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## Message from the Executive Director

We are welcoming several new families, and a returning family, into our Peppermint Ridge extended family! We have opened Dudley Home with a returning resident, David, and a new resident, Jeanne. We also have new residents in C-Home, Evergreen and Roger Residence. We have no vacancies at this time, until we receive the license allowing us to fill the other four beds in Dudley Home; we expect that license some time in September. If you know anyone who might be interested in future residence at the Ridge, we would love to give them a tour and begin to get acquainted now.

As you know, the state of California still has no budget. This is creating a devastating impact for many kinds of organizations such as colleges and clinics, but facilities like Peppermint Ridge are continuing to be funded. This is due to a provision in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which forces states to pass through federal funding to the intended recipients whether the state has a

budget or not. Unfortunately, the Regional Centers are not included in this provision, so they are using borrowed funds at this time.

Speaking of budgets, ours is doing pretty well; both our spending and income are close to the amounts planned. We continue to work on cost reductions and we'll soon start developing next year's budget. We need to raise at least \$150,000 in donations before year-end, including the Love Walk. The Walk will be November 13 – it seems far off but will be here before we know it. Are you signed up yet? You can go to [www.LoveWalk.org](http://www.LoveWalk.org) and either support a team or individual already registered, or register to be a walker yourself. This year the event will also include a 5K run for those who are athletically inclined. But run or walk, a good time is always had by all.

Another way you can support our mission is to become a Peppermint Partner, with a monthly gift of any amount. If you like simplicity, the do-



*Audrey Turner, Executive Director*

nations can be made automatically by credit card. Please contact Tracy at 951/273-7329 for more information.

Many, many thanks to the Family and Friends group, and lots of you individually for all you have already done to make life at Peppermint Ridge all that it can be for our nearly 100 residents. Your generosity has made our new Dudley Home a possibility, along with sustaining our mission for over 50 years. Thanks again!

- Dudley Home—the newest Addition to The Ridge
- Love Walk & 5K Fun Run Saturday, November 13, 2010
- Wish Lists

## Home Funds

Activities—For Ridgers	\$ 674
Activities—Horseback Pro-	\$2,860
Activities—Camp Fund	\$568
Aspen Home	\$ 50
C-Home	\$1,534
Cypress Point	\$1,252
Conner Residence	\$3,649
Del Park Manor	\$2,491
Dudley Home	\$2,000
Evergreen	\$1,325
Garrison House	\$790
Mandel Manor	\$762
Roger Residence	\$3,825
Villa Vadnais	\$1,271
V.I.P /L.I.F.E.	\$420
Wynn Home	\$2,313

*Thank you for all  
your  
Love and Support!*

## Aspen Home

With summer almost over and fall approaching fast, Aspen residents still keep busy with all The Ridge activities, such as; going to the movies, shopping, out to eat or just to grab a snack.

In July Aspen residents celebrated the 4th of July at Angel Hall with their friends and family, and also participated in the 4th of July parade in Corona. The residents had the opportunity to walk down Main Street with Audrey and Colleen; everyone had a good time. Aspen residents celebrated Tim's birthday with a pizza party. Tim's family took him out for a birthday dinner as well.

Dawn, Mark, and John performed with the Rejoicers at First Baptist church of Corona. Tim, Mark, Dawn, John and Tina spent a week at Pilgrim Pines Camp with all their peers. They all had a good time.

In August, Aspen residents spent the evening out at Universal City Walk, they shopped and had dinner; everyone had a great time! The venturing crew had a campout in Croy Park and Angel Hall. The boys slept outside in tents and the girls slept in Angel Hall on air mattresses everyone enjoyed this activity. An evening was spent at Crossroads Church for dinner and comedy night; everyone had a good time as well! John spent the weekend with his mom and family for his birthday. Aspen residents and staff also celebrated his special day with Mexican food, cake and ice cream. We continue to participate in Ridge activities and getting out in the community.

Thank you to all those who donate monthly, your donations are greatly appreciated.

Dawn, Mark, Tim, Tina A., John, and Tina P.

## Activities - Colleen Keehan

As summer comes to a close, we reflect on the great times we had and look forward to the fun of the autumn season. In the activities department this summer, we took the Metrolink to San Clemente for a day of sun and fun at the beach. Our Venturing crew had its' first campout, which was very successful. We spent time in our own pool; began a new, dynamic horseback riding program and had a barbecue or two. Of course we had our parties, arts & crafts nights, music nights, fitness

nights, etc. We are looking forward to more adventures in the fall!

Our 'wish list' in the activities department: Arts & crafts supplies, Art supplies (watercolors, canvas, modeling clay), expert assistance& instruction for our Venturing crew (ham radio operators, fisherman, adventurers), A portable CD player, gift cards to local stores to offset the cost of providing snacks and party supplies at our special events, bingo prizes.

## C-Home

Well C-Home has had some busy months. First of all I would like to welcome Jody R. who moved in on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome Jody! She is doing great! Josie attends Ability Counts with Greg K., Anne Marie C. and Missy S. C-Home is now a full house!

July was a busy month; some of our clients participated in the Corona Parade with Audrey, Greg K., and Mike O. and Maria G. They had a lot of fun representing Peppermint Ridge. Every one had a great time at the Family and Friends Bar-B-Q with great food and fun awards! It is always nice to see all of the parents and to get to socialize with them. The clients even had the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the fireworks held at the park

next to Crossroads Church. Mike J., Mike O., Missy S., Sharron D., Greg K. And Ken B. Went camping to Pilgrim Pines Camp; our staff member, Leigh joined them as well. They all had a great time as well. We celebrated two birthdays in July --Happy Birthday to Michael J. and Kenny B.

The following clients and staff went to the Circus at the Anaheim Honda Center, Mike O., Sharon D., Terry J. Greg K. and Missy S. and Leigh and Jessica, staff members. They all came back talking about the circus and all of the animals they saw. Mike O., Missy S., Greg K. and Terry J. attended the August IRC Self Advocacy Conference at San Bernar-

dino with staff Leigh and Tom Thomas. The conference held overnight, included workshops, dinner, dancing and a safety expo. Although the clients came back a little tired, they sure had lots of fun! Moreover, we continue to attend Fitness 19, Party Partners, Monday Night Fitness, Common Ground Birthday Celebrations and arts and crafts.

Once again, thank you to all the parents for their continued support and donations. You're the best!

C-Home Clients and Staff

## Conner Residence

June got off to a good start and everyone has been looking forward to all the summer time fun! We went to a musical in Angel Hall and a Christian Art Theater that were held here at The Ridge. Everyone really enjoyed them! We went to Stress Management, swimming at The Ridge's pool, Wal-Mart for shopping objectives and then snacks at Burger King. We also went to Dos Lagos and looked at all the shops and sat by the lakes.

July was fun too. We went to Stress Management and back to Wal-Mart for more shopping objectives. Then it was off to Great Clips for hair cuts. We went to The Family &

Friends 4th of July B-B-Q and parade, we all had a great time! Then it was off to the recycling center and car wash. Then we went to Target and Big Lots for more shopping objectives. We even went to Pet Smart and looked at all the animals there. We had one birthday this month, Happy Birthday Heidi!

August went well too. We went shopping at Dollar Tree, a Hot Rod car show in Norco and the Norco Fair. We got on rides and played lots of games at the game booths. We went to a Birthday Celebration in Angel Hall then it was off to the nail salon for manicures. We also went grocery shopping at Stater Bros. Last but not

least, we went to dinner and theater at Crossroads Church, everyone had a wonderful time!

Well until next time,

Conner Residence

## Cypress Home

Hello everyone!

We have had a great summer with all the fun things that we have done. We spent the month of June shopping and getting ready for summer. We spent time doing all the fun things that The Ridge has to offer like Stress Management, Venturing Crew, and just getting together with our peers. We had a blast at IRC Monte Carlo Night. We came back home big winners!

July was super with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fire works and Pilgrim Pines Camp. We have had a blast at fitness class and aqua aerobics. Trap and Rejoicers practice are one of our favorites. We have been doing arts and crafts with Jamie and love her nifty ideas. Debbie went on vacation with her family to North Carolina to see her niece. Lucas flew up to Oregon to see his mom for a week and had a great time at a B-B-Q that his family had for his grandma's birthday. Lucas had a birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup> with cake and ice cream. Tim spent time with his family and went to the fair with them and a family friend from Texas. Peter Tim and Debbie started horse back riding at the new "No Drama Ranch" and loved the new program.

In August, we celebrated Cindy's birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> with dinner at Cindy's favorite-- McDonald's. Everyone enjoyed beating the heat with a comedy show and dinner at Crossroads Church. We also have to thank Tom for the camp out at The Ridge for the Venturing Crew. We have enjoyed all the normal things like Party Partners and trips to Wal-Mart. We are looking forward to the cooler days in September and to the next time that we can let you know what we have been up to.

Thanks to our wonderful families here at Cypress and we will keep doing our best to make you all proud.

## Family & Friends

Hello Everyone!

As the new President of Family and Friends, I just wanted to thank everyone for their help and support for our Fourth of July celebration. The food was delicious and it gave us all an opportunity to catch up with our fellow families, plus meet new faces at the Ridge. The Ridgers truly look forward to this event and it's a pleasure that we were able to continue the event again. During the BBQ, we held our first silent auction in which we raised a lot of money! Pictures from the day, as well as many other pictures, can be found on Peppermint Ridge's Face-

book Page (click on the Facebook icon at [www.peppermintridge.org](http://www.peppermintridge.org))

To keep up with the momentum from the Fourth of July event, we will be sponsoring another silent auction at this year's Love Walk in November. We have already received donations of 2 fur coats (sorry PETA it was a donation), a Madam Alexander doll collection, as well as a couple of gift baskets. Any other donations would be greatly appreciated! We also need volunteers to help run the Family and Friends table.

We are now in the process

of kicking off on another Family & Friends tradition of the annual Turkey Raffle. The tickets are currently being printed and sent out to all members. A dollar per ticket buys you a chance to win a delicious turkey for the holidays. So far this year we have provided assistance to the Ridge for many needed items that their budget doesn't always allow for. The funds we donate come from this type of fundraisers (and of course our membership drives) which makes it vital we sell as many tickets as possible.

Lastly, for those of you who are new to the Peppermint Ridge Community, the purpose of our group is to support the Ridge's mission of

providing the highest quality of life to our loved ones. We are made up of family, friends and supporters of Peppermint Ridge. Our meetings are very informative and we often schedule guests that help the lives of our loved ones at the Ridge. Meetings are held at Peppermint Ridge in Angel Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December. Next meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and we would love to see you there!

Susan Pierce  
President of Family and Friends  
(And more importantly, Patrick G.'s mom)

"The Love Walk 2010 is just around the corner, we are looking forward to seeing many of you there..."

## Del Park

We have been trying to stay cool with the hot weather! Thanks to the "Love Walk" funds, we've had the opportunity to do and attend extra activities. The "Love Walk 2010" is just around the corner; we are looking forward to seeing many of you there as you continue to support us!

In June we celebrated Glenn's birthday with a big birthday party! August 12<sup>th</sup> was Richard's Birthday; he chose to go to Score Pizza. We all had a great time there. Thanks to Steve Richard's brother for the extra funds! Richard had a lot of fun. Thank you very much!

4<sup>th</sup> of July was so much fun as always. The clients loved the B-B-Q and seeing all their friends. Some of the additional activities the

men have been enjoying these last three months are; Pizza & Bowling and Dinner & Movies at Crossroads! The Venture Crew was very excited about their camp out! Andrew stated he had fun sleeping in a two man tent! Also, Andrew attended the San Bernardino Advocacy Conference with Tom Thomas; he said our clients did a great job!! Karina went with David and Andrew on the Metro link "Beach Train" to San Clemente on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. They had fun at the festival!

We just started up with Horseback riding at our new location "No Drama Ranch" every Saturday morning. Kevin, Michael, Raymond, Andrew and Bill are attending. Yes Bill B. has joined the group too and enjoys riding it

very much. We sure have missed swimming! I hope we can go back to using our swimming pool soon. We enjoyed some of the concerts at Dos Lagos and at the Crossings. Party Partners is still on our calendar twice a month as is the Monday Night Fitness class, Common Ground Birthday Celebration, Stress Management and Chapel. We try to schedule as many activities in the month for our men to enjoy. Mark is excited about Labor Day coming up plus it's his Birthday that day! So we will have a double celebration!!

Continue to have a safe & fun summer!

Love, Del Park Clients and Staff



## Dudley Home

Hello from Peppermint Ridge's newest addition....Dudley Home

Dudley Home officially opened on July 6, 2010 and welcomed our first resident, David L. Many of you already know David as he lived at Villa Vadnais in the recent past. Our second resident arrived on July 26, 2010 and her name is Jeanne. The next step for us is to wait for The State of California, Department of Public Health to come to the home for a survey. This should happen any time after August 26, 2010. Once that is complete, we can start admitting the four additional residents needed to have a full house.

I won't pretend that the road to opening the home or the days that have past since it has opened were

always smooth. All of us at Dudley Home want to say the BIGGEST THANK YOU to the other Peppermint Ridge homes, their FM's & staff for all the assistance you have given us. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to Administration & Support Services.

During the time that we have been open we have jumped in and joined as many of The Ridge activities as possible including: Stress Management, Party Parners, Church Activities, Exercise Group, Bingo Night, Arts & Crafts and Rejoicers practices. In addition to these activities David has been around long enough to have also attended: The Lake

Elsinore Storm baseball game, a concert at The Crossings in Corona and he entered and WON The Mr. Personality Contest at the Norco Valley Fair. He sang God Bless America with the other contestants and WOWED them. Congratulations David.

As a new home we find daily that we need things, little and big. If anyone is interested in helping by making a donation to Dudley Home Fund it would be greatly appreciated.

Until next time, keep us in your thoughts and prayers and best wishes to all.

Kim & All at Dudley Home

## Evergreen Estates

As summer winds down and we gear up for the fall, we reflect on all that has transpired making it yet another successful and fun filled summer here at Evergreen Estates. The residents participated in a number of their favorite on campus activities from stress management to aqua aerobics. We

enjoyed the San Clemente Beach trip; which was an awesome experience witnessing several of our resident's first time train ride. In addition, the house went to view the aquarium at the Bass Pro shop at Victoria Gardens. Sunday afternoon's made for the perfect atmosphere for a BBQ. Al-

though it was a great summer, we look forward to all the rest of the year has to offer.

With love,

Evergreen Estates

## Garrison House

Wow, what a hot summer it was!

We tried our best to stay cool. We traveled to Los Angeles to see the Sparks play basketball. Everyone enjoyed visiting the Staples Center. We ended June by celebrating Juanita C's Birthday. Her family took her out to Fairmont Park for a family reunion.

July started with Sonia and David going off to Pilgrim Pines Camp.

They always enjoy the time away spent there. On August 7th we celebrated Leona's birthday. We all enjoyed the Aloha Friendship Luau at Party Parners. Our rejoicers loved singing at First Baptist Church. Our guys also went to Crossroads Church for comedy night. They loved laughing and letting their hair down for the night. Fred, Bill, John,

Mary and David had a good time with the Venturing Crew Campout and Sleep Over.

Sonia went to Connecticut to visit family. She loved and enjoyed the time spent with her sister. Last but not least we would like to thank everyone who had a hand in remodeling our new kitchen. It's everything and more we could have wished for!

Signing Off,

Garrison Gang

## Staff Development

Training topics covered in recent months:

- ◆ Strategies for Successful Teaching presented by Anthony Stallworth
- ◆ Disability Sensitivity Training presented by Kim Smalley
- ◆ HIPAA 101 presented by Paula Forthun-Baldwin from IRC

Kim Smalley

Staff Development

Coordinator



## Mandel Manor

Well, well, well things have been going really swell at the Mandel Manor. Everyone is doing great right now! So how have you been? ART ANY-ONE! We'd like to thank the wonderful, talented Andy Mandel for sharing her ARTSY thoughts with the residents of the home. It was a fantastic experience for all and all had a wonderful time. Thanks Andy...we appreciate you and your effort! By the way, I have some more news to share regarding our wonderful parents and their humanitarian efforts to improve the quality of life of our residents. Mrs. Dudley sponsored one of our Community Care residents for Pilgrim

Pines Camp again this year. Not too many people are aware of Mrs. Dudley's efforts. However, I believe when people do good things for others, they should be recognized for such. As many of you know the camp cost about \$400.00 these days. Therefore, on behalf of those residents who were able to go thanks to Mrs. Dudley's goodwill....So she's a jolly good Lady....for she's a jolly good Lady....and NOBODY can't DENY!

In the near future we plan to go to Viva Las Vegas, Universal Studios, Venice Beach, as well as other exciting areas. Perhaps a Carnival Cruise tour

or two...

On to our residents; Jeremy is doing great, he is currently recuperating from being tortured by the one-size-fits all mentality of the current sheltered workshop, Day Programs phenomena. However, greater things are ahead. We aren't looking back at that or going to revisit that set of circumstances again...we are seeking job training and efforts that will yield Jeremy a meaningful work experience that is commensurate to his talents. Tommy is back in school and learning job skills. Robbie is enjoying himself and looking forward to riding in the van. The wonder-

ful Kasey is awaiting approval for her work activity program. All of our staff members are doing quite well. James really fits in and the residents like him, as well. We wish everyone well .....go out and enjoy your life!



## Roger Residence

Greetings from Roger Residence!

Time sure flies by when you're having fun! We are so thankful for life; this is why we take the time to enjoy ourselves every chance we get. We would like to welcome our most recent client Matthew H. During the past few months, the clients went to the Corona Library, Tyler Mall, Cajalco Plaza, Edwards Cinema, Dos Lagos Shops, Wal-Mart, Corona Baptist and Cross-roads Church. Also they continued

to participate in The Ridge's programs such as: Stress Management, Monday Night Fitness, Scouts, Peppermint Queens, and Birthday Celebrations the third Friday of each month. Last but not least every other Friday night our clients continue to go to Party Parners, where they can dance, enjoy themselves and have fun.

Roger Residence would like to thank, Mr. Trenkle, Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Ring who have so generously donated to our home and staff funds. Your donations are making it possible to

provide better services, better furnishings and staff recognition and incentives. I want to personally thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done to help Roger Residence to become the home it is today.

Please remember that each passing day is fleeting and we need to embrace every moment of it that we can.

Hugs and kisses from  
Roger Residence & Claire

"Time sure flies by  
when you're having  
fun!"

## Villa Vadnais

Greetings from Villa Vadnais

Time goes fast when you are busy!

First, we would like to welcome Annette back, she had a baby boy, congratulations! Thanks to Victor with his help we did pretty good.

In June we had our semi annual BBQ party at The Ridge. It was so nice to see such a good turn

out. We went to the Lake Elsinore game and had our dinner over there, it was awesome! Our residents are still participating in all the fun activities: Party Parners, Stress Management, Fitness, Rejoicers, Church, Horseback Riding, Swimming and Venturing Crew (in our new uniforms).

In August, we had a Big Garage

Sale!!! We would like to thank all of the people who donated. We were able to sell over \$600 worth of items. Also, a big thanks to Emily S., Nancy N., Susan P., Mario P., Morgan P. And Judy M. for helping out with the sales too! A huge thanks to Joe and Kim S. for there special donation. We think that we will have our new floor in the front room soon!

Until Next Time,

Villa Vadnais



## Wish List - ICF

### CONNER RESIDENCE

- ◆ New Floors (Kitchen, Dining Rm., Front Hallway)
- ◆ Dining Table
- ◆ Med Rm. - counter tops & drawers
- ◆ New Fan System in Bathrooms

### DEL PARK MANOR

- ◆ Tooth Paste
- ◆ Hair Gel
- ◆ Blue Bath Towels
- ◆ Wash Cloths
- ◆ Kitchen Towels
- ◆ Twin Size Sheet Sets
- ◆ Twin Size Comforter Sets
- ◆ Matching Chairs to coordinate with Sectional

### DUDLEY HOME

- ◆ Donations to the Home Fund

### EVERGREEN ESTATES

- ◆ Electrical Can Opener
- ◆ Black Lazy Boy Chair
- ◆ Stereo System
- ◆ T.V. For Silberio's Rm.

### GARRISON HOUSE

- ◆ New Med. Rm.
- ◆ Backyard Cemented
- ◆ Gate on right side of home
- ◆ Remodel Women's Bathroom
- ◆ New Patio Furniture
- ◆ Tree Trimmed in backyard

### ROGER RESIDENCE

- ◆ New Floors
- ◆ New Carpet in Bedrooms
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ Ironing Board
- ◆ Kitchen Faucet

### VILLA VADNAIS

- ◆ Remodel Bathroom to ADA Standards
- ◆ Replace Carpet in Bedrooms

## Wynn Home

Hello to our family and friends of Wynn Home,

We have had a busy Quarter, we celebrated Barbara S.'s birthday; Barbara also had a great experience going to camp. John W. also went to Pilgrim Pines Camp which he enjoyed so much that he continues to talk about his experience at camp! John also went to visit his parents in Tucson, AZ for a week.

Our clients have been going bowling which they enjoy so much we may sign them up on a league. In the next couple of months we will be celebrating Pam B.'s birthday with her peers and family. We are having a Casino Night outing to one of the local casinos close to Corona. We will be taking a weekend trip to San Diego to visit the zoo and Wild Animal Park. We also hope to take a trip to Big Bear for a weekend later this year and of course our yearly trip to Disneyland.

We will keep everyone posted on any further trips. Thank You for all your support we continue to receive from all of our loved ones.

Wynn Home

## Wish List - Community Care Homes

### ASPEN HOME

- ◆ Gas Grill
- ◆ T.V Cabinet
- ◆ Kitchen Floor

### C-HOME

- ◆ A new remodeled Kitchen

### CYPRESS POINT

- ◆ Big Screen T.V
- ◆ Surround Sound
- ◆ Nintendo Wii w/ Fitness Games
- ◆ Stove (gas)
- ◆ Washer & Dryer Set

### MANDEL MANOR

- ◆ Weights
- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Abdominal Machine (for abs development)
- ◆ Dining Table (Old English Style)



## Wish List - Angel Hall

- ◆ Speakers/Microphone System
- ◆ New Carpet/Floors

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