



# Summer Newsletter

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## Keith Thompson Graduates!

It is graduation season and Keith Thompson Nonpublic School had two 8th grade graduates to celebrate this year. Although we have always had a graduation ceremony in the past, we really amped up the tradition by bringing the event out to the gazebo and donning graduation day garb. It is important to show all of our KTNPS students that just because they are not going to school in a traditional mainstream classroom doesn't mean they have to miss out on the traditions of mainstream school. Our school is small, but the hearts in the classroom are huge and it was really important to all staff members that all of the students be celebrated for their accomplishments, but especially the two who are moving on to the high school next year. The two children who graduated have worked hard to overcome obstacles both inside the classroom and out and have really come a long way towards achieving future success. We are so proud of our graduates as well as the other kids in the classroom for all of their achievements this year!



## San Benito High School's Gifted Games

On May 15, the students at KTNPS had the opportunity to participate in the Gifted Games at San Benito High School. The event celebrated its 10 year anniversary this year with over 380 student athletes. It began as a small event and now spans two school districts with both Hollister and Gilroy school's special education students participating. In preparation for the event, our KTNPS students made brightly colored t-shirts that could be seen from far off. Doing so fostered a sense of team pride and unity. Our students participated in opening ceremonies by taking the traditional lap around the track with their team. Immediately following the opening ceremonies was the one mile run. All KTNPS students participating ran the mile. It was very impressive to watch. In addition to the mile, students also participated in the long jump, softball throw, turbo javelin throw, the 50 yard dash, and the 100 yard dash. At the conclusion of the event, each student earned a participation medal. It was a fun filled day which students will remember for a long time.



Chamberlain's Children Center empowers at-risk children in a home-like environment to heal from past trauma, discover their strengths, and develop the skills they need to achieve life-long success.

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Words From Our Rosemary Cardinal! Recipient

"I am humbled to receive such a prestigious award in the name of Rosemary Cardinal. My work with my students and the children of Chamberlain's is not made possible without the time and support of others inside and outside of the Chamberlain's community. A huge thank you to my classroom staff, Robert, and my father, Shon, for all the things they do for the classroom and my students!"

Matthew Morrison  
Special Education Teacher



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## 6th Annual Mari's FUNd Day-Another Great Success!

It was another year of amazing community support and fun times at our 6th Annual Mari's FUNd Day BBQ Fundraiser and Silent Auction. Despite it being a little chilly, we still had a successful event with a delicious tri tip lunch prepared by Hollister Rotary Club. For the third year in a row, Yamamoto Hula Ohana provided entertainment in the form of hula dancing. This group has also been providing hula dancing lessons to a group of our children and two of them were able to participate in the day's performance! We used this opportunity to honor two community groups that have really gone above and beyond to support the kids in our care. Intero Foundation and Pacific Scientific both sent representatives out to accept the awards and enjoy the festivities. During the recognition portion of the program, we recognized our leader of the year, Krista Breheny. Our most prestigious staff award was handed out to our Special Education teacher, Matt Morrison (More details about that below). We raised over \$18,000 and plan to use most of the funds to purchase new furnishings for our cottages that have been making do with furniture that is worn and used. We are so grateful for another great year of support from our community.



Robert with Intero Foundation representative, Toni



Robert with Pacific Scientific representative

### Well Deserved Rosemary Cardinalli Recipient

Rosemary Cardinalli was a past employee whose dedication to helping our children was unsurpassed. She worked tirelessly to support the children in our care and guide other staff members to do the same. We lost Rosemary in 2011, but her spirit remains with us here at Chamberlain's. Members of our staff both new and old work hard to provide the same outstanding care that she was known for. Each year at our fundraiser, we recognize one staff member who has exemplified Rosemary's spirit with our children. This year's awardee has worked especially hard with our children. Matt Morrison, our Special Education Teacher at Keith Thompson Nonpublic School here on campus, has brought an energy and enthusiasm to the classroom in the two years he has been with us. He takes the time to make sure that each child knows that they are loved and valued and ensures that they are all learning and succeeding to their potential. Since he has been with us, many of the children who attended KTNPS have moved on into mainstream public schools; a fact that illustrates how successful he has been in the classroom! He is also constantly coming up with new strategies for working with the children, changes he can make to the infrastructure and tools he can employ, as well as tools and technology he can implement to further expand the children's' experience. Matt is very deserving of this important award and we are so proud of the work he is doing with our kids!



## Greenwood Helps Local Organizations Work Together

Social Vocational Services is a local organization that provides employment opportunities for local adults with disabilities. Thanks to Greenwood Chevrolet, we have been receiving their help with keeping our campus clean for our children. Twice a month, a group of SVS clients is supervised by SVS staff while picking up any discarded trash or debris to keep our campus looking its best. This service has been funded by Greenwood Chevrolet who pays the wages so that both organizations can benefit from this. SVS recently recognized Greenwood for their outstanding support in helping developmentally disabled individuals gain a sense of independence and build their confidence while also helping others. This partnership has been amazing for all involved. Chamberlain's is grateful to both Greenwood and SVS for their support!



### A Second Year of SV Gives Success!

This was the second year of Silicon Valley Gives, a local day of giving campaign, and another great success for Chamberlain's Children Center. The event began last year as a way to celebrate 100 years of Community Foundations and was hosted by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and supported locally by the Community Foundation for San Benito County. It was unique because although the event and much of the publicity was centered in the Silicon Valley, San Benito County Residents were invited to participate. This opportunity is a great way to allow people who commute north to support their hometown and for nonprofits here to tap into some of the dollars from the north. This year, we had two ways to support Chamberlain's during the event. We had a general page that raised money for our programs and a page that was managed by the Community Foundation for San Benito County that goes straight into our endowment. Money raised through the CFSBC's Chamberlain's page was matched which really increased the impact of donations. Program money is equally important but our endowment will ensure sustainability into the future. This event was once again a very successful campaign for us, and we look forward to participating next year.



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**We appreciate your support!**



**SAN JOSE GIANTS BASEBALL GAME  
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 5:00 P.M.**

**SAN JOSE GIANTS VS LANCASTER JAYHAWKS**

**ITALIAN NIGHT**

The San Jose Giants have partnered with the Sons of Sicily for the seventh annual Italian Night at the ballpark. The entire night will be a celebration of Italian culture with raffles, Italian music and food, vendor booths and giveaways. There will be a silent auction for the special Italian themed, game worn, player jerseys and many fun activities for the whole family. The entire night will be a celebration of Italian culture with raffles, Italian music and food, vendor booths and giveaways.

**Chamberlain's will receive a portion of each ticket sold!**

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**Leader of the Year**

With the exception of the Rosemary Cardinali Award, most of our employee recognition is done during our campus wide staff meetings. This year, we decided to recognize the Leader of the Year at Mari's FUNd Day also. Leader of the Year 2014 went to Child Care Worker III, Krista Breheny. Krista has been with us for just over two years. In that time, she quickly excelled in her cottage winning over the hearts of both our children and our staff. She continued to learn and grow eventually taking on a leadership role. As a swing shift leader, Krista has shown commitment to our kids, our mission, and her staff. Her consistent support of our services and creative contributions in the milieu has earned her the respect of her co-workers and fellow managers. Everyone appreciates her friendly and encouraging demeanor, and we are happy to see her being recognized for her work her at Chamberlain's.



*A Big Thank You!*

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# Executive Director Report:



" Our positive actions towards others may be likened to seeds of hope gently sown into our common sea of humanity... sending ripples of good-will to all shores, and there growing to become mighty forests rooted in the rich soil of caring, cooperation and trust." Livia & Edward Drennan

I really like this quote and I think it aligns with what we are trying to accomplish at Chamberlain's Children Center. Many of the children in our care come to us as very fragile "seedlings". Those who should have cared for them and whom they should have been able to trust, failed them. Then they have a few stops along the way and unequipped with the tools to manage their traumas, their thoughts, and their behaviors, they fail to take root in those stops as well.

Then this magical seedling, aka child, lands at Chamberlain's. That's where the real "care and feeding" takes place; literally and programmatically. Our admin staff, clinical staff, school staff and residential staff work diligently, sometimes to exhaustion, to make sure they have dialed in just the right amount of "ingredients" to make sure each of our children receive the "nutrients" they need to grow and take root. Included in that "water can" are compassion, patience, understanding, therapy, life skills, redirection, communication, role modeling, exercise, good nutrition, celebration of milestones big and small, silliness, laughter, a few tears and a lot of love! These my friends are the ingredients that will make the children in our care learn to care, learn to cooperate, and learn again to trust. Like the mighty redwoods in our nearby Santa Cruz Mountains, with your help, our children will reach unbelievable heights!!

As it is summer, many of our children will be in the community shopping and participating in events. If you see them please extend a smile and even extend a hand. We are trying to teach them that they are part of a community. And we want them to see what we see, that our community is amazing!!

Thank you to everyone who participated at Mari's FUNd Day and SV Gives. New furniture has been ordered for all the cottages and nearly \$11,000 has been added to our endowment fund!! Thank you Community Foundation for San Benito County for securing the match for the funds we raised for the endowment!

Robert Freiri  
Executive Director



# Work Day 2015 Scrapbook



Another year saw another amazing and inspiring work day here at Chamberlain's in April. We have been extremely fortunate to have a great group of supporters, most of whom volunteer with us through JustServe and the LDS Church in town, who always come out for this event to make some major overhauls to areas of our campus. We had several safety related projects that were taken care of that day including fencing around our dumpsters, an air conditioning unit, and other obstructions as well as fixing uneven concrete. We also used this opportunity to get some additional remodeling done in the classroom. Old ceiling tiles were replaced with new ones and two interior walls were torn down and replaced with partitions. The classroom remodeling was a HUGE success. The classroom at KTNPS is now state of the art in technology and classroom environment, and serves as a model for other classrooms in the county! A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who spent an extensive amount of time making the classroom environment the way it is. Another special thank you to Shon Morrison for all his contributions to building classroom furniture and painting in the classroom. While those projects were being completed, other volunteers helped plant flowers and vegetables, deep cleaning the houses, and other general campus clean up. It was another great year of getting things done with the help of some dedicated volunteers who always work hard to benefit our kids. We continue to be inspired by their hard work and dedication to making this campus better and better!

