



President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we approach the latter part of the year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering commitment to supporting more than 4,200 men, women, and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Your support and ongoing contributions have made a significant impact on the quality of services we provide. *Many of our supporters are surprised to learn that one hundred percent of our events income goes directly to our mission funds account.* This account is used exclusively to meet client and program need. On June 11th, we held our 48th Annual Gala at Sycuan Casino Resort, where we raised \$165,000 for our mission funds account. It was my first gala as President & CEO, and I was very proud of my wife, Jessica Hershey, for stepping up to Chair the Gala. We raised a lot of money and everyone had a great time.

In the last few months, we also rolled out our new ICARE program. ICARE is a bold proclamation of how we provide the best experiences and services to the people we support. ICARE stands for *Innova*

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It Was All Greek To Us!



The Harris Family, the 2022 Gala Honorees

On Saturday, June 11th, HGH hosted its **48th Annual Gala, "It's All Greek to Me."** More than 250 Grecian gods and goddesses were in attendance as the event netted \$165,000 for more than 4,200 men, women and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities that HGH serves.



Ben Trovaten and Edward Hershey

of The Trails Eatery and Food Network personality, Stacey Poon-Kinney, were offered.

The Harris Family, supporters of HGH for over 10 years, were recognized as the 2022 Gala Honorees, for their undeniable compassion for people with developmental disabilities, their involvement with HGH, and

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The evening's event was held at Sycuan Casino Resort where guests enjoyed music from The Mighty Untouchables, tray passed hors d'oeuvre, cocktails, a silent auction, and an exciting live auction where trips to Greece, Hawaii, and a once-in-a-lifetime culinary package for 16 people, hosted by owner



The HGH Gala Committee

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tion, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, and Empathy. These are qualities that we are committed to in the work we do, every day, and will continue that commitment in every area of our business.

On August 4th, HGH celebrated its 55th Anniversary. We have come a long way from our original campus where we started operations in 1967. Today, we own and operate 31 residential homes, have an office in El Centro that employs over 300 workers, and manage a vehicle fleet of 75 vans and shuttles.

Looking back on these last 55 years, it's incredible to think that we have served over 20,000 individuals. We have grown into one of the largest and most respected service providers within our community.

We held our 55th Annual Meeting on August 7th at Tom Ham's Lighthouse where we installed our new Officers and officiated our new board members. We ended our year serving more clients than we ever have... 4,223 to be exact! We completed 50 needed improvements and beautification projects at our residential homes, re-investing over \$300,000 back into our properties. We take great pride in the premium condition of our homes and making the homes a little more "homier" for our residents.

While all of our accomplishments have been significant, we recognize there is still more to do. Myself, the HGH Board of Directors and our Executive and management teams are working tirelessly to continue the quality of care that our clients need and deserve. *We are committed to Improving the Lives of Those We Serve.*

-Edward

Annual Meeting



David Real flanked by staff members Eddrian (L) and Alan (r)



Client of the Year, Bob Masters with staff member, Ashley



Aimee Morrison



Elana Levens-Craig

Home of Guiding Hands has been supporting people with developmental and intellectual disabilities for 55 years. We work side by side with a dedicated group of Board Members, community partners, and volunteers who have devoted countless hours in support of our organization. In recognition of their outstanding contributions, these individuals were honored at the HGH Annual Meeting at Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

Rick Doremus, Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors, was awarded Board Member of the Year. Chris Hinman, a dedicated HGH donor whose daughter, Megan, lives in our Ventana home, was given the Humanitarian of the Year. Elana Levens-Craig, Santee School Board President, received Volunteer of the Year, and the Community Partner of the Year award went to Love on a Leash-San Diego Central Chapter. We added two new awards this year to the lineup, ICARE Superstar and the Milestone Award. Aimee Morrison, HGH Case Manager, and David Real, resident of our Laughery home, won the ICARE award and Milestone award, respectively.

Finally, our Client of the Year recipient was Bob Masters, one of the residents at our Lakeshore home. A small committee, comprised of donors and one staff member, had the honor of reviewing the heartfelt nominations. Every submission highlighted goals achieved, positive attitudes, and daily tasks accomplished.

Ashley wrote, "Bob's ability to stay positive no matter the situation is inspiring. You can count on Bob to be helpful and kind, with his million-dollar smile. Bob is friendly to everyone he meets and enjoys encouraging friends and staff to be the same."

At HGH, we believe that all clients are special and deserving of recognition. The Client of the Year award is simply another opportunity for others outside of the agency to see just why.



Members of the Love on a Leash-San Diego Central Chapter

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Mike, Cindi, Cori & Charlie Harris



Marcy Blumberg



Lisa Miller, Pamela Starmack, and Kelly Marshall



Yul & James Gonzalez



Jessica and Edward Hershey



Linda & George Toussaint



Karen Fleck and Tom Clark with the Greek living statues

Liane Wilson's 20th Anniversary



This year, Liane Wilson, the Vice President of Community Services, celebrates her 20th year with HGH. Her role is one that oversees HGH's community-based programs including Infant Development Assessments, Early Childhood Education, Respite, Independent Living, Adult Family Home, Tailored Day, and Counseling. Liane has worked at Home of Guiding Hands since 2002, supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in both residential and community-based settings. She received a Bachelors in Human Development from the University of California, San Diego, and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Alliant International University.

Liane is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with the Board of

Behavioral Sciences and completed her graduate practicum at San Diego Hospice where she specialized in bereavement counseling. Liane is a graduate of the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities, and a board member of the Special Needs Trust Foundation. Liane is married to her husband, Jason, and they are raising 2 daughters.



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Friday September 16, 2022
Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan
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Milestone Staff Anniversaries (Apr-Aug)

Thank you for your years of dedication!

5 YEARS

Danielle Alvarado
Rebecca Barr
Lisamarie Bermudez
Lindsay Blalock
Melani Bradford
Margarita Carrillo
Erick Cervantes
Jessika Gonzalez
Anita Griffith
Susan Heard
Rachel Hnat
Kaye Kelley-Turpin
Nyaduop Lam
Rusti Lang
Leopoldo Lopez
Marco Maldonado
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Rosana Sarmiento
Kathryn Scherer
Hakimeh Shahheidari
Inspire Shell
Walter Siqueros
Lin Summers
Linda Uravish
Danilynn Walters

10 YEARS

Susan Hopper
Kathy Kendrick
Derek McQuien
Timothy Repp

15 YEARS

Tasha Daluperit
Arturo Guevara
Charlet Kelly
Maria Regalado
Oscar Ruiz
Madeleine Soto
Kelley Wright

20 YEARS

Heather Fulkerson
Liane Wilson

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When you give to HGH, 85.9 cents of every dollar you goes directly back to our programs and services.

HGH programs and services support more than 4,200 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities each year. Be our partner in honoring, advocating for, and empowering these amazing individuals.

Make a donation at www.guidinghands.org

Our Mission:

To improve the lives of those we serve.

Our Vision:

To be recognized as the premier provider of a dynamic spectrum of individualized services supporting persons with special needs.