



HIP Housing Happenings-Spring 2010

HIP Housing Continuing to Open Doors of Opportunity



From left to right: SSP Graduate, Giovanna Quine, SSP Program Director, Carolyn Moore (center) and Giovanna's 7 year old daughter, Karla. Karla proudly watches mom speak about her accomplish-

On April 29th, HIP Housing honored 34 graduates of its Self–Sufficiency Program (SSP). The ceremony, which was led by Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, highlighted the many accomplishments of the graduates. The Self–Sufficiency Program provides housing scholarships and case management to parents who are committed to completing their educational or job training goals.

Among the graduates, 100% completed or are continuing in their education or job training. The types of degrees include Associate Degree, Medical Assisting Certificates, Cosmetlogy Licenses and Teaching Credentials. After graduation, the average income increased by 61%. Ninety-seven percent reported that their child's well being and their hope for the future was much better or better. Ninety-four percent felt their money management skills were much better or better.

The key to the success of the program is the one-on-one case management. Ninety-seven percent of graduates rated case management either very good or excellent. And 100% rated the Program staff as very good or excellent. Graduate Yesenia says "HIP Housing is a lifeline of heroes whose desire to make a difference and compassion to help me, and understanding of my children's needs helped me emerge as an empowered parent with the capacity to continue to fulfill my goals." Graduates Erica and Kristian say "Anything I could think of I needed help with, I could call on you guys and you would have the answer or have a suggestion of who to call. Even now, I still know I can call Carolyn (SSP Program Director) for any guestion!"

The graduates received certificates from HIP Housing, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assemblyman Jerry Hill, Assemblyman Ira Ruskin, and the County of San Mateo. The graduates also received gifts from Kiwanis Club of Greater San Mateo, Doerr Studios and Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo provided a \$300 savings bond to Eyrus Walker for being the "Biggest Saver". Eyrus saved \$10,000 in three years. The average increase in savings among the graduates was \$1,263. Wells Fargo provided all other graduates with a \$100 savings bond.

Currently there are 57 families in the program. HIP Housing is continuing to open doors to opportunity for families in our community.



A Message from the Executive Director

Bruce Hamilton

At HIP Housing we have a sense of pride in service - a real appreciation of the rewards that come from serving others. Exemplary individuals volunteer their time and talent in service of our programs - some serve on our Board of Directors, others on working committees, while others volunteer for specific program support and special events. And of course there are the hundreds of community members who make financial contributions. They, you, are our true "heroes and sheroes." For example, two stellar members of our Board of Directors are retiring after serving nine years on the Board of Directors. Louise Della Maggiora, Community Liaison at Sequoia Hospital, and attorney David Finkelstein have contributed so much to our progress, growth and success. There are good reasons to have term limits but I hate to see them "term out."

And then there is our stellar staff, the unsung and yet greatest asset. What a talented and dedicated group. They choose to serve in the nonprofit sector, not because they seek fame or fortune but because they "want to help others" and they do. Therein lays rewards that exceed notoriety, power or wealth. The nonprofit sector, which is, larger in numbers and economic impact in our

society than most realize, is filled with such special people, such a blessing.

We are a staff of 20, several part time, all performing first rate work, and all seemingly happy. Nearly all have college degrees, many graduate degrees, and all have had real world experience prior to joining HIP Housing. They could have pursued private or government positions which would have paid far more and provided greater benefits. But the fact that there is longevity – average tenure is 8+ years – indicates they are reaping the rewards of service.

We are rich in our diversity: race, ethnicity and place of birth. This diversity enriches our appreciation for our differences while reinforcing the recognition that we all have far more in common. It also enhances our ability to serve our similarly diverse clientele. More importantly we all work well as a team and have become a family.

I thank our staff: Christina, Sergio, Laura, Judy, Sue, Jessie, Barbara, Regina, Carolyn, Norma, Bessie, Debra, Tricia, Shirley, Carmela, Evelyn, Lois, Patricia and May. If you have an opportunity, please thank them too. They deserve it.

Mission Statement

HIP Housing's mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community.

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Thank You from Clients

Below are quotes from Self-Sufficiency Program Graduates:

"I am grateful to HIP Housing for providing me a scholarship for housing - without it, I would have been homeless and not able to go back to school. I appreciate all that HIP Housing has provided to get me back on my feet. When I came to HIP, I was injured and not sure if I would be able to work in my field again. HIP Housing gave me the confidence to succeed and I will continue to push on."

Anthonio

"I have come a long way because HIP Housing provided me with independence, support and most importantly accountability."

Ashley

"I learned how to balance my budget and stop getting overdraft fees, special thanks to Carolyn! This program helped me get clear on my future plans and what I really want to do. I actually got a chance to go back to school and get started toward my degree. This program showed me a way out, a long term plan instead of a band-aid. It also helped me with my self-esteem. I don't doubt myself anymore. I want my kids to go to college and I have \$500 in a savings account for them.



Home Sharing

The Home Sharing Program is a one-on-one service linking people who have a home to share with those seeking a home. Each person has a private room and shares common living areas.

Self-Sufficiency

The Self-Sufficiency Program enables low-income families to transition from government assistance. Participants receive subsidized rents or a housing scholarship while they complete an education or job training program and find employment with an adequate income to support their families.

Home Equity Conversion

The Home Equity Conversion Program provides objective information and counseling on ways seniors can turn their accumulated home value into spendable cash so they can remain independent in their homes.

Property Development

Through Property Development, HIP Housing expands the pool of affordable housing for lowincome persons and families in San Mateo County by developing new and acquiring and rehabilitating existing housing.



Graduate, Eyrus Walker, with her two sons Prince and Cory.

While in the Self-Sufficiency Program, Eyrus completed a Medical Administrative Assistant course at JobTrain, and got a full-time position at Stanford Medical Center. In January, Eyrus was selected by Habitat for Humanity to receive a 3 bedroom house in Daly City. See page 5 regarding HIP Housing staff participation.



AT&T's Randy Okamura presents a \$20,000 grant to HIP Housing's Lois Marshall-Ward, Development Director.

Community Support



HIP Housing's volunteer extraordinaire, Jack Haber, was selected by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation as a "Local Hero" as part of its Neighborhood Excellent Initiative for his tireless volunteer work. Jack has been a avid volunteer since he was 20 years old. He is now 91 years young. As the winner of the "Local Hero" award, Jack received a \$5,000 grant to donate to the non profit of his choice. He selected HIP Housing to receive this gift.

Making a Difference

Bill Graham (left), VP of Physicians

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Healthcare West (CHW), Lois MarshallWard (center), Development Director HIP Housing and Louise Della Maggiora
(right), HIP Housing Board President
and Manager Guest Services, Volunteers
Et Community Liason for Sequoia
Hospital, attend a Catholic Healthcare
West Awards Ceremony to receive a
\$10,000 grant from Sequoia Hospital
for HIP Housing.





Children in HIP Housing's Self-Sufficiency Program strut down the runway at Bloomingdales Stanford Mall, modeling the latest fashion and their own Halloween costumes.
Bloomingdales provided a fundraising opportunity for local non profits. Board Member, Bobbi Decker (left) led the Fashion Show. Volunteers from the San Mateo County Association of REALTORS put together the fashion show. Photographs were taken by Hal Kataoka.

Trick or Treat! HIP Housing supporter Cynthia Russell and Brenda Paige hosted a Halloween at their The Holiday House boutique in Burlingame. The fundraising event featured HIP Housing clients and fully decorated haunted house. From left to right: Bruce Hamilton, Cynthia Russell, Burlingame Mayor Ann Keighran, and Brenda Paige.



Community Support



Having a good time for a good cause! That's exactly what guests were doing at HIP Housing's 1st Girls' Night Out fundraising event. Ladies were pampered with massages, mini facials, some of the latest beauty treatments, shopping, cocktails, buffet and the company of other amazing women! Look for this event next February. You won't want to miss it! Pictured from left to right: Volunteers Liz McCaughey, Elaine Parker, and Associate Director of HIP Housing, Laura Fanucchi.

Making a Difference

HIP Housing's staff and volunteers spent the day building a home for one of its Self-Sufficiency graduates, Eyrus Walker, who was selected by Habitat for Humanity to receive a new home in E. Palo Alto. Six staff members and three volunteers contributed sweat hours towards Eyrus' home.



Bank of the West, VP and HIP Board Member, David Gonzalez presents Bruce Hamilton with a check for \$5,000 in support of its upcoming Annual Luncheon.



The Holidays were celebrated with friends of HIP Housing at Borel Private Bank & Trust. The highlight of the evening was honoring the 12 winners of the annual Calendar Contest. Pictured left is Lousie Della Maggiora, HIP Housing President, and Diana Landi (right), HIP Housing Development Chair & Senior VP Marketing Manager at Borel. Prizes were undewritten by Borel. Pictured bottom is first place winner, Olivia Ladizinsky.



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Violaine Mraihi (left) and Mae Dea volunteer at the Girls' Night Out.



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We invite you to participate in HIP Housing's Donor Wall, which will provide you with lasting recognition of your support, while also providing critically needed funds to help us assist more people to find stable housing.

To raise funds for HIP Housing's programs, we recently installed an attractive Donor Wall at Edgewater Isle, a senior apartment complex in San Mateo. Your name can be featured on the Donor Wall for a donation of \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,500. Or, if you prefer, have a name plate designed "In Honor of" or In Memory of" a family member or friend.

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Friday, June 11th Annual Luncheon 11:30 Social 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Hotel Sofitel, Redwood City

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For more information, call Judy Fong at 650.348.6660.