

## Sisters

by Margaret Hess Morris

**M**y sister Kathy is three years younger than myself. Due to a complication at birth, she is developmentally disabled. Kathy attends the Dimensions Adult Day program at Villa Esperanza. I attend to Kathy. It wasn't always this way.

Two years ago I was happily living my life on the beautiful island of Maui. Kathy was happily living her life in Pasadena with our parents in the home where they had all lived for nearly fifty years. Our parents had become old, but were still living strong and independent lives. Dad's health had been on the decline, but he was still getting around and was buoyed by getting his driver's license renewed at age 83. Mother was napping a little more often, but she ran the house as she always had and kept up with her charity work and patriotic organizations. While Kathy required help and supervision with some tasks, in many ways she had become a helpmate to our parents. She had an excellent memory and plenty of energy which came in handy whenever Mother misplaced her glasses or her handbag. In a naïve way, I guess it seemed that the status quo would just continue.

Suddenly, both of our parents become unwell. Mother hurt her back and Dad was very slow to recover from a bout of pneumonia. One day they were both at the house. The next day they were both in the hospital. Neither one would ever return home.



Kathy and Margaret

For the first two weeks of their hospitalization, our brother Phillip stayed with Kathy. As conditions deteriorated rapidly, I took a month's leave from my job and took over while he returned to his home in Arizona. Mother and Dad had been transferred to a nursing home where they shared a room together. Kathy and I went to visit them every day. Very

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# Message from the CEO

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Thank you to each of you who sent letters to legislators advising them of our serious concerns regarding the current California state budget crisis and proposed cuts to Villa Esperanza Services programs. As family members and concerned community members, it's important that we continue to have a voice for those that cannot advocate for themselves.

Significant cuts in any program will cause financial hardship for Villa Esperanza Services and many other organizations serving people with developmental and other disabilities. Villa remains financially viable due to our major fundraising efforts and developing innovative programs to offset insufficient funding over the past 20 years. In fact, Villa has received only one 3% across-the-board increase during that time.

Villa's Board of Directors has made a commitment to our clients, their families and Villa staff to retain quality services even in the face of further budget cuts. As in the past, we are taking a creative and pro-active approach. We will grow our current programs, develop new, innovative, gap-filling, community-based programs, and continue in our cutting edge fundraising. As we know more this summer about the impact of state budget cuts, we will keep you posted.

June was Villa's Board Sponsored Staff Appreciation Month in which many events were held to celebrate and thank our terrific staff. As we move forward and continue in excellence, we always want to be sure to say thank you to those that are making this possible. Please look in the following pages for staff given special recognition this year.

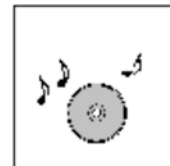
Thanks to each of you for your support of Villa and the very special children, adults and seniors that we serve.

Dottie Nelson  
CEO

## GIVE THIS A TRY!

Learn to communicate using PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). PECS is a tool used in speech and language therapy for communication. Use the following pictures to form sentences. The answers are on page 10.

How many sentences can you make to communicate with other people?



# Sisters *(Continued from page 1)*



(Above) Kathy working on her one-of-a-kind art creation. (Right) Kathy and Margaret at the Guild's Day at the Races.



unexpectedly, I received a call one Saturday morning that Mother had been taken to the emergency room. She died later that night from complications due to a blood disorder.

Until my parents' hospitalization, Kathy had never spent a night away from them. She and our mother were rarely apart for more than a few hours a day. I had left home in my late teens to go to college and hadn't lived there since. I had married, raised a child, divorced, and been living independently and supporting myself for the last 20 years.

My parents had never made a plan for what would happen after they were gone. None of us would have imagined the way it would all play out. I always knew that I would have a role in my sister's life, but I never saw this coming. It was the hardest decision I had ever made in my life, but at the same time, it was no decision at all. Someone had to take care of Kathy and it was me. In the space of ten days, I packed up my life on Maui and moved back into the family home in Pasadena.

I have been here for almost two years. I have adjusted to life with Kathy and Kathy has adjusted to life with me. Some days go pretty smoothly and other days are pretty rough. I am probably the least qualified caregiver on the planet except for the fact that I do care and I am here. I have learned to lower my expectations as needed while still remaining hopeful. On the days when I have totally lost my patience with Kathy, I try to remember that she gets pretty exhausted with me too. We are typical sisters; no matter what happens, at the end of the day we still love each other. We lost our dad six months ago. We have learned that life goes on whether you are ready or not.

Villa Esperanza has been a lifesaver to our family. Attending the Dimensions program was the continuous thread in Kathy's daily routine that provided distraction and support for all that was happening in her life. Her coaches have been super-human in their level of patience and understanding. She has gone through so much and has grown enormously in the process. Providing love, care, and hope has become a reality for our family. Thank you for all that you have done for us.

## HOW YOUR DOLLARS HELP VILLA

### \$10,000

Refurbishes a residential home for adults; jumpstarts the purchase of a van; or supports our staff training for excellence.

### \$7,500

Provides speech or behavior therapies for one child for a year; or funds job training for one adult in the community.

### \$5,000

Sends children and adults on field trips and recreational activities in the community; provides music therapy for two classrooms; or purchases equipment for our landscaping crews.

### \$2,000

Funds nursing services at our adult day program; supplies resources to low-income families; or provides art therapy for our children and adults.

### \$650

Buys outdoor playground equipment; or provides a nutritionist for our adult programs.

If you are interested in donating to Villa, please contact the Development Department at (626) 449-2919, ext. 28. All gifts help make a difference. Thank you.

# Around Villa

## VILLA'S RESIDENTS— ON THE GO

Our Villa residents are getting into better shape in a variety of ways. Individuals from our Murphy and Allen homes are participating in a Special Olympics bowling league every other Saturday. Some other residents are in swim training at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, or they are tearing up the dance floor at Ability First and the Church of the Nazarene dances. The ladies in the Wynn home visit Curves twice a week. Way to get moving!

Individuals from our Dominion and Wagner homes have been pier and deep sea fishing every other weekend in Redondo Beach. Catch one for us!

Many also attend Pasadena City College classes offered at Villa, Monday through Thursday nights. Classes include: current events, math and reading.

**Wow! They lead busy and fulfilling lives.**



James Knowles at Ability First's Hooray for Hollywood dance.



Glenn White and Sandra Marasco working together to solve the puzzle.

## SENIOR SERVICES

Villa's Adult Day Program (ADP), located at Westminster Church, offers life enhancing experiences for people with developmental disabilities, frail elders, and people with Alzheimer's or dementia. The program provides nursing supervision, therapeutic exercises, meals and snacks with dietician supervision and access to physical, occupational and speech therapy consultation.

ADP staff attended a five week training seminar presented by the Alzheimer's Association, called "Providing Superior Care and Support for Individuals with Alzheimer's." The class is part of Villa's Training for Excellence program and the planned Alzheimer's component at the ADP.

Villa's participants in the ADP have been busy in the community. The group recently visited the Los Angeles Zoo and they are in process of securing memberships to 24 Hour Fitness for fitness training. Some of the other fun activities include a cooking class, a creative arts class, a visit to Huntington Gardens and a trip to the Gene Autry Museum. Our ADP is also partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to increase the variety of activities.

A special thank you to The Shakespeare League of Pasadena for their generous donation of monthly birthday cakes! This allows us to celebrate everyone's big day.

We are proud to announce that we began our client support group in May. The meetings are every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the program site.

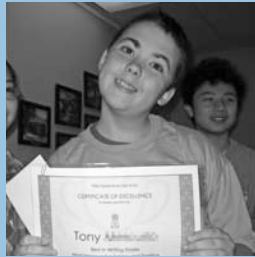
## SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

The next School Parent Association Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 21** at 12:30 at **Villa Esperanza Services**. Parent meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 12:30. Please contact Casey Gregg, School Principal for more information (626) 449-2919, ext. 17 or email [cgregg@VillaEsperanzaServices.org](mailto:cgregg@VillaEsperanzaServices.org).

## SCHOOL NEWS

Students hosted a Multicultural Fair on Wednesday, June 18th on the school campus. Classrooms provided activities, food and fun for students and staff to enjoy while learning about different cultures.

Villa's School year ended with our annual Awards Ceremony. Each classroom performed and each student received recognition for their accomplishments.



Tony, Room 1, accepting his achievement award.



Aaron, Room 8, and Robert Hernandez, teacher's aide, presenting food donation to Lauren McGrew with the Food Pantry.

Villa students participated in a canned food drive as part of Earth Day and helping others in need. All classes contributed to the two week food drive.



(Clockwise from top left ) Lisa Lui adding the finishing touches to her masterpiece. Dimensions Adult Day participants visit the Norton Simon outdoor art sculptures. Our adults meet their docent.

## CULTURE CLUB!

Villa's Dimensions Adult Day participants are engaged in the arts. They have created pieces of art to showcase at the annual Angel Frames: A Collection of Very Special Art exhibit opening August 10th at the Armory Center for the Arts. Canvas pieces, t-shirts, furniture and journals are just some of their creative projects! As part of the Angel Frames program, our adults visited the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena and were given a docent tour of all the pieces. Comments like, "that looks like our art" could be heard around the gallery.

The fun and education does not stop there! Currently a poetry workshop is happening in Dimensions. 10 participants have joined the workshop where they are reading and learning to write poetry. Instructor Jane Moore is a volunteer who wanted to share her love of the written word with the group. She's incorporated instruments into the readings to help the class feel the rhythm of the verses. Poetry in motion!

## WISH LIST

### HOMES

- Dining Room Tables and Chairs in good condition
- Gym Memberships for our Adult Residents

### ADP

- Arts & Crafts Supplies (pencils, color pencils, markers, paint, paper, glue, etc.)
- Sewing and needle point supplies
- Visual cookbooks and recipes (easy to make in 30 minutes –1 hour)
- Table top activities (games, puzzles)
- Reading materials (gently used magazines and books)
- Gardening materials (flowers, seeds, dirt, pottery, hand shovels, gloves, watering cans)
- Nursing equipment and supplies (wheelchairs, walkers, first aid, blankets, gloves, grooming supplies)
- Grocery store gift cards

# Thank You, Danke Schön, Grazie, Salu



Shakespeare League members kickin' off the show.

## YA'LL COME BACK NOW, YA HEAR?

This year The Shakespeare League of Pasadena performed *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* for their annual show with proceeds benefiting Villa Esperanza Services and The Wellness Communities-Foothills.

"We have been fortunate over the last eight years to be recipients of The Shakespeare League's hard work and for that we are incredibly grateful," shares Dottie Nelson, CEO of Villa Esperanza Services. "They are an amazing group of women with a zest for life and amazing talents. They continue to provide quality musical theatre at affordable prices and reinvest the proceeds into needed community programs. Not to mention they are a lot of FUN!"

## ANNUAL BOUTIQUE SALE

Thank you to The Fair Ladies who raised \$4500 from their Annual Boutique Sale to support Villa's very special children, adults and seniors.

## WALK THIS WAY

We also extend appreciation to Rangoni Firenze Shoes for donating 10% of ALL Sales to Villa for one week this last November. You have a lot of SOLE!

## STERLING HILLS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you and congratulations to the Sterling Hills Women's Golf Association on another successful tournament. 87 players gathered for a day of golf, auction, raffle and fun to benefit Villa's Employment Services and Residential Programs in the West Region. "I think this event is so important," says Stephanie Donckels, President of the Women's Golf Association. "We are raising money for Villa which we are proud of and it's great team building for our group. The event truly benefits everyone."



Sterling Hills Women's Golf Association President, Stephanie Donckels and Jan Kuchar, incoming President, with guest speaker, Kevin Sterling.

Kevin Sterling was the guest speaker at the tournament luncheon and spoke about the challenges he faced in securing a job after he graduated from California Lutheran University. "I was so proud of my accomplishment. I assumed that I would have lots of job opportunities waiting for me...boy did I get a reality check." Kevin went on to share how Villa made him feel hopeful. "I am thankful for Villa because not only did they help me find a job, their job coaching program has helped me improve job skills." Kevin now works at the YMCA.

## THE VILLA ESPERANZA GUILD WINS BIG

More than 250 guests enjoyed a beautiful day at Santa Anita Race Track for Villa Esperanza Guild's 10th Annual "A Day of Thoroughbred Racing" Saturday, February 23. The Guild raised \$70,000 this year to support Villa's Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center and Adult Residential and Independent Living Programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since its inception 40 years ago, the Guild has raised over one million dollars to benefit the very special children, adults and seniors Villa serves. Thank you to all our Guild Members and to those who participated!

Joan Carmichael, a long time member of the Guild, supporter of Villa and wonderful friend to many, was missed at the races. Joan passed away ten days before the event. She was an inspiration to many and a huge part of the Races. Joan's friendship and spirit will be missed.



(L to R) Guild Benefit Committee Members Sally Irving, Georgene Neely, Marty Digges, Judi Moore, Debra Hart and Helene Nielsen.

# té—We can't say it enough!



(Clockwise from above) Margaret F. Jagels, honoree, with her children Jeannie Vaughn, Villa Board Member, Edward R. Jagels, District Attorney of Kern County, and grandson Jeffrey Mark Jagels; (L to R) Retiring Board Members Christianne Kerns, Nancy Piscitelli and Jan Starnes with Board Chairman, AnnMarie Flaherty; The Alanis family, hosts of *Blue & White*.

## BLUE & WHITE

Grazie, grazie, grazie to all who made *Blue & White* a wonderful success. The May 4th, Italian themed event was well attended with 260 individuals raising \$100,000 in support of Villa's very special children, adults and seniors. Guests enjoyed the accordion by Norman Panto, a cappella music by the USC Sirens, art created by Villa's students and adults, Italian cuisine by Kensington Catering, bellinis and cocktails by Mijares Mexican Restaurant, family portraits by Nick Boswell Photographers and fun family activities set at the beautiful Pasadena palazzo of Allison and Paul Alanis.

Villa proudly honored **Margaret F. Jagels** with the 11th annual Guardian Angel Award. Mrs. Jagels has been a part of the Villa family for 22 years participating as a Guild Member and advocate for those with special needs. She embodies a wonderful enthusiasm for community involvement, supporting many worthy organizations like Villa Esperanza Services.

Also recognized at the event were Villa's outgoing Board Members: Christianne Kerns, Nancy Piscitelli and Jan Starnes.

Thank you to the committee for making *Blue & White* a huge success and for your enthusiasm, support and creativity:

Presenting Sponsor and  
Committee Chairman:  
Marybeth Rehman-Dittu  
BILA

*Blue & White* Committee:  
Allison Alanis  
Natalie Birtalan  
Laura Brereton  
Karen Shelton Brown  
R-lene Mijares de Lang  
Hallee Gould

Sally Irving  
Christianne Kerns  
Margaret Hess Morris  
Mercy Steenwyk  
Jan Starnes  
Maryann Seduski  
MC: Jay Cervenka

Thank you Allison and Paul Alanis for the use of your beautiful home and garden.



PASADENA COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

Thanks to a generous grant provided by the Pasadena Community Foundation, computers will be available for clients in our eight homes in Pasadena. Observation technology will be added to our classrooms, along with three new staff computers.

**TRAINING FOR  
EXCELLENCE**

Villa has undertaken a bold initiative to transform the agency into a "Center of Excellence" with the support of the Weingart Foundation capacity-building grant. Villa's Executive Leadership Staff and the Board of Directors are committed to investing in employees and improving and enhancing training that is provided to each employee. From July to December, Villa provided 156 training sessions to staff covering 74 different topics. The goal of staff training is to challenge, expand and enhance the skill level of our staff in order to improve the lives of the people we serve.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE**

The creation of the Community Council For Excellence is an important part of Villa's three-year Strategic Plan to continue the development of Villa as a Center of Excellence. The launch of the Community Council was held at East West Bank headquarters in Pasadena. We are honored to have the following individuals serving on the Council to provide leadership and support of Villa and the population we serve.



Community Council Members Betty De Santis (far left) and Claire Bogaard (far right) with Board Members Maryann McKinley and Denise Sparks.



New Council Members Ken Robbins and Andrea Belz with Maryann McKinley (middle)

- Andrea Belz, Ph.D.  
Belz Consulting, Owner
- Rob Berry, CPA  
Good, Schwartz, Brown & Berns, LLP Partner
- Bill Bogaard  
City of Pasadena, Mayor
- Claire Bogaard  
Pasadena Heritage, Founder
- Jim Bruno  
Bruno & Associates
- Rich Byrd  
Bank of the West  
Senior Executive Vice President
- Yun Byrd  
Villa Speech Center, Volunteer
- Chuck Carroll  
Citizens Business Bank, Vice President
- Diane Carroll  
Sparkletts Water, Human Resources
- Ramon Cortines  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
Senior Deputy Superintendent
- Nancy Davis  
Whittier Trust Company, Vice President
- Betty De Santis, R.N.  
Vitas Innovative Hospice Care  
Admissions Manager  
City of Westlake Village, Former Mayor
- Neelam Duggal  
Teledyne, Controller
- Paulette Geragos  
Community Leader
- Joe Gorman  
Sheppard Mullin, Partner
- Jane Kaczmarek  
Actress, Community Volunteer
- Terri Kohl  
Brighton Inc., Founder

- Aron Kuppermann, Ph.D.  
California Institute of Technology  
Professor of Chemical Physics  
Villa Parent
- Roza Kuppermann  
Westridge School, Teacher, Retired  
Villa Parent
- Cynthia Kurtz  
City of Pasadena, Former City Manager  
Planning Committee Associates
- Jorge Lambrinos  
USC Roybal Institute for Applied  
Gerontology, Director  
Villa Parent
- Lynne Lovasco  
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- Ken Robbins  
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- Chris Vicino  
City of Pasadena, Interim Police Chief
- Colleen Williams  
KNBC Channel 4, News Anchor



# Tribute to Katie Nack

by Dottie Nelson

Our beloved Katie Nack, Villa parent and past Board Chairman, has passed away. Katie wore many hats: she was one of the first women architects in a male world after World War II. She was born in Texas but defined Pasadena for most of us as a member of the Pasadena Unified School Board, Pasadena City Council Member and Mayor. Katie was easily the most recognizable person in Pasadena, almost a celebrity with her always beautifully coiffed white hair and tailored suits with lovely flower lapel pins. Wherever Katie went, she was always amazed and a little embarrassed at how many people “knew” her and would come up to speak to her admiringly.

Katie also made a significant impact on the state level as one of the earliest advocates for public education for children with developmental disabilities, especially those with Down syndrome like her beloved daughter, Susie. It may be hard to understand today that as late as the 1960s our children with developmental disabilities were denied an education and parents were encouraged to institutionalize them. Parents like Katie successfully fought to give

their children an education and a dignified and quality life in the community. Katie was also a pioneering advocate for the regional center system that provides many benefits for those with developmental disabilities that we now take for granted as their entitlement.

It would seem a foregone conclusion that Katie would be an early and life-long advocate and supporter for Villa, and that Susie would become a student at Villa’s school and later a Villa resident and employee over her 30+ years with us. Katie was Board President twice and a consultant to Villa’s Board for several years after

her latest presidency in 1995–1998. For what it’s worth, Katie is the one who brought me to Villa in 1996, during Villa’s most challenging and vulnerable time in its 35+ years. Katie had a strong determination that Villa would survive and she was proud to know how Villa has grown and become strong. Her last vision, advocacy and legacy for Villa was for us to be the first agency to start senior programs.

Goodbye, Katie! We shall all miss you. I will miss a loving mentor and role model.



Katie Nack

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Villa Esperanza Guild presented Debra Hart, Guild President, with the Silver Bowl Award at their annual Guild Board Installation Luncheon held at Judi and Bob Moore’s home. Congratulations Debra and thank you for all you do for Villa!

## SMILES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Dr. Greenman of Greenman Smile Concepts in Westlake Village has chosen Villa Esperanza Services as the recipient of the Smiles for Life Campaign. It’s a wonderful way to whiten your smile and at the same time donate to Villa.

How? It’s easy! You make an appointment to see Dr. Greenman, 805/496-9555, to get your teeth whitened and 50% of the proceeds benefit Villa. For more information contact Villa at 626/449-2919, ext. 28..



**FORE!**

Villa's 21st Annual Tournament of Hope tees off on Monday, September 29, 2008. The tournament will be held at Glendora Country Club with Wells Fargo as title sponsor. Log on to [www.VillaEsperanzaServices.org](http://www.VillaEsperanzaServices.org) to join Villa's Golf Ball Drop for a chance to win CASH!

**STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH**

Villa's Board of Directors designated June as Staff Appreciation Month. We celebrated the excellent staff and said thank you with a variety of events. Thank you to all the Villa employees for giving graciously of themselves and providing quality services.

Congratulations and thank you to the following individuals for their dedicated service to Villa:

**LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
Gioia Pastre

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
Antonio Del Rosario

**3 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
Nurtaj Akbar  
Danny Alvarez  
Maria Amador  
Marites Beltran  
Darlene Benavidez  
Leticia Bonilla  
Lobita Brewer  
Vanessa Brown  
Kamille Chan  
Michelle Cox  
Antonio Del Rosario  
Arsenio Flores  
Nelly Garcia  
Kelly Gregory  
Donna Gonzalez  
Judith Williams Hudson  
Carmen Kvisler  
Diane Maberry  
David Miller  
Anset Mwakio  
Daniel Nalbandian  
Diana Nava  
Sharonn Palmer  
Maria Ramos

Valerie Sanchez  
Juan Tarió  
Sandra Valenzuela  
Gabriela Villanueva  
Andrea Williams

**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
Thomas Corona  
Daniel Grabow  
Casey Gregg  
Christopher Landrum  
Aracely Martinez  
Lourdes Mendez  
Jamie Robe

**10 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
Cynthia Davis  
Michelle Hussen  
Yolanda Noriega  
Celia Parker  
Johnnie Wall

**COMPLETED 15 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
Jonnie Turnure

**EDUCATION-TEACHER APPLE AWARDS**  
Jenny Barnett  
Kay Colwell  
Carol Cruz

Danielle Hernandez  
Barbara Martin  
Sherna Pinnock  
LaLa Sangalang  
Vanessa Sun  
Deborah Walker

**ABOVE & BEYOND AWARDS**  
Crystal Armstrong  
Leticia Bonilla  
Milagros Carpio  
Maritza Diaz  
Raquel Garcia  
Lusine Gezalyan  
Carmen Kvisler  
Enrique Martinez  
Lisa McIntire  
Nicole Quintanilla  
Maria Ramos  
Mary Rusin  
Claro (Roy) Salomon  
Angelica Sierra  
Tracy Steller  
Ching (Julia)Yuk

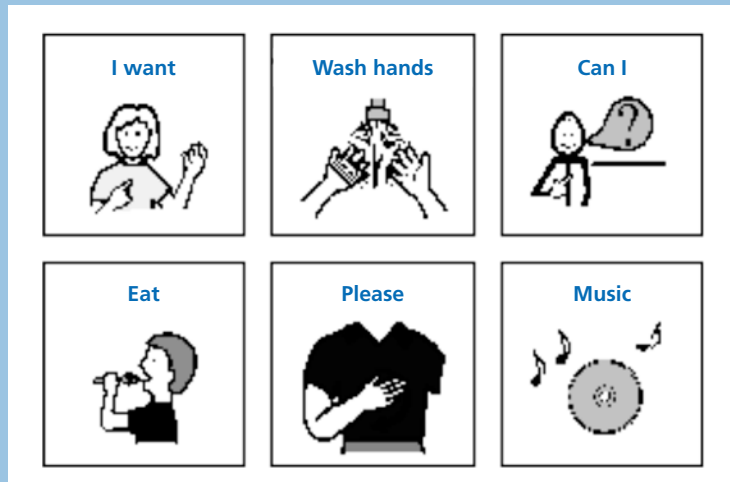
**RISING STARS AWARDS**  
Gary Bell  
Terri Reed  
Sergio Tropea

Thank you to all the family members who assisted in the homes so that residential staff could attend the Staff Appreciation Dinner. We appreciate your help!

**GIVE THIS A TRY! ANSWERS**

The following sentences can be made from the PECS to the right:

- I want to wash hands please.
- I want to eat please.
- I want to listen to music please.
- Can I wash hands?
- Can I eat?
- Can I have that cd?
- Can I listen to music?
- Please!



## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE NEWS



Kathryn Trimble, Food Service,  
Love Birds Cafe, Pasadena



Juliana Wheatley, Dressing Room Attendant,  
Marshalls, Thousand Oaks



Doryn Betton, Delivery Driver,  
Albertsons, Westlake



Eddy Mack, Cafeteria Attendant,  
US Postal Service, Los Angeles



Mark Garbowski received an award  
for Outstanding Performance,  
Vons in Agoura Hills

Recently Villa's Employment Services Team attended the Los Angeles Food Show courtesy of Sysco Foods. Villa is an official Sysco Foods iCares partner offering Employment Solutions to hundreds of potential employers including restaurants, hospitals and senior centers.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) voted to extend Villa's service contract for landscape maintenance for a third year. "Our experiences with Villa have been positive," shares John R. Mundy, General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. "The workers are enthusiastic, courteous and well supervised. We are looking forward to another great year with Villa." Congrats to our LVMWD landscape crew for their impressive work!

Villa Esperanza Services touches the lives of individuals helping their dreams come true in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

### MAIN OFFICE

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### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SITES:

**Adult Day Program (ADP)  
& Care Management Outreach  
Collaboration (CMOC) Main Office**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1757 North Lake Avenue  
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Under One Roof Human Services Center  
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**Adult Residential Homes:**  
In Pasadena...  
Allen House  
Brown House  
Chester House  
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Murphy House  
Stahl House  
Villa Apartments  
Wagner House  
Wynn House  
In Thousand Oaks...  
Norgaard House

# Calendar of Events



Room 9 participating in music therapy.

## Monthly Tour of Villa

2nd Friday of Every Month

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Call today to reserve a space (626) 449-2919, ext. 28

## School Parent Association Monthly Meeting

3rd Monday of Every Month

12:30–1:30 p.m. at Villa Esperanza Services

Call Casey Gregg, School Principal  
for more information (626) 449-2919, ext. 17  
or email [cgregg@VillaEsperanzaServices.org](mailto:cgregg@VillaEsperanzaServices.org)

## Angel Frames: A Collection of Very Special Art

Free Public Opening—Sunday, August 10

Armory Center for the Arts

## 21st Annual Tournament of Hope

Monday, September 29

Glendora Country Club, Glendora

For more information about our events, please call Alex Paschal at (626)449-2919, ext. 62 or send an email, [apaschal@VillaEsperanzaServices.org](mailto:apaschal@VillaEsperanzaServices.org)

## P.S.

*“Tyler is growing by leaps and bounds, he is now doing what his peers are doing, like noticing that homework brings rewards and that is a huge step to academic and social acceptance. As a parent of a child with autism my family and I are so grateful to be able to participate in school activities like other parents of normal developing children. The love and acceptance from the staff at Villa is much appreciated. To know that we have a network of people who actually care and that means so much that we can never repay the kindness shown to our kids.”*

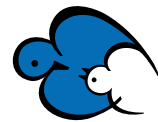
—Denise Sparks, Parent and Villa Board Member about Villa’s School

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