



10,000 stars since 1978... hundreds more in just one evening

An evening of tribute to the 10,000 residents who sought safety at Casa Youth Shelter also revealed a multitude of additional stars - the attendees who raised \$176,000 to continue Casa Youth Shelter's mission on behalf of run-away and abandoned youth. These 450 benefactors gathered on Saturday, October 2nd at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Huntington Beach for Casa's 32nd annual fundraiser.



Casa president Emil Jorge and immediate past present Judy Klabouch with long-time Casa supporter Kenny Brandyberry

orchestra, but also a serious session of spirited bidding under the talented gavel of Auctioneer Jeff Tanenbaum.

Among the many lucky bidders for spectacular one-of-a-kind items were Auction Chair Gary Howard and his wife Kristine who, together with their children Philip and Wesley, will be having lunch with seven-time Olympic Gold Medalist Swimmer Jason Lezak; Kevin and Jane Boylan will be doubling up with Phil and

The Commander's Ball, honoring our distinguished founder and former Los Alamitos resident, Lt. Commander, USN (Ret) Myldred E. Jones, was chaired for the third year in a row by Gary Howard, a member of the shelter's Board of Directors. The very special evening, titled Night of 10,000 Stars, provided not only gourmet dining and dancing to live music by the talented Soul Shadows

Sandy McElroy for a limo-chauffeured evening of elegance at the Directors Guild Awards with donors Kathryn and Doug Partis; Bill and Shirley Ford and two guests will be golfing at Bandon Dunes on the coast of Oregon; Ernie and Dianne Eady will be traveling to New York for a four-night stay at the Waldorf Astoria; Mike McCrary and Sharon Nowell will be enjoying a seven-night stay in Waikiki; Ron and Annette Soufrine will enjoy

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Dayl Salamanca raised her paddle in love for Casa's kids

For Casa kids, a paddling to remember

When the words kids and paddle are in the same sentence, it typically means trouble. But in this case, it meant love.

The 2010 Commanders Ball was nothing short of spectacular when 117 people raised their paddles to pledge \$47,750 for food, clothing, medical care and counseling for Casa's at-risk, throwaway or runaway kids.

Leading the charge was enthusiastic Dayl Salamanca, who raised her paddle for a \$1,000 contribution to buy a month's worth of groceries for Casa's kids. Then she multiplied her contribution by 12, contributing an entire year's worth of groceries!

There were others too who made generous \$1,000 contributions raising \$27,000, 23 making \$500 contributions

for medical services, 17 contributing \$250 for counseling services for youth and their families, and 50 contributing \$100 for one day of food, shelter and counseling services.



Dayl is no stranger to Casa. She continuously makes holidays extra special for the Casa kids. Halloween candy items are delivered, Easter baskets are provided, Christmas jewelry for the girls are wrapped

and ready and now she has created handmade Scottie Dog Pillows. Each teen coming to the shelter in December will go home with a holiday remembrance from Dayl.

Memories of Myldred



Lt. Myldred E. Jones,
1945

From a collection of farewell remembrances written to Lt. Myldred Jones when she was being detached from her War Correspondence Unit in 1945.

She came into our little home to take over supervision,

You know, we are the naughty Unit of the Dependents Division.

She spoke to us in agony, to teach us what was right,

It suddenly occurred to her that we were gonna fight.

Instead of getting mad at us when we would rave and pout,

She'd have a very personal chat and let us check it out.

*So now that she's crawled into our hearts and we never have a peeve,
Along comes someone with authority and says she's gotta leave.*

We really hope that you won't mind this silly little poem,

But please remember you're always welcome in our little home.

Florence A. Blumstein

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Board Profile Steve Ellis



Steve Ellis

Long time Casa friend and board member, Steve Ellis says he and his family try to live their lives guided by a simple family concept: be a fountain, not a drain. In doing so, he believes that much goodness has accrued to himself, his wife and four

grown children. Married 32 years, and counting, Steve says that while his semi-emptied nest is much quieter now, he believes much has been accomplished by its occupants over the years.

During the ten and more years of Steve's association with Casa, he

has become an admired asset, a deeply respected leader in the many endeavors he's undertaken. Whether as president of the board, board committee member, presenter of continuing-education programs for board colleagues, or provider of keen legal assistance, all agree that Steve is a go-to guy whenever there is a need for the very best to go to bat for Casa. Whether professionally by providing legal advice or monetarily by digging deep to generously support the financial needs of the shelter, Steve is a treasure.

Without a doubt, you live your family concept of being a fountain when it comes to goodness and caring. Your life is honored and deeply appreciated by the entire Casa Family.



Ray Kostohryz

Employee Spotlight Ray Kostohryz

Ray Kostohryz's name brings a smile to everyone's face. Just try saying Kostohryz and you can bet your lips will curl up. Casa got lucky when the Ohio-born student

landed in Long Beach to study Business Administration/Marketing at CSULB.

Ray is called upon to not only work shifts as Youth Supervisor where he is a superb role model to our male residents, but he also is asked to take on the "He Man" jobs that are so critically needed to keep everything running smoothly.

For example: a call comes in from TILLY'S. Donations of clothing are ready for pick up in 24 hours. The immediate reaction is to call Ray, he'll get it done!

The storage unit needs reorganization and clean-up. Call Ray. Pick-up six new mattresses for the shelter bedrooms. Call Ray. Drive trucks and coordinate the multi-hours long move-in and move-out for the Casa Auction. Call Ray.

Ray is blessed with organizational skills, tremendous people skills, a willingness to always work hard and a sense that it is critical to finish a job he has committed to completing.

Luciann teases Ray that she will "fly him back from Tim-Buk-Tu on her dime" to have him by her side when the Casa Auction rolls around. Thank you Ray for your dedication, stellar attitude and willingness to work as hard as it takes. You make the Casa family proud.

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Tammy and Lee Luthy

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Tammy and Lee Luthy

Volunteer Spotlight



Olga Brown

Olga Brown

Right from the very beginning, Olga Brown has lent her hand and heart to Casa Youth Shelter and the Casa Kids. From the very beginning when our founder, Myldred E. Jones, established the shelter fondly known as the "Little Old House on Reagan Street," Olga came alongside her

to aid in creating a true home-like environment, one that provided both safety and love. No task has ever been too big or too small for Olga, who had four young boys of her own, Dennis, Kevin, Tim and Terry.

Today as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Olga continues to follow her own "life-mantra" in its broadest of terms... "Love your neighbors as yourself every day of your life."

Throughout her long association with Casa, sometimes as president of the original volunteer group, the Ayudantes, other times as Casa Youth Shelter's Auxiliary president, Olga has remained active in the goodness that is part and parcel of the Casa Family and the life of the shelter.

Olga, dearest friend, we salute you, we treasure you and we admire you. Thank you for being who you are, for sharing your life and goodness with Casa Youth Shelter and the Casa Kids.

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courtside seats at an always exciting Lakers game; Brian and Kathy Gorman will be jewelry shopping for the holidays with their \$1800 gift certificate from Gold Trotters Jewelers donated by Rose and Alex Keller. And, to top it all off, Steve and Carol Ellis, together with eight of their friends, will enjoy both an afternoon of being pampered and rejuvenated at the Complexions Day Spa, and a later dinner at Mahe Restaurant in Seal Beach.

The most memorable part of the Live Auction was the Sponsor-A-Kid portion which had attendees raising their paddles and pledging \$47,500 that will go toward helping the Casa Kids with clothing, food, doctor visits and other basic necessities. It was a night to remember as Casa's 10,000 past residents were honored and many new stars stepped forward by participating.



Winter 2010 Executive Summary

*Luciann Maulhardt
Executive Director*

One of Casa's most pleasant surprises of the year happened just a few weeks ago. Mark and Dan Hernandez, sons of the late Major General Daniel J. Hernandez, came to visit the shelter and surprised us with a tremendous donation of \$20,000 in memory of their father and mother Dan and Dorothy Hernandez. Dan's sons had the opportunity to view the formal military picture of their Dad hanging in Casa's Recreation Room and then spent some time reminiscing about Dan with the staff.

Much is known about General Dan's long and distinguished military career but perhaps less about his personal devotion to Casa Youth Shelter. As an honored and long-standing member of the Casa Youth Shelter Board of Directors, General Dan was an effective and supportive director as well as a cherished friend and a caring mentor to the Casa Kids.

Among the older boys here at the shelter there were always a few who could benefit the most from General Dan's personal contact and guidance. These were boys who shared a common profile: they lacked positive/successful male role models in their lives, and many had had minor run-ins with the law. They struggled to fit in, but didn't know how. General Dan uniquely understood. He had a way of positively influencing these boys whose lives were in desperate need of an honorable man's influence.

The Casa Family will always miss Dan and will lovingly hold his memory in our hearts. Sons Mark and Dan should feel very proud to honor their parents in such an extraordinary way. As the year comes to an end, it's a reminder that philanthropic giving is alive, well, lasting and among the most meaningful of all gifts that Casa can receive.



Sons Mark and Dan Hernandez recall fond memories of their father with Luciann Maulhardt and Gary Zager.

Corporate Development

A substantial amount of donated goods - food, clothing and equipment - have helped us this past year to bridge the gap financially. Gary Howard, Chair Corporate Development, reminds our board members monthly of the importance of "connecting the dots." Gary challenges the board to think of who we know and then ask the question "how can they help us" provide the necessities it takes to keep our doors open. Donations of paper goods, from paper towels to Kleenex to toilet paper, were just one of the surprises that came about through the process of asking the question. Every dollar we saved made a difference in this tight economy. Thanks Gary for taking the idea from drawing board to reality.

TILLY'S

Winter is here, times are still extremely challenging for the families we serve. And just when you begin to wonder



how we can get the help we need for our kids and parents, we get a call from TILLY'S. A donation of 107 boxes of clothing, shoes, and accessories, were ready

for pick-up and distribution to our kids, parents, and extended family members. The joy this donation has brought to so many is impossible to measure. TILLY'S continued kindness is warmly appreciated and deeply gratifying. The \$75,000 check TILLY'S donated following their charity golf tournament this past summer made it possible for more kids to have a safe alternative to the dangers of the streets. Thank you Tilly and Hezy!

Board Training

As Fiduciaries of Casa Youth Shelter, continuing financial/educational presentations are made available to our board members. Our most recent discussion was arranged by



Craig Cross of Halbert Hargrove entitled, "A Conversation with Tim Noonan," and held on the shelter patio. The crowd of 40 were captivated by Tim's remarks. Tim, who

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Michael - a Teenage Marijuana Addict

by Gary Michael Zager, Clinical Director

Michael, a made-up name to protect this youth's confidentiality, is a 15 year-old boy who was brought to Casa Youth Shelter following a failed residential substance abuse treatment program. He had reused his drug of choice, marijuana, while on pass and was being asked to leave their program but would be allowed back if he could stay sober for two weeks.

Michael resides with his mother. He told us that he has no relationship with his biological father or older brother.

This young man has a history of substance use for the past 3 years and most recently relapsed several times over a six-month period. He also presented with a self-reported diagnosis of depression. Upon intake Michael and his mother told us about a parent-child relational conflict that has existed about two years.

Even though there are experts that say that marijuana is not physically addictive many people young and old become psychologically dependent on the drug. Michael is one of those. He admits to being powerless to the drug unable to control his use. The drug has interfered in his family life, his social life and his academic life. He was kicked out of his middle school and has attended ACCESS, a county-run program, to finish 8th grade and now all of 9th. Michael was attempting to self-soothe, while also escaping the pain that the entire family was experiencing. He is a good example of how, many times, young people attempt to deal with tough emotional situations by self-medicating. Michael sadly learned the adage too well, "A doctor who treats himself has a fool for a patient."

Michael's Master Treatment Plan included the goals of:

1. Provide Shelter: he would have been on the street in that the mother was not going to allow him to stay in the home while he was still using.
2. Continue the work of his substance abuse program, helping him to identify his motivating factors leading to his addiction and to help him develop refusal skills.
3. Improve communication between family members.
4. Increase differentiation between family

President's Corner



Emil Jorge

Hello Casa Family!

How 'bout that Commander's Ball! If you weren't able to attend the Commanders Ball Dinner Auction this year, you missed a GREAT ONE! There

was so much energy and generosity spilling all over the place that the tribute to Casa was felt by all. It was by far the best one I've attended in eight years. Thank you to all who attended and generously bid on items. Our auction chair for the last three auctions, Gary Howard, is stepping down this year to focus on Corporate Development on Casa's behalf. Thank you, Gary, for really taking your responsibility as Auction Chair to heart. Your success was phenomenal! Two energetic board members are stepping up to take over as Auction Co-chairs, Scott Rifkin and Karen Klabouch. We made sure to replace Gary with two of the hardest working board members to ensure we have yet another successful auction next year. Thank you Scott and Karen for carrying the torch. As the year draws to a close, I wish you all the happiest of holidays!

Emil

members. Help the family develop more of a family hierarchy allowing the mother to regain her leadership role. The counselor felt that they presented more like brother and sister then son and mother.

5. Identify and process experience and feelings associated with loss of important relationships. The counselor felt that both the mother and the son had never processed the divorce and loss of Michael's father and brother from the home.

Michael stayed with us for 14 days and then returned to his program. During his time with us he had 7 Individual Counseling sessions, 5 Family Counseling sessions and participated in 36 hours of Group Counseling and Psycho-Educational Classes.

We wish Michael and his family continued success.

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joined the Russell Company in 1992, is presently Managing Director, Capital Markets Insights. The engaging presentation focused on the European debt crisis, potential effects on European economies and how this crisis may affect the US economy. The group was spellbound and expressed hope that further programs will be on the calendar. It was a great educational morning for us all!

SWIM 2010

Off the Coast of Catalina on a Saturday in August, seven friends began a 28-mile, 14-hour swim relay to raise money for four charities – one of them Casa Youth Shelter. Swim 2010 was an exciting event that produced an incredible \$10,000 gift for the shelter. Casa Board member and Finance Committee Chair, Scott Meyer, was one of the seven Dawn Patrol team members to take a starring role in the event. Scott's team swam an exhausting 14-hour relay from Catalina to the Long Beach Yacht Club where they arrived at their final destination to the roar and applause of over 400 supporters. Great going Scott! His can-do attitude and leadership produced big returns for Casa's kids!



Donna Bloomquist

From time to time you read about our beloved Kenny Brandyberry in our newsletter. Everyone knows Kenny, but I bet most of you don't know his precious Donna. The wonderful woman who stays in

the wings and works steadily by Kenny's side is none other than the beautiful Donna Bloomquist. Whether entertaining hundreds in their home for the annual Party of the Year, or supporting Kenny at all his multiple Casa events, or patting Kenny on the back for his next great idea for his Casa Kids, Donna does it all quietly and seeks no kudos. We love you Donna. Our love and thanks to you is most sincere.

YDP

Short for Casa's Youth Development Program, this group of high school volunteers has had a year filled with activities that have touched hundreds of teens and adults. They hosted the annual teen summit in August with an attendance of nearly 200 teens. Dynamic speakers on topics

from alcohol abuse to teen dating violence captured the attention of the attendees for an informative event. The record breaking crowd was graciously hosted by our neighbors at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, who generously donated their Fellowship Hall for the half-day seminar. Plans have already begun for next year's event.

Casa Connection

This small but mighty group, under the leadership of Karen Klabouch and Emil Jorge, continue to find ways to make a difference for Casa's Kids. Whether it's replacing



worn out appliances, providing new beds for the kid's rooms, or purchasing new furniture when needed, the Connection always comes to our rescue. Thanks to their recent Texas Hold'Em Party, another \$10,000 has been tucked away for emergencies. Congratulations to Karen, Emil, and Judy Klabouch for hosting the event.

Holiday Thanks

As you read this, we will have just celebrated Thanksgiving and now look forward to the spirit of goodwill that is the promise of the holiday season. This year Board members personally participated by preparing courses for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We remain grateful for the people who make so many things possible for our Casa kids and families. Each of your contributions enables our work to continue and your generosity in remembering our kids helps bring them comfort and hope for the future. Our hope is that we can continue to count on your support. The entire Casa Family joins me in wishing you many blessings for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Luciann

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June 26
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July 28
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October 1st
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