

PEPPERMINT RIDGE ANNUAL REPORT 2008



***Love is the force that ignites the spirit
and binds hearts together.***

Lora came to Peppermint Ridge in October 2006. When she left home, her brother, James, was not told where she had gone. When their mother died in December 2008, James came to live at Peppermint Ridge and found his sister.

Dear Friends,

2008 WAS CERTAINLY FILLED WITH CHALLENGES AND BLESSINGS. The abrupt departure of the Executive Director in late August gave me the opportunity to return as Interim Executive Director until a qualified person was found. One major challenge was the lag in the signing of the California State budget, which meant that we were deprived of our major source of income for several months. This situation, along with budget cuts in the State budget, has directly impacted our bottom-line. That is why we need your support now more than ever to ensure that Peppermint Ridge is able to continue to ensure an excellent quality of life for more than 100 very special and vulnerable people.

In the midst of all the challenges, some very powerful truths shined through the darkness:

There are no finer people anywhere than our residents, staff and supporters. ■ The extended Ridge family is alive and well, providing a sense of belonging and a wealth of meaningful relationships. ■ Our mission of providing loving homes and empowering support services to our beloved Ridgers is still our guide and as worthwhile as ever. ■ Many people care deeply about Peppermint Ridge and are willing to advocate and sacrifice to ensure that it continues to survive and thrive.

2008 ended with arrival of an excellent new Executive Director, Betsy Mullen. She has a wealth of experience and tremendous talents to spur The Ridge on to a secure and invigorated future. Most of all, Betsy has integrity and character along with a warm, caring heart.

God has richly blessed Peppermint Ridge for 50 years, and we know that those life-enhancing blessings will continue throughout the next 50 years.

With faith, hope and gratitude,

Jean W. Powers
Member, Board of Directors

*Awarded "2008 Non-Profit Organization of the Year"
by Corona Chamber of Commerce.*



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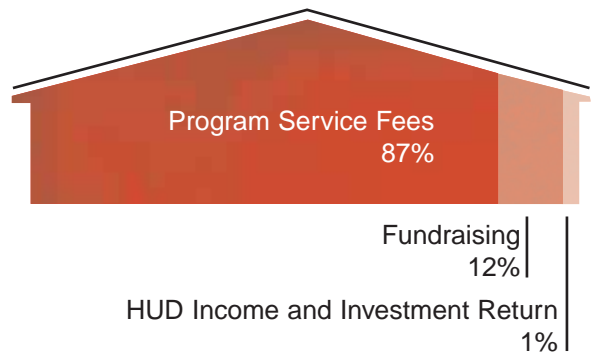
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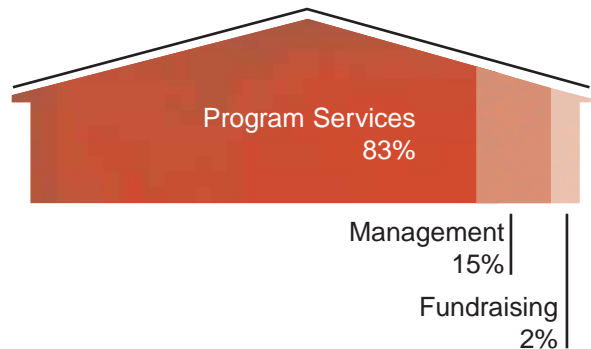
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2008

2008 REVENUE



2008 EXPENSES



2007-2008 Board Members

Susan Glenn, *Chairperson*

Audrey Turner, *Vice Chairperson*

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THE DUDLEY HOME Ignited by a \$350,000 pledge from Bob and Peggy Dudley (parents of a resident), family members and Ridge supporters rallied to match their generous gift, resulting in the purchase of a 2,500 square foot home in Corona at 4289 Shoalcreek Drive. This home, which will open late in 2009, will allow The Ridge to serve six more adults who benefit from intermittent skilled nursing care.

Programs

Maintained a 99% occupancy rate (28 Community Care beds and 65 Intermediate Care beds.)

Admitted two new residents to the Intermediate Care Program; transferred one resident from Community Care to Intermediate Care and another from Intermediate Care to Community Care.

Completed annual ICF Licensing Surveys with less than six deficiencies per home. Community Care Surveys resulted in no deficiencies.



Activities

Provided more than 200 Ridge-wide activities to residents during the year. Each home also held activities not included in this report.

Rejoicers had five singing engagements.

Collaborated with members of the Plantscape Industry Alliance to create a sensory garden in Croy Park, and to place potted plants in Legacy Plaza and the administration building. The plants were generously donated by the members of the Alliance. The garden and the plants are watered weekly by Ridge residents.

Enrolled in the "100 Mile Club." For every 20 minutes a Ridger is involved in strenuous activity, he or she is awarded a mile.

Regularly Scheduled Events

Monday Night Fitness gained popularity with approximately 48 sessions and an average attendance of 25 residents per night.

Aqua Aerobics was held once a week; June through August, with an average attendance of 10 clients.

The equestrian program grew to 14 members, many of whom competed in two horse shows.



Barney, the therapy dog, visited Garrison residents an average of three times a month.

Residents attended weekly chapel services at The Ridge, Crossroads, and the First Baptist Church of Corona.

In addition to monthly meetings, the Peppermint Queens and Boys Scouts had a joint campout (women in Angel Hall and men in Croy Park).

Residents celebrated birthdays each month with a party hosted by members of Common Ground Interfaith Spiritual Center.

Fundraising

Total Number of Gifts: 1,234.

Total Number of Donors: 678; of these, 177 gave more than one gift.

Secured Grants: nearly \$100,000.

Love Walk: more than \$50,000 in cash and in-kind contributions.



Friends we will miss...



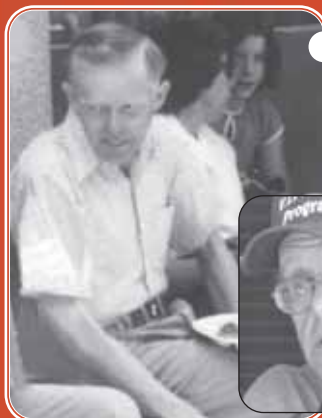
BILL KRUDEWIG passed away in February. Serving on The Ridge Board for more than 20 years, Bill shared his financial expertise as a member of the Finance Committee and was always willing to help where needed.



ELOISE TURK died in August. She was the Step Grandmother of John Reisenauer who lives in Aspen.



CHERYL CHEDISTER passed away in November. She lived at The Ridge from 2005 to 2008. The depth of her faith and the peace she felt regarding her illness was remarkable to all who knew her.



BOB WILSON passed away in January. Bob was instrumental in securing the Magnolia property and seeing the "new" Ridge come to fruition. His son, Doug has been a client for more than 30 years.



FM DOSS passed away in August. FM was an active member of the Ridge Auxiliary for many years.

MONA WHITE (not pictured) passed away in November. She was mother to Lora and James, featured on the cover.



PAUL PRYZBOCKI passed away in March. A resident for 22 years, he will be missed by all of his friends at The Ridge.

MARY WHITE (not pictured) passed away in September. Her daughter, Connie, was married to Doug Wilson. (pictured w/ Bob Wilson above)

When residents were asked recently why they liked living at Peppermint Ridge...

Fred K. said, "Because we meet new people." and "They treat me well."

June W. said, "Because Doug is my friend."

Dawn H. said, "I like Aspen Home."

Herbert H. said, "It's very cool."

When asked if they liked the food, many said the food was good, some shared a bit more...

Missy S. said, "Leigh is a good cook!"

Herbert H. said, "Yeah, staff makes good recipes."

Joshua C. said, "Yes, but need more ice cream!"

When asked their most favorite thing about The Ridge...

Fred K. said, "All the activities we get to do."

Mary W. said, "Washing dishes...helping out...going for walks...sweeping."

Eddie V. said, "Stress management...parties...movies."

Dawn H. said, "I like the staff."

John R. said, "I like the Advocacy meetings."

David S. said, "That I can go places."

Herbert H. said, "Helping in the kitchen with breakfast."

Darlyn E. said, "I like my room."

Missy S. said, "Because I can go to work."

Kurt B. said, "Everyday."