



THE ARK: NOAH HOMES' E-NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends and Family:

Happy 2010, and welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter! We will be sending this in email and written format to keep all families and friends informed of the regular happenings at Noah Homes and all of the Casas. Each house will give an update on the activities in their Casa, and keep you informed of any needs or upcoming events.

I am so pleased to see lots of eager volunteers at Noah Homes in the past few months. The Holidays were full of parties, Christmas caroling, a Noah Christmas mass, outings, and lots of specially decorated cookies and treats for staff and residents alike. What a wonderful time to experience Noah Homes with Christmas lights, decorations, and a beautifully lighted, refurbished and newly painted Ark to greet our visitors. It was truly magical to drive into the campus at dusk and see the transformation.

2010 is already proving to be a beehive of activity, due in part to Noah Homes' participation in Disneyland's "Give a Day, Get a Day at Disney" program. Volunteers can earn a ticket to the Magic Kingdom by volunteering at Noah Homes and a number of other registered non-profits. Our phones are ringing, and Volunteer Coordinator, Taylor Seeger is planning events and projects to benefit the residents and Noah Homes alike.

As is Noah's routine, there has been lots of activity on the campus in the last several months, and I am pleased to announce that both remodels of Casa de Palmas and Flores are complete and the residents are very proud to show off their new abodes! Both homes received much needed makeovers with new carpet, paint, tile and fixtures. The remodels made room for four more residents. We have welcomed three, and the fourth should be in residence in the next 60 days.

Please check our website for information on our upcoming Golf Tournament, Thursday, April 29th, at Cottonwood Golf Club. It was a lot of fun last year, so come and enjoy a day in the sun with Noah friends and families. We are also in the planning stages for a dinner theater night to be announced soon, so keep an eye out for more information.

Our goal for 2010 is to create a variety of communication resources for our dedicated supporters, and create new avenues to get our message of service to people with disabilities out to many more new friends. We are expanding into more social networking opportunities, and welcome your input on what you would like to see in this monthly newsletter. I am grateful for your support and look forward to a busy and exciting 2010 for Noah Homes.

Sincerely,

Molly Nocon
CEO
Noah Homes

NOAH HOMES' WISH LIST

GENERATORS

MATCHING SET OF DINNERWARE

32-INCH FLAT SCREEN TV

RECLINER

STOVE (WHITE)

UPRIGHT FREEZER

COUCH

POTS & PANS

SET OF APPROX. 20 FOLDING CHAIRS

BLENDER

MIXER

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PROGRAM MANAGER

I can't believe it has already been two months since Sr. Mary's retirement. She has left me some pretty big shoes to fill but I am up for the challenge.

The position of Program Manager is a new chapter in my professional life here at Noah Homes. I have worked for Noah Homes for the past 22 years and have served at all levels of the organization. I started out as a Direct Service Provider in 1987 and shortly after became the House Manager of Casa de Esperanza.

Because of my experience over the past 22 years and Sister Mary's guidance I now fully grasp and have embraced my new role as Program Manager. It has instilled in me the extraordinarily high quality of care standards which Noah Homes is known for. I plan on continuing those standards for years to come.

I am thrilled to be working with such a competent and

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERISM

The volunteer program continues to gain speed and we are now partnered with Disney and their Give a Day, Get a Day program. This provides us with a great way to give back to all of our volunteers.

The two most popular activities seem to be walking group which is held once a week and Richard Simmons workout group which is held every Thursday. These two activities are not only resident favorites but volunteer favorites as well. Other volunteer projects in the works include wii game nights, cookie deliveries and campus clean up days.

We have been blessed with so many amazing volunteers who are willing to give back on a consistent basis but I would like to mention one family specifically whose dedication to the residents of Noah Homes traces back over a decade. The Manley Family:

dedicated group of staff and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Best regards,

Sandra Rocco-Melville

NOAH WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS

The end of 2009 and beginning of 2010 saw the arrival of two new residents at Noah Homes.

Betsy Cory, who is a big sports fan, moved in to Casa De Flores and is getting along great with her new roommate Adrienne and the rest of her housemates as well.

Janine Barth who loves music (and is a big fan of her new roommate Pauline) moved into Casa De Fe and is getting along with everyone swimmingly.

We welcome both ladies and hope they have the time of their lives here at Noah Homes.

Steve, Pat & Steven each and every year without fail adopt a handful of residents whose families have passed on and shower them with presents at Christmas. Both the staff and residents of Noah Homes are eternally grateful to them for their kindness and generosity.

Kind regards,

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