Interpreting or VRI. DMC has been collaborating for several months with Nextalk and we are excited to offer this groundbreaking alternative. So, what is VRI? It is a qualified local ASL interpreter available remotely, it operates off a web-based program and within 2 minutes and 5-click you have an interpreter working for you via the internet. All you need is a computer with a web cam and speakers. This is great for those immediate emergency room questions, or that 20-minute consultation, there are many more applications making communication for the deaf and hard of hearing much more accessible. Please look forward to our ever-evolving website for details and contact interpreting services for questions and demonstrations of our new program.

John Tostado Interpreting Services Manager and myself Kari Anderson Interpreting Services Supervisor are committed to ensuring the deaf and hard of hearing received the reasonable accommodations and excellent customer service. Also, inspiring interpreters to continue in their education and in educating the community to provide appropriate means of communication for the deaf & hard of hearing.

I would like to take this time to introduce our department. Beginning with Michelle Rathswohl (Coordinator Specialist), Lillian Santillanes (Coordinator), and Inge Darling-Hartz (Contract Coordinator). We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and providing reasonable accommodations for the deaf and hard of hearing. We are open Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We also provide emergency services called "Commend". The phone line is open 24/7. The number is 1.800.422.7444 for those last minute and emergency requests.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

John Tostado

ATTENTION IHSS RECIPIENTS

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A

NOTICE OF ACTION

In the near future it is expected that many “notice of action” announcements will be sent out to IHSS recipients. The Notice of Action announces the reduction of hours. The Notice of Action (NOA) should arrive (10) ten days prior to the intended action date.

You MUST request a hearing by calling the Public Inquiry and Response Section at 1(800)952-5253.

If you have questions about your In-Home Support Services, contact

Disability Rights California:

800-776-5746 or www.disabilityrightsca.org.

If your services are cut and you want to request assistance with an appeal hearing, call Dayle McIntosh Center and speak to the Benefits Advocate (714)621-3300

NEWS FROM SOUTH COUNTY DMC

South County is as busy as ever. We are working diligently to serve our consumers with the best quality of service possible. Cheryl Hopper, the ILS Coordinator, and Supervisor Ann McClellan are busy collaborating and networking with agencies and community groups all across South County.

We are all excited about new programs started by DMC that will provide additional services in South County. The South County offices will be expanding into an additional suite in the same building to provide more room for increased staff to serve you. One of the new programs will be funded by a grant from the Orange County Transportation Authority (O.C.T.A.). The Mobility Management Program will assist individuals with disabilities who are seeking employment related transportation or who need transportation to medical appointments in Orange County. Consumers will be assisted in navigating the myriad of rules, regulations and practices of riding public transportation. This will increase their independence, which is the mission of Dayle McIntosh Center

Ann McClellan, South County Supervisor

THE RELEVANCE OF TRANSITION AND HOUSING

The Transition and Housing programs at the Dayle McIntosh Center are designed to meet the physical, emotional and financial needs of those seeking our services. Consumers receive supportive services to help prevent premature or inappropriate institutionalization or homelessness. We take pride in the advocacy and personal attention given to each person that contacts us.

Since the beginning of 2009, the Transition and Housing program has been successful in providing financial assistance to sixteen consumers with rental assistance. In addition, two consumers were successfully transitioned out of a rehabilitation/nursing facility and three were provided with financial assistance to remain in their own home, while a host of others received general housing information from our large resource database.

We realize that all people want to live with dignity and be treated with respect. They want to live or remain in their own community. We assist our consumers in maintaining their dignity, respect and choice through ongoing efforts by maximizing individual independence and reducing the need for costly alternatives.

We strongly believe that success in maintaining one's independence can be achieved when one takes advantage of the resources that are made available. One of the resources is our bi-annual Housing and Money Management workshop. Representatives from agencies such as Fair Housing and Consumer Credit Counseling are invited to give expert advice and direction.

The Transition and Housing programs will continue to step up to the challenges that our facing our consumers.

Written by: Rashenda Johnson, Olmstead Services

DMC 3rd Annual Food and Toy Drive for the Holidays



As the Holidays approach Dayle McIntosh Center (DMC) is preparing for our 3rd annual adopt a family program. Last year DMC was able to give a little holiday joy to over 25 families with children with disabilities. Thanks to the donations of our wonderful community supporters, we were able to give families all the makings for a happy holiday. We received turkey boxes from Congresswomen Loretta Sanchez, gift certificates from SAM's Club and Albertson's, individual donations of food and gift certificates, and toys donated from Toys for Tots.

We are looking forward to giving once again this year and need your help with the hundreds of families with disabilities in our communities facing hunger and homelessness this holiday season.

To help meet their needs, the Dayle McIntosh Center is proud to host the 2009 Food and Toy Drive. We hope that our local community and county partners will make significant contributions of food, money, gift certificates, or time to benefit our food and toy drive to make this goal a reality.

Please help us to this holiday season to bring joy in the lives of families with children with disabilities.

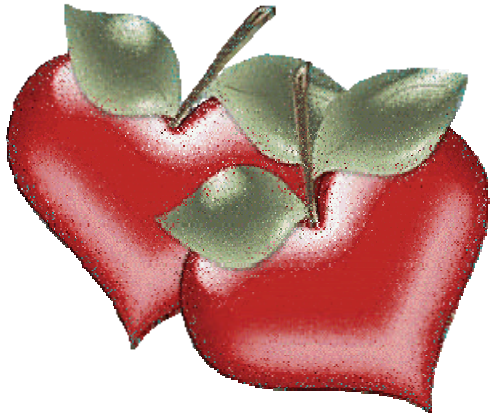
The gift is seeing the smiles on children's faces and the thanks from each parent for helping to make their child's holiday brighter.

If you are interested in becoming a food drive booster or would like more information, contact Angela Daniels at (714) 621-3300 Ext 315 or adaniels@daylemc.org. By embracing the spirit of giving, we can make this a happy and healthy holiday season for everyone in our community. Thank you for your support.

A special **thank you** to **Mitsubishi**, **Azteca Restaurant** and **Club 22** who generously helped DMC the last two years.

There will be containers in both DMC Offices in Garden Grove and South County to drop off food items. If any local business would like to have containers at your location please let us know and we will be happy to make arrangements.

Thank you in advance for all those who plan to help and participate in our 2009 Food and Toy Drive.



Save the Date

Please join us for a special celebration our 22nd Annual “Apple of Our Eye” Luncheon . A day where all hearts beat as one as we recognize those individuals who have touched the hearts within the disability community.

On Friday, February 19, 2010 the Dayle McIntosh Center will host the twenty-second annual “Apple of Our Eye” recognition luncheon. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort in Garden Grove. In addition to honoring the accomplishments of individuals, agencies and business, who have significantly advanced the Independently Living philosophy, the luncheon will celebrate the organizations thirty—three years of service to Orange County. The keynote speaker for the event will be Olegario “ Ollie” D. Cantos VII.

This newsletter contains information regarding registration for the luncheon, as well as, an invitation for Sponsorships, and instructions for the nomination of an outstanding person, business or organization as a potential recipient of an Apple of Our Eye Award.

More about our Keynote Speaker Olegario “ Ollie” D. Cantos VII.



Blind as a result of medical complications at birth, Olegario “Ollie” D. Cantos VII has defied conventional wisdom regarding the levels of success that one could reach at a relatively young age, becoming a presidential appointee by the age of 37. He is Vice-Chairman of the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and works as an attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Most recently within the Department, he served as Special Counsel to the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (originally commissioned by the Attorney General in March 2006). Mr. Cantos returned to that post after having dedicated two consecutive terms of service as Associate Director for Domestic Policy at the White House, where he led the implementation of President Bush’s New Freedom Initiative, the agenda for advancing equality of opportunity for people with all types of disabilities in information and assistive technology, education, employment, and every aspect of community living. Mr. Cantos began his work at the Justice Department in August 2004 when he was originally commissioned by the Attorney General as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Mr. Cantos is also Member of the Attorney General’s Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities, In these and other prominent roles, responsibilities include

fostering closer ties between the Justice Department and disability rights leaders at all levels, facilitating greater compliance by businesses with applicable federal disability rights laws, and establishing and strengthening new cross-agency partnerships to promote full participation by people with disabilities in every facet of societal life.

He has since returned to the Justice Department and to serve, first, as Special Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and now as Trial Attorney, leading on the investigation of numerous disability rights complaints. In May 2008, President Bush appointed him to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, where he named Vice-Chairman. As of September 2009, he is awaiting reappointment by President Barack Obama

Mr. Cantos was the first and only person ever to serve as General Counsel and Director of Programs for the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). Prior to that, Mr. Cantos was Staff Attorney and Director of Outreach and Education at the Western Law Center for Disability Rights (now renamed the Disability Rights Legal Center) in Los Angeles.

DMC SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Dayle McIntosh Center wishes to acknowledge exemplary efforts within the Orange County community that have enhanced the lives of persons with disabilities and furthered the cause of independent living. At the "Apple of Our Eye" luncheon, awards will be presented in the following categories:

CATEGORIES OF RECOGNITION

Business Award

A business that demonstrates leadership in the recruitment, hiring, and promotion of persons with disabilities. A business that provides excellence in accessibility and progressive change in corporate policies.

Community Leadership Award

A legislator, individual, or group who promotes independent living by making affirmative changes in local systems or communities.

Education, Innovative Technology Award

An individual, teacher, administrator, or agency that promotes and/or implements the development of curricula, learning opportunities, or innovative technology towards (or that most exemplifies) independent living.

Ed Roberts Independent Living Award

A person who most exemplifies how Ed Roberts lived his life: Ed Roberts was a person who demonstrated exceptional leadership and personal commitment to the independent living

For more information regarding the nomination process, or to receive a nomination form, contact Angela Daniels at (714) 621-3300. Nominations for the 2010 awards are due on or before January 8, 2010. Honorees will be selected by a panel of Dayle McIntosh Center staff, volunteers, and board members.

22ND ANNUAL “APPLE OF OUR EYE” RECOGNITION LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“Apple of Our Eye” Recognition Luncheon

It is through your generosity that we are able to address the needs of the people we serve and to fulfill our mission of advancing empowerment, equality, integration, and full participation of people with disabilities in the community.

Diamond Sponsorship **\$20,000**

Your support can give hope to individuals with disabilities by providing the tools to remain independent. DMC provides an array of services including: housing assistance, employment Services, independent living skills, transitions and much more.

- Recognition at event through signage and from the Master of Ceremonies
- Prominent recognition and logo linkage on the DMC’s website for one year, sponsorship recognition in newsletter, on the invitations, RSVP cards
- Premium full-page advertisement in event program
- Complimentary table for 10 at celebration

Platinum Sponsorship **\$10,000**

Help a family succeed! This much needed support helps a family move from homelessness and despair to hope and a better future.

- Linkage on DMC’s website for one year
- Full-page advertisement in event program
- Complimentary table for 10 at celebration

Gold Sponsorship **\$5,000**

Your gift provides emergency funds for a family in crisis.

- Linkage ---on DMC’s website for one year
- Half-page advertisement in event program
- 4 Complimentary tickets to our celebration

Silver Sponsorship **\$2,500**

A contribution from you at this level provides technology assistance to those that need to increase their job skills and marketability.

- Linkage on DMC’s website for one year
- Quarter-page advertisement in event program
- 4 Complimentary tickets to our celebration

Bronze sponsorship **\$1,000**

Your donation provides for valuable life-skills training for a person newly diagnosed with a disability.

- Recognition on DMC’s website for one year
- Recognition in event program
- 2 Complimentary tickets to our celebration

Save the Date

October 10, 2009

Rummage Sale @ Dayle McIntosh 8:00am to 2:00pm

December 19, 2009

Adopt a family gift pick up

February 19, 2010

22nd, Annual Apple of our Eye

Recognition Luncheon 11:00am to 1:00pm @ Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove

- **Vietnamese Disability Support Group**

last Saturday of every month from 11:00am to 2:00pm at DMC
Lunch Room

- **Vietnamese Alzheimer Support Group**

last Saturday of every month from 11:30am to 1:30pm at DMC
Small Conference Room

- **Vietnamese Autism Support Group**

every 3 months on the 3rd Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00pm in DMC
Large Conference Room

- **Community Organizing Advocates Meeting**

1st Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm, 1112 Bradford Ave. Placentia, CA 92870 - Bradford Terrace
Apartments

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am, 7622 Katella Ave. Stanton, CA
90680 Park Place Apartments

4th Tuesday of the month at 11:00am, 13272 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843 - Dayle
McIntosh Center

4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00am, 24351 El Toro Rd. Laguna Woods, Administration
Building - Pine Room ***For more information regarding the Community Organizing Project's
Advocates meetings, please call (714)621-3300 Ken Schaap ext. 361 or Erik St. Amant ext. 305

- **Low Vision Peer Support Group Meetings**

1st Tuesday of every month at Claremont Manor, Retirement Community at 1:00pm

3rd Tuesday of every month at Regents Points Assisted Living Facility, Irvine at 1:30pm

3rd Friday of every month at Laguna Woods Village Retirement Community
at 2:30pm to 4:00pm

3rd Tuesday of every month Aegis Senior Housing, chino Hills at 3:00pm

3rd Wednesday of every month Avalon at Cerritos, Assisted Living Facility at 10:00am

***For further information regarding any of the low vision peer support groups, please contact
Socorro at (714)621-3300 ext. 319

- **Cross Disability Peer Support Group**

1st Thursday of every month from 10:30am to 12:00pm at DMC, Garden Grove

- **Empowerment Team**

4th Thursday of every month from 11:00am to 1:00pm at DMC, Garden Grove

2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at DMC, South County



First Annual
Rummage Sale

Celebrate Disability Awareness Month:

October 10, 2009
8:00 am to 2:00 pm



13272 Garden Grove Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92843

**The money earned at this event will subsidize our many programs
which strive to meet the needs of
people with disabilities**

**New and slightly used items: furniture, electronics, appliances,
toys, kitchen and bath items, clothing
knick-knacks.....and much, much, more.....**

**To donate items for this event, please contact us:
(714) 621-3300
adaniels@daylemc.org**

Listen for our announcement on:



On Going Fundraising Projects

Mary Kay Sales Director - Janet Leasure
Supporting Dayle McIntosh Center
25% to 35% of the proceeds will be
given to the Center when you
refer your friends & family

Sign up for some Girl Friend time and get a free pampering session.

Proceeds will be donated to the housing department

Janet Leasure

Mary Kay Sales Director

**Call to book a personalized makeover session
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SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

We would like to give a very special thank you to TGIF Fridays, in Garden Grove, Marie Callendar's in Garden Grove, The Rib Trader in Orange, Pat & Oscars in Tustin, Roman Cucina in Laguna Hills and Fullerton and Rubio's in Orange and Costa Mesa. All of the above restaurants have been very generous and supportive of the Dayle McIntosh Center, by having sponsoring benefit days and nights were 20% of all meals sales have been donated back to DMC.

With these events we were able to help out numerous families. Thank you!!!!

We hope to continue to have these types of fundraisers in the community with local restaurants. If you are interested please contact Angela Daniels at (714) 621-3300 ext 315 or adaniels@daylemc.org

Please check our website at www.daylemc.org to find the flyer for our next benefit night.

Thank you in advance for helping DMC with these various fundraisers.





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Katherine Osuna, Grant Coordinator

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Judy Gonzalez, Housing Coordinator North County

Independent Living Skills Coordinator North County

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Hazel Miller, Housing Coordinator

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County

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