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Golfers Hit the Sweet Spot, Raising Over \$32,000 for Mountain Shadows Residents



Golfers ready to head out to the course

The 16th Annual Mountain Shadows Foundation Fall Classic Golf Tournament was held at the Maderas Golf Club in Poway on Friday, October 24th, 2008.

“The event was a great success,” says Shelly Dawson, Foundation Developer. A total of 99 golfers participated in what has become Mountain Shadows premiere fundraising event.

Registration began at 10:30 a.m. “As golfers checked in, they were given all kinds of incredible goodies,” says Shelly. Perks for golfers included a convenient tee bag filled with an assortment of golfing necessities such as golf balls, t-shirts, vitamin water, sunscreen, fans – everything needed for a day on the course! All golfers received a coveted MSF sweatshirt too, which was, by unofficial tally, the 2nd most popular gift of the day.

What was the most treasured gift received by all? It was the opportunity to meet and interact with some of our Mountain Shadows residents. Says Fred Lindahl, Foundation Developer, “In years past, the tournament has centered solely on Mountain Shadows Community Homes, our residential program in San Diego’s North County. This year, for the first time, we wanted to broaden our focus to encompass all of Mountain Shadows Support Group, which includes MSCH, Mountain Shadows Special Kids Homes, our residential program in Riverside and Moreno Valley, and Mountain Shadows Outreach, our day program located in San Marcos. Golfers were delighted to meet residents from MS Outreach during registration. Then, they were able to interact with MSCH residents during the Awards Dinner and, also during the ceremonies, they were intro-

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The Fall Classic in Pictures



Janet Roberts (MSCH Human Resources Manager), Sherry Robinet and Anya Klingsmith (MSCH Receptionist) are ready to check in the golfers.



Golfers participate in the Putting Challenge with a chance to win \$10,000!



Golfers enjoy the beautiful course at Maderas Golf Club in Poway, California.



Before the awards dinner Jeff Marcus, Alakazam Magic, performs a trick for golfers Mary Ellen and Len Alton.



Mountain Shadows Residents attending the dinner are, L-R: Harry, Mark, Karen, Tom, Debbie.



Doug & Linda Cook receive special recognition from Shelly Dawson, Mountain Shadows Foundation.

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duced to several Mountain Shadows Special Kids Homes residents via a heartwarming video, created by Ashley Schmidt. It was a great way for everyone to see all of the phases of what we do.”

Lunch was provided for golfers prior to the 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start. “Da Kine restaurant prepared and served a delicious Hawaiian-style lunch,” says Shelly. Following lunch, “the golfers were off to a full day of golf!” Our sincere gratitude goes out to our Magnificent Seven Golden Flight Returning Golfers: Terry Trax, Jerry Butcher, Don Vonk, Dan Marrs, Dutch Perry, Dick Marrs, and Chris Meacham. These devoted and extraordinarily loyal golfers have played in the Mountain Shadows tournament for 16 consecutive years!

Adds Shelly, “All golfers had the opportunity to win \$25,000 if they hit a hole-in-one at designated holes. Unfortunately, no one won this year – though several golfers came very close!”

After a pleasant day on the course, golfers were invited to celebrate the day’s achievements at a fabulous Awards Dinner. “Our Guest Emcee was Kimberly King, two-time Emmy Award winning host of lifestyle programs such as *Streetside San Diego*, *Life Moments*, *NBC 7/39’s International Auto Show* and many others. She did a wonderful job and was very entertaining.”

During the ceremonies, guests were stirred by the music of Voices of Prayze, an inspirational gospel choir. The choir’s uplifting repertoire of heartfelt songs moved the audience’s spirits – and their feet! Jeff Marcus, of Alakazam Magic, captivated all with amazing, reality-defying illusions and slight-of-hand trickery. Jeff has been performing for more than 40 years throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Doug and Linda Cook were also honored with a special presentation for their many years of dedication in building and preserving Mountain Shadows for all who call it home. Doug recently retired from his position as Executive Director of the Mountain Shadows Foundation. “Doug and Linda have worked tirelessly to

advocate on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities for many years,” says Fred, who presented the Cook’s with a personalized clock to commemorate the occasion. “Their unwavering support of Mountain Shadows over the past 22 years has set the benchmark for all others who follow.” Our deepest thanks and best wishes to Doug and Linda as they move on to new adventures.

Dinner attendees also bid on a remarkable selection of Auction items. An exotic trip to Puerto Vallarta, a day as SWAT Cop, backstage passes and concert tickets to

see Jason Mraz, and a framed and autographed LaDanian Tomlinson jersey were just a few of the highly sought-after items.

“The Awards Dinner went very well,” says Fred. “The food was great and everyone had a wonderful time. We also received a surprise, anonymous donation of \$5,000 during the dinner portion of the event!!! Many, many thanks to our secret donor for this



Winners of the Tournament: Don Vonk and members of his team

unbelievably generous gift!”

Our appreciation goes out to the many individuals and companies who volunteered their time or provided donations: Tournament Sponsors, Mountain View Services and Union Bank of California; Associate Sponsors, TSSI Pharmacy and Ron’s Pharmacy; Social Hour Sponsor, Charlie M.; Tee Sponsors; Tee Bag, Raffle Prize and Auction item Donators. Special recognition goes to our Fall Classic Committee members as well for putting together this exceptional event!

Thanks to all of you, more than \$32,000 was raised from this year’s event. These funds will be used to support those persons with developmental disabilities who reside at and receive services from MSCH, MSSKH, and MSOS. Thanks to all for your part in helping us to ensure our residents are given full opportunity to achieve their maximum potential.

We hope to see you all at the 17th Annual Mountain Shadows Foundation Fall Classic Golf Tournament in 2009! ■

Angels Help MSF Fall Classic Golf Tournament Take Flight

"We are all like one-winged angles. It is only when we help each other that we can fly."

—LUCIANO DE CRESCENZO

With the close of another successful Golf Tournament, we would like to take a moment to thank three very special volunteers, who for the past 16 years have provided their unwavering support to help the residents of Mountain Shadows.

Sherry Robinet

Sherry Robinet met Portia Bibb many years ago when she managed the United Way campaign for her employer. Portia worked as a Representative for the United Way at the time. The two women became friends and when Portia's son, Stacy, moved into Mountain Shadows Tangelo House, Sherry followed. She volunteered to help at the very first Mountain Shadows Golf Tournament – and she's been a die-hard volunteer ever since.



For all but one of the past 16 years, Sherry has been a member of the Golf Committee. On tournament day, she's in charge of all registration activities. That means she's at the event site at the break of dawn to organize the registration area and volunteers in preparation for the flood of over 100 golfers anxious to sign-in and start golfing. "It is a great comfort to know Sherry is there handling the registration of all the golfers," says Wade Wilde, Executive Director, MSF/MSSG. "I can always rest assured the financial and reporting aspects of registration will be handled accurately – and Sherry is great with the golfers. She's become a familiar, friendly face the golfers remember and go to for help."

Sherry's proficiency in handling financial matters comes naturally. She has more than 30 years of expertise in the accounting arena. She currently spearheads her own firm, Robinet Accounting Services, which caters to the specialized needs of small businesses.

Sherry and her husband, Bud, have been together for 25 years. They have two grown sons. "Bud is 100% supportive of my volunteer work," says Sherry. She has also been involved for nearly ten years with Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April), an organization

that refurbishes homes and non-profit facilities across the nation. Since its inception, Rebuilding Together has refurbished more than 8,000 homes in 865 cities across the United States. More than 225,000 volunteers have given their time.

"I did miss out on the Golf Tournament one year. That was in 2003, when the Super Bowl was held in San Diego. The National Football League teamed up with Rebuilding Together to refurbish three City Heights' homes. The project carried an \$80,000 price tag. I was the local Chair for Rebuilding Together at the time. It took the NFL to keep me away from the Mountain Shadows Golf Tournament!" Sherry was twice named President of Rebuilding Together in San Diego. She also volunteers at a local grade school, where she helps 2nd grade students develop reading skills.

"Mountain Shadows is a wonderful organization," says Sherry. "I'm impressed with all the Foundation does to make a positive impact on the lives of the residents. I love working with everyone on the Golf Committee. They are all such great people. But the reason I keep coming back year after year is the joy I receive when I see the happiness on the residents' faces. When I see their smiles, I am paid back 100 times for what I do. I am happy to be involved with an organization like Mountain Shadows that helps these individuals in so many ways."

Carol Haskin

"I was very, very worried about the outcome of this year's Golf Tournament," says Carol Haskin. "With the economic downturn, I was very pessimistic. It was a nice surprise to see how much was raised despite the crisis."

Over the years, the Mountain Shadows Community has proven time and time again to be full of surprises and blessings for Carol and her family. Carol's son, Michael, lived at Jacaranda House for many years. "With all of the



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It's a Win-Win: Play Golf AND Benefit the Mountain Shadows Foundation

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

— ARNOLD PALMER

Mark your calendars and clean your spikes! The Mountain Shadows Foundation (MSF) Annual Marathon Golf Classic will once again be held at Oaks North golf course in 2009. Besides playing 100 holes of golf on the top-rated executive course in the state of California, all players will be treated to a windfall of extraordinary and fun incentives and bonuses. You'll receive a complimentary, deluxe room for two at the Rancho Bernardo Inn on the night before the tournament, full-body massages on the day of the event, incredible prizes and tee bag gifts, and much more.

"What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive."

— ARNOLD PALMER

Join us for our 6th annual tournament and the flight in your drive will not only inspire, it will help MSF continue to provide the highest quality of care for our residents. As part of the Mountain Shadows family, we believe our residents, though developmentally disabled, deserve to lead active, independent, fulfilling lives.

Entering the tournament costs you nothing except a few hours of your time, but the benefits of your participation to our residents are great. You play 100 holes on one of the most beautiful courses in the country and, by securing sponsors, you earn donations that will enable us to make life better for more than 100 developmentally disabled individuals.

"Golf is not just an exercise; it's an adventure, a romance... a Shakespeare play in which disaster and comedy are intertwined."

— HAROLD SEGALL

Aside from being a part of an amazing golfing adventure, great food, fun and festivities, all golfers are encouraged to sign up for the Win/Win program, which allows you to choose any additional charity as beneficiary of 50% of your total pledges. Last year, because of this exciting program, thousands of dollars were raised



for charities including the Escondido Police Officer's Association, the Kiwanis Club of Escondido Scholarship

Fund, and the Escondido Children's Museum. You can help MSF and any other charity of your choice!

"I'm gambling that when we get into the next life, Saint Peter will look at us and ask, "Golfer?" And when we nod, he will step aside and say, "Go right in; you've suffered enough. One warning though, if you do go in and the first thing you see is a par 3 surrounded by water ... it ain't heaven."

— JIM MURRAY

While we can't promise you heaven, we can promise your participation in our 6th Annual Marathon Golf Classic will help provide a better, fuller lifestyle for our residents. We think that just may be proof of divine intervention.

Please go to our website:

www.MountainShadowsFoundation

for more information or to register.

"In Africa some of the native tribes have a custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering spine chilling cries. Anthropologists call this a form of self expression. In America we call it golf."

— UNKNOWN



During a recent Golf Marathon Mountain Shadows Residents visit with golfers during lunch.

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negative things that are happening in the world today, being involved with Mountain Shadows makes me realize how lucky we really are to have Michael and be a part of this community. Being involved with Mountain Shadows residents, staff and volunteers allows me to see the positive side. Every day I see how many loving, generous, giving people there are. There are really, truly good people in the world.”

In addition to being involved with the Golf Tournament since its inception, Carol has contributed to Mountain Shadows as President of the parent’s support group, The Friends of Mountain Shadows (FOMS) and as a Member of the Mountain Shadows Support Group and Foundation Board of Directors.

Over the past twenty years, Carol has worked in various family-owned businesses, including a Jewish/Italian deli, a real estate development company, and currently, a photography business. She applies her gift for photography at our annual golf tournaments and other events. Her photographs have captured the faces and times that make Mountain Shadows the Community it is.

“This year’s tournament was fantastic,” says Carol. “We had so many new committee members from Mountain Shadows. It made things so much easier! Shelly Dawson, Fred Lindahl, and the entire committee were really on top of everything. The tournament just keeps getting better and better.”

Though her son, Michael, had to move from Mountain Shadows due to changing medical needs, Carol continues to be a steadfast supporter of the community. “Mountain Shadows is an incredible place, I hope to continue to contribute by acting to benefit the whole of Mountain Shadows. I want to help make the environment the best it can be for all residents.”

“Carol has been instrumental in helping to make Mountain Shadows a better place for our residents,” says Wade Wilde, Executive Director, MSF/MSSG. “Who knows where we would be without her endless spirit and energy?”

We hope we never have to find out.

Mary Lou Swarner

Mary Lou’s son, Jerry, was moved from Mountain Shadows Birch House in 1992, due to health issues. He passed away in 1993. Now, 15 years later, Mary Lou is still a vital and very active member of the Mountain Shadows Community.

“If you think of Mountain Shadows, you think of Mary Lou,” says Carol Haskin, MSSG Board Member. “She’s a staple here. And she’s determined to everything she can to help.”

Mary Lou was one of the founding members of the parent’s support group in 1986. Over the years, she held positions including President and Vice President of the support group. “Mary Lou was the solid rock of our support group from day one,” says Doug Cook, CEO, Succession Planning Group. “She never, to this day, misses an event, and she is as dependable as the Energizer Bunny in the battery commercials.”

Mary Lou became involved with the Golf Tournament 16 years ago. “I wanted to get in on all the fun,” says Mary Lou. “I’ve helped out at the tournament every year and it’s such fun. I go early in the morning and help get the registration area setup so everything is ready when the golfers check in. This year, I also got to go out on the course. I watched to see if any of the golfers got a hole in one. No one got it this year, but one of our golfers did get the hole in one several years ago. My son was there to witness it and he had to sign documents to verify it. He was thrilled!”

“When my son, Jerry, came to Mountain Shadows he was a very unhappy young man. The staff at the nursing homes he lived in really didn’t understand him or have the skills to properly care for him. When Jerry came to Birch House, he received love, attention and acceptance. It was the best time of his life. He loved it there.

“I love Mountain Shadows and I will always stay here, because I appreciate so much what Mountain Shadows did for my son. It was the happiest time of his whole life.”

“To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

More than 240 lives have breathed easier because of the dedicated support of Sherry, Carol and Mary Lou. We offer these three amazing angels our deepest gratitude, for it is only with their help that our dream of a thriving Mountain Shadows Community has taken flight. ■



Mountain Shadows Foundation Announces New Board Members

Mountain Shadows Foundation is proud to welcome Steve Cassidy and Kelly Newell to its Board of Directors. Steve and Kelly will complement the exemplary cross section of community and industry leaders who selflessly volunteer their time and are committed to the mission of Mountain Shadows.

Steve Cassidy

During his tenure at Xerox Corporation, the \$17 billion world leader in document management services and technology, Steve Cassidy was inspired by the company's client-focused, employee-centered core values and its commitment to innovation and adaptability in a constantly changing global marketplace.



While at Xerox, Mr. Cassidy held various positions, including Major Accounts Sales Manager. In this position, he achieved membership in the prestigious President's Club, Xerox's top performance award, for four consecutive years.

His more than 20 years of management experience at Xerox and other small and large corporations has earned him a reputation as a results-driven, creative problem-solver. He is a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility and adheres to a management philosophy that nurtures a culture of openness and inclusion. He has successfully led multi-disciplinary teams responsible for the launch of cutting-edge technology for companies including General Atomics.

As the corporate liaison for the Xerox Foundation's United Way Program, Mr. Cassidy spearheaded the development of new partnership opportunities, which increased employee participation by more than 50% and generated thousands of dollars in additional donations to charity each year.

When he retired from Xerox, Mr. Cassidy remained committed to continuing to promote the Xerox belief that everyone must be an active participant in society – that each individual must give something back to the world. He shares our Mountain Shadows Foundation philosophy and looks forward to promoting our vision throughout our community.

Kelly Newell

“At the end of the day, it makes me feel good to know that I have helped someone,” says Kelly Newell about his position as Assistant Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch.



As one of the largest financial services firms in the world, Merrill Lynch has held fast to its core principle that clients come first. Mr. Newell is proud to be a part of that tradition. It is a tradition that mirrors the values and mission of Mountain Shadows Support Group which is to put our clients first and provide the best possible environment for our clients to achieve maximum independence and the highest quality of life possible.

Since 1997, Mr. Newell has specialized in helping families organize and manage assets to mitigate investment risk to protect and grow wealth. “Especially now, it is important to me to know I can provide a guiding voice to help clients through the current chaotic economic climate. I can help clients meet financial objectives like planning for a child's college education, buying a second home, or any major life event.”

Mr. Newell began his career at Merrill Lynch after graduating from San Diego State University with a degree in Political Science.

The desire to become involved with a charity that had local roots led Mr. Newell to Mountain Shadows. He has been a solid supporter of the Mountain Shadow's Fall Classic and Marathon Golf Tournaments for more than five years. “I look forward to the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of the residents of Mountain Shadows.”

Mr. Newell adheres to a strong set of family values. He resides in 4S Ranch in West Rancho Bernardo with his wife, Serena, and his son, Ethan. In addition to his commitment to his family and clients, Kelly has a passion for playing the guitar, photography and scuba diving.

As we work together to promote our shared vision of putting our clients first, we welcome Mr. Newell to the MSF Board of Directors and look forward to the guidance he will provide in helping our Mountain Shadows clients lead better and more fulfilling lives. ■



Union Bank of California: Fostering a Commitment to Community

Union Bank of California (UBOC) was founded more than 130 years ago with a vision of providing comprehensive financial services to individuals and businesses. Today, UBOC is one of the 25 largest banks, based on assets, in the nation. Headquartered in San Francisco, the bank has 330 branches and more than 10,000 employees.

“Union Bank of California is committed to helping organizations that make a positive impact on the community,” says Erin Patterson, Vice President & Relationship Manager at UBOC. “We value our relationship with Mountain Shadows.”

UBOC established the Union Bank of California Foundation in 1953 with a mission of helping to meet the needs of the communities it serves. The Foundation funds donations and sponsorships for a broad range of charitable organizations. In 2007, the bank’s charitable investments totaled \$14.5 million.

“The Foundation has provided sponsorships to Mountain Shadows for the past five years,” says Erin. “Union Bank of California has been a loyal supporter of Mountain Shadows and the Golf Tournament over the years,” says Wade Wilde, Executive Director, MSF/MSSG. “They have donated \$40,000 to Mountain Shadows since 2003. We greatly appreciate their generosity and are thankful for the strong partnership we have built together.”

As Vice President & Relationship Manager, Erin oversees a portfolio of 120 clients. She is the point-of-contact with Mountain Shadows. Erin played in the Golf Classic for the first time this year. “It was a great experience,” says Erin. “The tournament was very well put together. The course was fantastic. The Awards Dinner was wonderful. I was particularly touched by the resi-

dents’ stories and the video that was played during dinner. It was also moving to be introduced to several of the residents at the dinner.”

Union Bank of California is proud of its commitment to helping the communities it serves. The bank has been recognized for its achievements in this area many times. A few of the awards they have received include:

- Ranked #10 in Corporate Philanthropy in the Greater Bay Area in the San Francisco Business Times – July 2007
- Named “Community Partner of the Year” by the San Diego River Foundation – September 2007
- Received California State Senate Certificate of Recognition, Neighborhood Pride Day – June 2007
- Recognized as Philanthropic Company of the Year by San Diego Magazine – November 2006

John Wesley wrote:

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

Our sincere thanks go out to Union Bank of California for doing so much good for so many people. Your generosity to Mountain Shadows over the past five years has made a positive impact on the lives of more than 240 developmentally disabled individuals. ■



Golf Classic Foursome from Union Bank



Mountain View Services: Making a Difference

Mountain View Services (MVS) was founded in 1988. Over the past 20 years, they've earned a reputation as the industry leader in providing groceries, personal care, cleaning and medical supplies to residential care facilities. Hal Karlin, President and CEO, joined MVS in 1991. "When I came on board, MVS was serving 84 homes," says Hal. Today, the company and its 30 employees serve more than 400 homes, with a base of over 2,400 clients. They have a fully stocked 24,000 square foot warehouse with over 3,000 products ready to supply the needs of their customers.

"MVS was built with a customer focus," says Hal. "Our mission is to help our clients save time and money. We're very service oriented." One example of the company's commitment to serving their clients is in the grocery supply division. MVS boasts a licensed dietary program that offers professional menu planning, in-service staff training, weekly, right to your door, delivery of a full menu of foods, and the ability to satisfy the needs of clients with special dietary requirements. MVS also carries enteral nutritional products and feeding devices for clients with special medical nutritional needs.

The company's Med-Surg unit offers a full line of supplies and equipment for small residential homes, nursing homes and even hospitals. They provide wound care, urological, respiratory, incontinence, thermometry and skin care products. MVS's Supply Services Department stocks cleaning, personal hygiene, janitorial, office, and laundry supplies. Towels and linens, house wares, and appliances are available as well.

"Basically, we provide everything our clients need to successfully and efficiently run their homes and facilities," says Hal. "Service is what we are all about." MVS client service evaluations bear this out. "We've earned service ratings in the low to mid 90's for the past ten consecutive years."

MVS's commitment to service doesn't stop at its client base. From its beginnings, MVS has advanced the ideals of corporate social responsibility. Their efforts reflect the belief that a successful company must be an active participant in society and give something back to the communities from which they draw their employees, their customers and their business.

One way the company has given back to our

Mountain Shadows Community for the past 16 years is through its sponsorship of our annual golf tournaments. "Mountain View Services has been a very big supporter



Eric Goodman and Hal Karlin of Mountain View Services

of Mountain Shadows for many, many years," says Fred Lindahl, Residential Program Administrator. "As a Tournament Sponsor for this year's Classic, they donated over \$6,000!" Adds Wade Wilde, Executive Director, MSF/MSSG, "Mountain View Services has been extremely generous to Mountain Shadows over the years. Not only do they provide our day-to-day food and supplies, but they come through each and every year with very substantial sponsorship donations for the Golf Tournament and additionally volunteer their time to work at the tournaments. We have a strong relationship with the folks at MVS. I don't know what we'd do without them."

"It's a privilege to be involved with Mountain Shadows," says Hal. "The entire staff is so easy to work with and the residents are amazing. We've really enjoyed our relationship over the years. The Golf Tournament is always well run. It just gets better and better each year! We always have a good time at the event. Helping Mountain Shadows residents makes us happy. It's one small way we can make a difference."

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

— ALBERT SCHWEITZER

If the words of Albert Schweitzer are true, the offices of Mountain View Services should be brimming over with joy.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone at MVS for your generosity in supporting the Mountain Shadows Community for the past 16 years! ■

David T. & Dorris E. Staples Foundation Presents \$15,000 Grant to MSCH

“The David T. & Dorris E. Staples Foundation’s mission is to foster creativity, personal growth, and the well-being of youth and the disabled,” says Joe Bowe, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Thanks to a generous \$15,000 grant from the Staples Foundation, Mountain Shadows residents will garner benefits on all three fronts.

“The Staples Foundation’s donation will be used toward the purchase of an adaptive wheelchair van,” says Fred Lindahl, Foundation Developer. “The van will be used to provide needed transportation for our residents to and from day programs, medical appointments, community outings, emergency transport, and home visits to family members, relatives and friends.”

“The van will be an integral part of our transportation program,” says Wade Wilde, Executive Director, MSF/MSSG. “The Staples Foundation donation allows us to advance this important program that not only provides vital transport to and from medical and employment related appointments, but allows our residents to get out and become active members of the community.”

“We currently have five mini-wheelchair buses at MSCH that transport 48 residents to and from work programs each

day,” says Fred. “At mid-day, the buses are used by Mountain Shadows Outreach Services to transport clients to community outings, including volunteer work sites, malls, parks, and other events. We also have a medical appointment vehicle that provides transportation for all of our 117 residents to their medical appointments throughout San Diego County. Four adaptive vans and 3 mini-vans provide transportation for our 78 residents at Mountain Shadows Special Kids Homes in Moreno Valley and Riverside.”

The residents of Mountain Shadows will benefit from the generosity of the Staples Foundation for many years to come. Through an enhanced transportation program, residents will have improved access to necessary medical care, employment opportunities and job training, day programs that develop life and social skills, and expanded possibilities for community involvement. All of these factors will foster creativity, personal growth and well-being within the lives of our residents.

Our deepest thanks to the David T. & Dorris E. Staples Foundation for this generous donation and for its dedication to the mission of improving the lives of youth and the disabled throughout the San Diego community. ■



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