



Chamberlain's News

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CARING IN OUR COMMUNITY



Girl Scout Troop 23411

In a Foster Care system that sees children travel between placements with all of their worldly possessions in big black garbage bags, there are those who have stepped up and said "This is unacceptable."

Chamberlain's had begun a suitcase and duffle bag donation program so that the children leaving the facility could do so with more dignity than that which they arrived. When donations of suitcases and duffle bags were requested, this need caught the attention of young Mia Ventimiglia of local Girl Scout Troop 23411. Mia saw the need and did not hesitate to incorporate Troop 23411's assistance in collecting these items. Because of their efforts, Chamberlain's Children Center now has an entire storage room filled with suitcases, duffle bags, and backpacks. Troop 23411's kindness, generosity and caring did not end with bags. Troop 23467 also joined the effort and between both Girl Scout troops, they were able to collect brand new blankets and pajamas suitable for all young residents of Chamberlain's Children Center.

Both Girl Scout troops were welcomed as they visited Chamberlain's Children Center. Through their efforts, Mia Ventimiglia, along with Girl Scout Troops 23411 and 23467 have exemplified "Caring in Our Community" with their kindness, generosity, and hard work.

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HEALTH, WELLNESS, & NUTRITION CENTER UPDATE: Phase 1, the fitness room, is complete. (See before and after photos below). Phase 2, the learning lab kitchen, is underway courtesy of Leadership San Benito County.



Before picture of the HWNC.



After picture of the HWNC fitness room.



New Rock Climbing Wall

The HWNC kitchen is scheduled for completion July 2011. Donations of cooking utensils are still needed.



Before picture of the HWNC kitchen.



Before picture of the HWNC kitchen.

Children will learn how to prepare healthy, good tasting meals.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

GO BIG OR GO HOME

As I was thinking about what to write about for this newsletter, a couple of pop culture quotes and images came to mind.

The first was Emeril Lagasse and his "Bam" and "Kick it up a notch" as well as the saying from a recent movie "Go Big or Go Home".

After two years of bringing stability and efficiency to Chamberlain's Children Center I feel we are ready to "Kick it up a notch"!

Work Day: Our previous work days have had between fifteen and twenty five volunteers. On April 30, we had approximately 175 volunteers. Can I get a "BAM?!" Groups and agencies supporting our efforts on the work day included: Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Hollister, Leadership San Benito County, San Benito Bounty, and District 5170 Area 6 Rotary Clubs which include Hollister, San Juan Bautista, Gilroy, Gilroy Sunrise, Morgan Hill, and Almaden Valley. We painted our school, Wellness Center, administration buildings, installed fencing and two new roofs, built planter boxes, planted flowers and vegetables, cleaned out sheds, trimmed trees, installed pavers, filled pot holes, repaired drywall and weeded our large campus! Whew, that's quite the list!!! I also want to thank Hollister Rotary lead by Master BBQers Dan Weatherly and Will Sutton for providing a BBQ lunch for all volunteers.

2nd Annual Mari's FUNd Day, Saturday May 14th, noon to 3pm: We will be adding a silent auction; a bounce house and petting zoo for the kids; and a ZUMBA demonstration. 4 Club Level tickets to a World Champion San Francisco Giants and golf for four at San Juan Oaks will be the featured items for our raffle!! I hope our attendance will go from 40 people to 100 people! "Go Big..." right?

Wellness Center: This year's fund raiser supports our new Wellness Center, which is

another example of our program and our staff going way above Group Home standards and expectations! I do want to say how excited I am about the progress we are making in the development of the center.

Accreditation: Lastly but definitely not least, we are starting the process to get Chamberlain's accredited by California Alliance of Children and Family Services. This accreditation will provide Chamberlain's with the "Good Housekeeping seal of approval". It will be a long, challenging process but one that will definitely "Kick our program up a notch!"

If you would like to participate in any of the above mentioned activities, please let me know as you keep in mind one final famous quote "Many hands make light work".

Thank you for your continued support!!

Robert Freiri
Executive Director



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR HWNC FITNESS ROOM CONTRIBUTORS:

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have already begun enjoying the Health Wellness and Nutrition Center Fitness room and are motivated to continue the road to forming healthy habits.

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Rosemary Cardinalli, our friend, co-worker and long time supporter of Chamberlain's children. Rosemary served in a variety of positions at Chamberlain's; from childcare worker to cottage supervisor to food service director. No matter what role she filled, Rosemary always gave her best to the agency and most importantly, the children. Her passion for caring will continue to inspire those who were close to her. *(May 10, 1945 - April 12, 2011)*



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Chamberlain's Mission Statement:

Chamberlain's Children Center is a child and family service agency that teaches and heals children and families who have experienced trauma. Children become socially competent through strengthened family connections, access to resources, and the ability to express difficult thoughts and feelings.



You are invited!

Mari's FUNd Day

BBQ, raffle, silent auction and family fun day.

Saturday, May 14th Noon to 3pm.

Funds will benefit the Chamberlain's Wellness Program.

We hope to see you there!

See inside for more info.



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